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His Worship Allan Gamble Mayor Parkland County 53109A Hwy 779 Parkland County, AB T7Z 1R1 allan.gamble@parklandcounty.com

Dear Mayor Gamble:

Thank you for your August 12, 2022, letter regarding the intersection of Highway 16A and Range Road 20.

Any loss of life is a tragedy, and I was sad to hear of the most recent collision at the intersection.

I appreciate your interest on this matter, and I assure you that highway safety at this intersection is a priority for Alberta Transportation. As you mentioned, short-term safety improvements have been completed for the intersection. Flashing lights on the current "Important Intersection Ahead" signs on Highway 16A were installed in December 2021, and the department completed installation of larger stop signs on Range Road 20 on January 27, 2022.

In addition to these immediate improvements, preparation for preliminary design work is underway to close the existing intersection at Range Road 20 and Highway 16A, and to construct service roads that will move traffic to a new intersection on Highway 16A. While the precise location of the new intersection location will be determined as part of the design work, it will improve the conditions over the existing intersection. Once the preliminary design work is complete, Alberta Transportation will be scheduling consultations with Parkland County administration and local residents.

The preliminary design work and consultation is expected to be completed in 2023. Once complete, construction of the new service roads and the eventual closure of the existing Range Road 20 intersection may be included in the Provincial Construction Program if priorities and funding allow.

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If you have any further questions, please contact Mr. Barry Chan, Acting Infrastructure Manager. Mr. Chan can be reached toll free at 310-0000, then 780-305-2418, or at barry.chan@gov.ab.ca.

Thank you for taking the time to write.

Sincerely,

Honourable Prasad Panda ECA

Minister of Transportation

cc: Mark Smith, MLA for Drayton Valley-Devon

Barry Chan, Acting Infrastructure Manager, Alberta Transportation