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0039-18(3) Highway 4 (Ingraham Trail) Road Safety

This letter is in follow-up to the Oral Question you raised on October 20, 2017 regarding allocation in the capital plan for improvements to the section of Highway 4 (the Ingraham Trail) near the Prosperous Lake boat launch, which is in the general area of kilometre 16 to 22.

The Department of Infrastructure (INF) has a continuous highway inspection program to seek areas for improved safety and driver comfort. INF has undertaken a number of initiatives in order to improve safety on this particular section of the road. In 2014, INF worked with the Joint Venture to improve the access into and out of the Prosperous Lake boat launch area by raising the entrance to improve driver sight lines and safety. In 2017, INF completed an overlay program from kilometre 7 to 22, removing soft spots and improving driver comfort. In addition, right of way clearing from kilometre 7 to 29 in order to improve the sight distances and drainage will be completed by the end of 2017.

Further safety measures that have recently been put in place in this section of Highway 4 include:

- installation of high visibility chevrons alignment signs to increase driver awareness in the area and warn the driver;
- installation of a downgrade hill sign to warn the driver of the oncoming slope; and
- reduction of the speed limit from 70 kilometres per hour to 50 kilometres per hour.

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INF conducted a topographical survey of the area near the boat launch during the summer of 2017. Based on this, INF is examining options for the installation of a barrier system designed to fit the site.

The Ingraham Trail is a very busy road that is shared by residents, recreational users, tourists and industrial traffic. Officials from INF meet regularly with mining representatives to ensure safety is a high priority during the very busy mine resupply operation. The area is inspected on a daily basis in the winter to ensure snow clearance and friction is effective.

INF is continuously working to improve roadway safety and ride quality in order to better serve all travellers along this route.

Thank you.



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