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His Worship Matt Sundal
Mayor
Summer Village of Waiparous
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Dear Mayor Sundal:

Thank you for your January 2, 2019 letter regarding the Highway 40 bridge replacement and road realignment project. I appreciate the time you took to write.

I recognize the importance of the project to you and your community, and Alberta Transportation is committed to continuing communication with the Summer Village as we collaborate and progress with the project. I understand you have reached out to department staff to respond to similar enquiries from the Council, and I encourage you to continue to do so.

I also appreciate that you have continued to reach out and communicate with MLA Westhead. He has been a strong advocate on your behalf with me and my office.

As per the 2018 functional review and planning report, the recommended alignment (Option 1A) has been endorsed as the best option; thus, the project is being carried forward into the preliminary engineering phase. It is expected the preliminary engineering phase will begin by early February, with its report completed by late fall 2019. Following preliminary engineering, the next phases of the project include design of the roadway and bridge, followed by construction. Any land required for the project would need to be purchased and utilities may also need to be relocated. Each phase of a project moves forward as provincial funding is available. Some tasks such as land acquisition and utility relocation can be done concurrent with other activities to ensure that when funding for construction becomes available, the project is able to move forward without delay. All projects are prioritized for funding based on needs and demands across the province. Each year there are many projects competing for limited construction dollars. Construction of this project will be scheduled when provincial funding and provincial priorities allow.

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In regard to your request to meet with the department, I encourage you to contact Mr. Ubaid Khan, Bridge Manager, to schedule a meeting to discuss any specific concerns with the functional planning report. Mr. Khan can be reached toll-free at 310-0000, then 403-382-4062, or at ubaid.khan@gov.ab.ca.

Clarification regarding the issues you noted in your letter are typically design considerations that will be reviewed and addressed in the preliminary engineering phase. The draft preliminary engineering report will address these issues and will be provided to the Summer Village for review and comments once it is complete.

Sincerely,



Brian Mason
Minister

cc: Cameron Westhead, MLA, Banff-Cochrane
Darren Davidson, Regional Director, Alberta Transportation
Ubaid Khan, Bridge Manager, Alberta Transportation