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Re: Concerns in repairs of Provincial Highways in Slave Lake Area

This letter is to address concerns within the community with the limited scope of the Highway 2 repairs and the lack of information regarding repair for Highway 88, which are provincially run highways in the Lesser Slave Lake area. Highway 2 and Highway 88 are in a condition of disrepair and have become a serious safety concern to the residents of the Town of Slave Lake, as well as those residing and doing business in the region. We are concerned to learn that the limited overlay of 14 kms of repair on Highway 2 will not reach the most damaged areas, as well as the lack of information for Highway 88 repairs.

Concerns with the current condition and the lack of maintenance, along with safety risks associated with driving these roadways have all been brought to the attention of Alberta Transportation on several different occasions. The Town of Slave Lake is a major hub for many surrounding communities located within the Municipal District of Lesser Slave River, Big Lakes County, Municipal District of Opportunity, and several First Nations. Inhabitants from all these areas travel these highways to obtain access to shopping, medical appointments, and employment. Regular commuting for everyone within the community is occurring far beyond the proposed 14 km overlay daily.

The highways are riddled with potholes, cracks and crumbling pavement that have caused serious damage to vehicles. The current state of these roadways creates a constant fear while trying to safely operate a vehicle on them. We have learned that Highway 88 currently has no work planned for repairs; this is one of the two highways that are adjacent to our community that remains heavily damaged.

We are driving our vehicles to avoid the worst of the damaged roadways in an effort to reduce wear and damage on our vehicles. This causes safety concerns, as we must be focused on the condition of the pavement, instead of our entire driving environment. This makes the risk of an accident far too high when we are simply trying to commute and work.

Our community and region feel there is much more work to be done to bring the regions roadways to a safe condition than what is currently planned. We ask Alberta Transportation to seriously consider investing in improvements for Highway 2 and Highway 88 within our region, far beyond what is already proposed.

Attached is a picture of the map of our highways with colour-indicated areas of concern. The green and yellow portions of Highway 2 are all that is currently planned for repair. Also attached are pictures of our damaged highway that need to be repaired immediately.

Sincerely,

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Attached: Map, Pictures, and specific locations of our damaged highway

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