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Reference: 93978

W.T. Lynch, Chair
Prince George
Development Corporation
1399 Sixth Avenue, Suite 201
Prince George BC V2L 5L6

Dear W.T. Lynch:

Re: Highway 97 and Highway 16

I am writing in response to your petition of November 19, 2001, requesting a left-turn lane from Highway 97 onto Spruce Street.

Given the significant financial challenges facing the ministry, we are focusing our efforts on maintaining the existing highway system. There are other options for motorists travelling on Highway 97 who wish to access Spruce Street. I am advised that drivers can reach Spruce Street by turning off of Highway 97 onto Highway 16 then to Ferry Avenue and onto Spruce Street. Southbound drivers on Highway 97 can take the off ramp directly onto Ferry Avenue and connect to Spruce Street. The existing traffic volumes for this area, coupled with these alternative routes, render a left-turn lane at Spruce Street unwarranted at this time.

If you require further information Grant Lachmuth, district manager, would be pleased to assist you. He can be reached at 250 565-4410, or at 1011 4th Avenue, Suite 214, Prince George, British Columbia, V2L 3H9.

Thank you for taking the time to write.

Sincerely,

Judith Reid
Minister

Copy to: Honourable Shirley Bond
Minister of Advanced Education
MLA, Prince George-Mount

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Who was advising the Minister of Transportation? It's clear that the Minister, advised by the bureaucrats, wrongly perceived that the petition submitted in 2001 by Bill Lynch was for accessing Spruce Street on the South-West (residential-only) side of Hwy. 97 (opposite of what the petition was for).

If one were to follow these directions, advised to the Minister, one would end up reaching Spruce Street accessing a residential DEAD END which was not the access that the petition was even asking for!