

August 18, 2025

Subject: Medicine Hat transportation network (AR103523)

Dear Ms. Collings:

Thank you for sharing your concerns regarding the City of Medicine Hat's proposed changes to the active transportation network. As Minister of Transportation and Economic Corridors, I appreciate the opportunity to provide the following information.

The Government of Alberta and Transportation and Economic Corridors are supportive of active transportation options, including bicycle lanes, when they are well-planned and appropriately integrated into the broader road network. Bicycle infrastructure can play an important role in promoting community connectivity, health, and mobility; however, Alberta's roads must continue to support the evolving transportation needs of a growing population.

The Government of Alberta is concerned with lane-removal initiatives which may reduce roadway capacity and impact the safe and efficient movement of vehicles, particularly along key urban roadways that connect to the provincial road network.

I wrote to Her Worship Linnsie Clark, Mayor of Medicine Hat, to express my concerns regarding the city's recent Transportation Master plans. The department will continue to work with municipalities to ensure Alberta's roads meet evolving transportation needs and support the movement of people and goods throughout the province.

At this time, due to scheduling constraints, I am not able to visit Medicine Hat in an official capacity. I encourage you to continue sharing your concerns directly with the City of Medicine Hat and your local city councillor.

Thank you for writing and for your interest in Alberta's transportation network.

Sincerely,

Honourable Devin Dreeschen, ECA

Minister of Transportation and Economic Corridors

cc: Honourable Danielle Smith, MLA for Brooks-Medicine Hat

Justin Wright, MLA for Cypress-Medicine Hat

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