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Ms. Jacquie Hansen-Sydenham  
President  
Discovery Ridge Community Association  
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Dear Ms. Hansen-Sydenham:

Thank you for your letters regarding the Southwest and West Calgary Ring Road projects and the proposed outer ring road. As Minister of Alberta Transportation, I am pleased to respond.

I commend the Association for the considerable dialogue with Alberta Transportation to discuss and resolve issues regarding the current and future ring roads. The department has agreed to move the construction of the eastbound lanes of the current ring road further away from your community and to construct a berm, where possible, between the roadway and the community. I am pleased with this direction and appreciate the community's recognition of the same.

With respect to your request for altering the approach to the West and Southwest Calgary Ring Road projects, I can advise the Request for Proposals for the design, construction, operation and maintenance of the Southwest Calgary Ring Road project has been issued. The timing for the delivery of the West Calgary Ring Road project is being reviewed by our government.

Providing for the potential to develop a regional ring road has been part of the planning process for the Southwest Ring Road since 2005. The negotiations with the Tsuut'ina Nation included acquiring the land to build this future roadway.

I appreciate your comments with respect to the benefits of these projects while balancing the need to address the impacts on surrounding communities. Although technology and societal changes may reduce or negate the need for a regional ring road, we have to consider the long-term best interests of all Albertans and plan for this potential facility.

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Alberta Transportation is committed to continue working with your community. If you would like to meet to discuss this matter further, please contact my Scheduling Assistant, Adele Peters at 780-427-2080 or by email at Adele.Peters@gov.ab.ca.

Thank you for your continued interest in this project.

Sincerely,



Brian Mason  
Minister

cc: Garry Lamb, Urban Construction Manager, Alberta Transportation