

July 7, 2008

Minister of Transportation,
Hon. Kevin Falcon
Room 306-501 Belleville,
Parliament Buildings,
Victoria, B.C.,
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Re: Left-turn into Victoria/Ford from Hwy 97, Prince George, B.C.

Attached is a Public Petition signed by over 6000 residents, workers and visitors who want a safe user-friendly left-turn from Hwy 97 into the area of Spruce, Victoria and Ford Streets included with the Simon Fraser Bridge Project.

This petition was already submitted to you in March, 2008 but LeftTurnNow.com, (a community action group) wishes to submit it again, as time is of the essence. We want you to understand that the community needs a safe, userfriendly left-turn.

We have taken the liberty of having L&M Engineering in Prince George draw a conceptual plan for a safe, cost effective left-turn lane on Hwy 97 to access Victoria St. (see attached drawing). This safe Left-turn at this location will reduce driver frustrations and improve basic access for over 6000 residents, workers and visitors. If you include this left-turn in with the bridge roadwork, IDL (the bridge roadwork contractor), has indicated it can be done for less than \$500,000.00 if the highway is only widened as needed and not ripped apart.

Given a \$42 million budget for the Bridge Project (as per the Nov 29, 2007 Caucus News Release), this left-turn feature can easily be added within the existing budget. Whereas the bridge construction contract with Sure Span Construction Ltd. is for \$31,607,000 and the Bridge Approaches contract with IDL is for \$4,685,000 therefore there is \$5.7 million that can be used to build the Left-turn.

With overwhelming support from the public, all levels of Government, funding in part from the Federal Government, and a pledge from local businesses, we urge you, don't waste another precious minute - PLEASE DO IT WITH THE BRIDGE PROJECT!

Yours truly,

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Many Others