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Judy Harwood, Reeve Rural Municipality of Corman Park 111 Pinehouse Drive SASKATOON SK S7K 5W1 Charlie Clark, Mayor City of Saskatoon 222 3rd Avenue North SASKATOON SK S7K 0J5

Dear Judy Harwood and Charlie Clark:

Thank you for your February 16, 2022, letter, to Premier Scott Moe regarding Phase 3 of the Functional Planning Study for the Saskatoon Freeway. Your letter was referred to me; I appreciate the opportunity to respond.

The Ministry of Highways (MoH) is committed to improving transportation infrastructure in this province. A functional planning study for the future Saskatoon Freeway has been underway since 2019. Planning for the northern part of the route is largely complete and planning for the eastern portion is nearing completion.

The Saskatoon Freeway will not be built for at least 10 to 15 years. As such, planning for the third and final portion – the western part of the route – has been deferred until closer to actual construction as we feel MoH's capital budget is better focused on more immediate priorities.

To date, significant planning work has been completed that allows the city and neighbouring municipalities to plan for future development and build their road networks in a manner that will align with the freeway in the future. Phase 1 is largely complete; we are in the process of securing municipal endorsements of the functional plan for the north section of the freeway. Phase 2 is nearing completion and a second round of public consultations was just recently completed. The purpose of this public consultation was to present the preferred functional plan for the east portion of the freeway to the public and stakeholders. The next steps following the consultations are to approve the functional plan internally and secure municipal endorsement.

Thank you for bringing your concerns to my attention. Your feedback is appreciated.

Sincerely,

Fred Bradshaw Minister of Highways

cc: Premier Scott Moe

Honourable Don McMorris, Minister of Government Relations

Blair Wagar, Deputy Minister, Highways