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Tracey Clarke, Executive Director

Reference: 341559

Fiona McQuillan, Rural Business Advisor

Comox Valley Chamber of Commerce
103 - 576 England Avenue
Courtenay BC V9N 2N3

Dear Tracey Clarke and Fiona McQuillan:

Re: Highway 19A

Thank you for your letter of April 29, 2026, sent on behalf of the Comox Valley Chamber of Commerce, regarding safety on Highway 19A from Courtney to Campbell River.

The safety of our transportation network is a top ministry priority, and I appreciated the opportunity to review your organization's comments about this corridor.

The ministry has heard requests from people and organizations along Highway 19A in this area for speed limit reductions, improved active transportation and transit facilities, traffic calming, and other measures that may help improve safety for all road users.

In response to the concerns raised, the ministry intends to review the long-term role and function of the Highway 19A corridor in the Comox Valley region as part of a larger corridor-wide transportation planning study. The scope would include the entire corridor from Qualicum Beach to Campbell River so that we can fully explore all aspects of changing the role and function of the highway and make informed and consistent decisions. The study would review the types and amounts of traffic, speed limits, intersections, accesses and egresses and other road characteristics, along with pedestrian and active transportation use. The study is included in our work plan, and we expect it to begin in 2027. We anticipate that stakeholder engagement to gather local insights and perspectives would be part of this process and help inform any plans that may result.

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In the meantime, ministry staff continue to monitor the Highway 19A corridor and identify safety improvements that may be required as communities along the corridor continue to grow and develop. For example, the ministry is currently conducting an engineering review of the intersection of Huband Road and Highway 19A in Courtenay. We have heard from communities and local governments that this intersection is a concern, and the review may help guide future improvements to this area. If there are specific locations along the corridor that you or your members are concerned about, I encourage you to share your observations with our local staff. Please feel free to contact Operations Manager Kellen Truant in Courtenay at 236 468-1941 or at Kellen.Truant@gov.bc.ca, as he would be glad to help you.

While the ministry is responsible for setting speed limits on provincial roads, the RCMP or local police are responsible for enforcing them. I also encourage you and your members to report locations along the corridor where speeding is an issue to the local RCMP, so they can target their enforcement accordingly.

You may be interested to know the RCMP and the Insurance Corporation of British Columbia (ICBC) have partnered to bring residents a volunteer opportunity called [Speed Watch](#). In this program, volunteers receive training on using a speed radar gun. Once trained, they can set up at their desired location to collect data on traffic speeds. To learn more, you or your members can [contact ICBC through its website](#).

Thank you again for taking the time to write.

Sincerely,



Mike Farnworth
Minister

Copy to: Kellen Truant, Operations Manager
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