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April 18, 2019

File: 0530-03

Via Post and Email: premier@gov.bc.ca

Honourable John Horgan, Premier of British Columbia PO Box 9041 STN Prov Govt Victoria, BC V8W 9E1

Dear Premier Horgan:

City of Abbotsford, Resolution: Continued Widening of TransCanada Highway # 1, Re:

through the Fraser Valley

On behalf of Abbotsford City Council, I am requesting your favourable consideration and resolutions of support for the continued widening of the TransCanada Highway #1, through the Fraser Valley.

At the April 15, 2019 Council Meeting, Council approved the following resolution:

Resolution: Continued Widening of TransCanada Highway #1, through the Fraser Valley

WHEREAS the critical congestion problems on the TransCanada Highway between the Fraser Valley and the Port Mann bridge continue to interrupt a safe, reliable and efficient multi-modal transportation network that supports employment and economic development movement of goods and services, as well as job creation for the Province of BC;

AND WHEREAS the Federal Government has already identified the continuation of the next phase of the TransCanada Highway 6-laning improvements from 216th street to the Whatcom Road interchange as a priority to expand markets for key local economic sectors, support thousands of residents in accessing employment, support the continued success of the Abbotsford International Airport, provide access to Universities, hospitals, aid in the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions, improve affordability of families, and support increased public safety through the reduction of traffic congestion:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that UBCM lobby the provincial government to prioritize funding toward the expansion of the TransCanada Highway through the Fraser Valley;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this funding be made a high priority of the government of British Columbia.

We look forward to your support on this matter.

Yours truly,

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C. Hon. François-Philippe Champagne, Minister of Infrastructure and Communities, Canada Hon. Claire Trevena, Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure, BC Hon. Darryl Plecas, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia, MLA Abbotsford South Jati Sidhu, MP Mission-Matsqui-Fraser Canyon Ed Fast, MP Abbotsford Simon Gibson, MLA, Abbotsford-Mission Mike de Jong, MLA Abbotsford West Council members Peter Sparanese, City Manager Mike Serr, Chief Constable, Abbotsford Police Department The Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) Annual Convention British Columbia Municipalities and Regional Districts Greater Vancouver Board of Trade Vancouver Port Authority