

Bridge File: 73899

March 14, 2017

Sharon Plett, Municipal Administrator
Summer Village of Waiparous
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Dear Ms. Plett:

RE: HIGHWAY 40 BRIDGE ON WAIPAROUS CREEK

Thank you for sharing your Council's request that Alberta Transportation considers installing a pedestrian annex at this bridge site.

Based on structural life and declining condition of the existing Highway 40 bridge over Waiparous Creek the department has identified the replacement of the bridge structure on the Alberta Transportation Provincial Construction Program. The program can be found on the department's website at <http://www.transportation.alberta.ca/614.htm>. Construction of the new bridge and associated road work is currently scheduled for 2021; however that timing is based on availability of future funding.

I can confirm that the department has just engaged a consultant to begin the design component for the new bridge replacement. The new crossing will be on the new alignment recommended in the *Hwy 40 Functional Planning Study, from Highway 1A to Highway 579*, completed in 2001. Also per the study, the new road work required to tie the new structure into the existing Highway 40 will be to an urban design standard and the new bridge will accommodate pedestrian traffic. This allowance for pedestrians should benefit your community by providing a connection to the developed trail system.

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If you have questions or require additional information regarding the bridge project, you may contact Mr. Ralph Witten, Bridge Manager at ralph.witten@gov.ab.ca or by first dialing 310-000 and then (403) 382-4061. If you have any questions regarding property acquisition please contact Mr. Theo VanEvelingen at theo.vanevelingen@gov.ab.ca or (403) 297-8620.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Darren Davidson', with a long, sweeping horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Darren Davidson, P.Eng.
Regional Director

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cc: Ralph Witten
Theo VanEvelingen