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His Worship James Verquin
Village of Rycroft
4703 – 51 Street, Box 360
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Dear Mayor Verquin,

Further to your June 23, 2022, letter to Mr. Chase Milligen, Regional Director, regarding your concerns for the Highway 2 and Highway 49 intersection within the Village of Rycroft, I want to provide the following information.

Alberta Transportation is committed to reducing fatalities and serious injuries on our roads. We recognize that many factors contribute to collisions, including driver behavior (error, speed, impairment etc.), road conditions and weather. As such, we take a variety of actions, including screening for and taking action on safety-challenged intersections, using the "Safe System Approach", which aims to create safer speeds, drivers, vehicles and infrastructure.

I understand department staff have been monitoring the Highway 2 and Highway 49 intersection in the Village of Rycroft, and are committed to improving safety at this intersection.

Previously, Alberta Transportation closed and relocated some accesses, and upgraded various accesses to improve safety in the area. The changes were made to ensure accesses are straight across from each other rather than being staggered, which also allows for an appropriate amount of space between accesses for safe acceleration and deceleration. Additionally, Alberta Transportation is currently working on the design of a roundabout for future construction at this intersection. Mr. Milligen has informed me that he plans to schedule a time to present the roundabout design at a council meeting later this summer for your council's feedback.

At this time, the roundabout improvements are not on the Provincial Construction Program but they will be considered as part of the next budget planning discussions.

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In the meantime, as per stakeholder requests, Alberta Transportation is conducting a technical speed study at this location and will investigate the possibility of reducing the speed limit on Highway 2 from 80 kilometres per hour to 60 kilometres per hour.

Should you require more information about this intersection, please contact Mr. Chase Milligen, Regional Director. Mr. Milligen can be reached toll-free at 310-0000, then 780-625-2007, or at chase.milligen@gov.ab.ca.

Sincerely,



Honourable Prasad Panda ECA
Minister of Transportation

cc: Todd Loewen
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Chase Milligen
Regional Director, Alberta Transportation