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From: Brent A. Dozzi
Sent: August 7, 2009 3:19 PM
To: ()
Cc: Mayor & Council; Raymond Fung; John McMahon
Subject: Extreme Traffic Congestion at Exit 3

Good afternoon()

Thank you for bringing this issue to the attention of Mayor and Council. While improvements to the Horseshoe Bay Ferry Terminal holding and pre-ticket areas have improved their operation considerably, the August and September long weekends continue to pose an issue with queuing along Highway 1/99. I have requested that this issue be added to the agenda of the next HSB/BCFC Liaison committee meeting for discussion.

With regards to signage to Whytecliff I can advise that the Ministry of Transportation's policy for highway signage is to sign to the next intersecting road. Staff have received a commitment from MOT for adding "Marine Drive" to the highway guide signage on Highway 1/99 northbound as well as southbound. Upon arriving at Marine Drive local municipal signage pick up on directing to Whytecliff Park.

If you would like to discuss either of these topics further, please do not hesitate to contact me at 604.925.7157.

Sincerely,

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Subject: Extreme Traffic Congestion at Exit 3

Madame Mayor and Councilors,

I am extremely concerned about BC Ferries' apparent lack of interest in insuring the safety of motorists on Upper Levels Highway.

Due to the extremely heavy traffic this morning, vehicles approaching Exit 3 have been stopped as far back as the Caulfeild exit. There is no obvious warning to vehicles travelling westbound on the highway, where the speed limit is 90 kmh, that they are approaching such extreme congestion. Even the "Congestion Ahead" warning sign on the Caulfeild overpass has not been activated. Furthermore, vehicles exiting at Exit 3 wishing to join the ferry lineup (backed up well onto the highway) are blocking vehicles wishing to drive to Horseshoe Bay Village. When I drove through the area at approximately noon today, there were no BC Ferries personnel in sight to (a) control traffic or (b) ensure the safety of all users of the highway. This condition is on top of the already inadequate directional signage installed when this section of the Sea-to-Sky improvements were completed (e.g. nowhere on the highway is any signage indicating which exit to take to go to Whytecliff Park).

This situation concerns me as it represents significant risk to the highway users as well as a disregard of the legitimate interests of the merchants of Horseshoe Bay.

Is it possible for the District to engage in a dialogue with both the Ministry of Transportation and Highways and BC Ferries to

ensure that a repetition of this dangerous situation will not be permitted or tolerated?

Regards,

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