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Subject: Council Agenda item on Back Rd

Dear Council,

I am writing regarding tomorrow's agenda item on Back Rd.

I live on Valley View Dr., near the intersection of Back Rd. We use Back Rd. multiple times each week to access services in Courtenay, Comox and the Valley — it is a key route for our neighborhood to get anywhere. I support all of the points made by the delegation in their submissions and petitions to Council to make improvements to this roadway to make it safer.

Back Rd. is in unacceptable condition, with crumbling asphalt, no shoulders, deep ditches without barriers and is dangerous to drive. It is poorly lit, the pavement is uneven and is not safe to use for cyclists or pedestrians. We also listen to speeding drag racing all summer on this road, with no enforcement. Even though we are less than mile from services at Ryan and the bypass, we have no reasonable safe way to walk or cycle to access these services, because the section of Back Rd from Valley View to 10th St is unsafe for all road users.

I am further dismayed to learn that there is an anticipated exponential increase in traffic expected as a result of the sewer conveyance project.

I urge the City of Courtenay, Town of Comox, the CVRD and MOTI to work together to urgently implement solutions to make this road safer in the short term for all users and residents. In the medium term, I urge you all to develop and implement a plan to make this roadway safer and accessible for all users, especially in light of the 6th St East extension. Our neighbourhood deserves to have safe connections to our city hubs and core.

Please include my correspondence as part of the record for the January 24 Council meeting.

Sincerely

Wanda Thompson

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