

Submission of Petition & Letter of Commitment

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**To:** Honourable Minister of Transportation, Kevin Falcon; Hon. Shirley Bond, MLA, Hon. Pat Bell, MLA, & John Rustad, MLA  
**Re:** Submission of Public Petition to upgrade Hwy 97 access to Spruce/ Ford St. in Prince George, B.C. as part of the Simon Fraser Bridge Twinning Project.

Dear Honourable Minister & MLA's,

We submit to you the attached petition with over **6000 signatures** of residents and traveling public in support of upgrading the HWY 97/ access to Spruce & Ford St. to a safer and more user-friendly one, similar to many other ones along the Hwy 97 & 16 corridors in Prince George (e.g. the CNC access at 18<sup>th</sup> Ave, the Costco/Wood Wheaton access at Range Rd, etc.)

**★ Time is of the essence** in addressing the concerns of this petition because the Bridge Twinning Project is now underway and the requested southbound left-turn lane on Hwy 97 can still be included with it before the highway re-alignment roadwork (not yet started) is completed.

The undersigned businesses, along with local residents and the traveling public, have been petitioning and asking the government for many years for this rational southbound left-turn lane on Hwy 97 and still nothing has happened. Recently, the Government made accommodations for the nearby Treasure Cove Casino for a left-turn on Hwy 97 and we can't help but wonder how come the Casino got accommodated and yet our long standing residents and businesses that have contributed millions of tax dollars haven't been accommodated with a left-turn.

**★ A safe left-turn (like the one the Casino now has) is entirely possible for our location and it is most feasible and sensible for the government to install this upgrade at the same time as the re-aligning of the highway for the Bridge Project.** (Please see attached aerials, left-turn options and Letter from L&M Engineering)

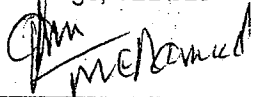
In view of the immense public support to upgrade the HWY 97 access to Spruce/ Ford Street with a Southbound Left-Turn Lane, we too are very supportive of this upgrade and we are willing to contribute financially to help make it a reality.

**★ If the HWY 97 Southbound Left-Turn Lane access upgrade to Spruce/ Ford Street takes place and is completed with the Bridge Twinning Roadwork, we the undersigned businesses individually commit to contributing \$10,000 each towards this upgrade for a total combined contribution of \$70,000.**

We hope the Government will agree with us that now is the most opportune time to positively respond to the request of this petition.

Yours truly,

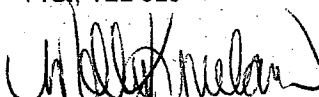
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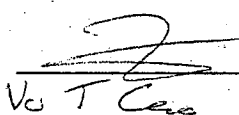
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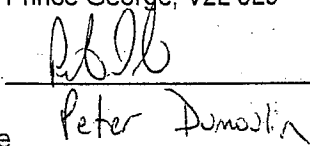
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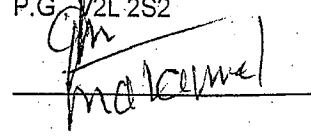
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Carmel Motor Inn  
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Prince George, V2L 5L9



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