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Dear Supporter,

Thank you for your continuing interest in advocating for the timely construction of the Harvie Road Crossing. Since we became organized late last year, we have generated a fair amount of interest in this issue in the hope to push City Hall to move this project from the future to the present.

- When our group first became active late last year, the Environmental Assessment Study required to design this project was languishing half done on a shelf somewhere at City Hall. Then the Environmental Assessment Study process was suddenly revived and a public meeting was planned for the spring.

- When we complained about the long timelines identified in the City’s funding schedule that forecast the start of construction in 2021, we got verbal assurances that it might be possible to move construction up a year.

- After we consulted professionals in the field and recommended a speedier timeline to construction, Councillors Sergio Morales and Arif Khan moved a motion at a Council meeting in June asking staff to explore options that would accelerate this construction schedule.

Unfortunately, after 10 years of studies, the staff report released yesterday makes no effort to accelerate construction of the Harvie Road Crossing before 2020 and instead recommends new reviews and a return to complete other unfinished studies that should have been anticipated, and completed years ago. Unless Council can direct staff to be more focussed on this so-called “priority” project and cut the preliminary work timetable from 4 to 2 years as we have recommended, there will no relief to our traffic gridlock before 2022 at the earliest. If you would like a copy of the staff report, let us know and we can email it directly to you.

City Council will be considering this report on Monday September 28th at 7pm; a final decision will be made the following Monday October 5th at 7pm. Please plan to attend one or both of these meetings to show Council that there is strong support for the Harvie Road Crossing and that more delays are unacceptable!

For more current news, please check out our Facebook page at https://www.facebook.com/HRCCoalition for more information about the Harvie Road Crossing.

If you have questions or comments, please email them to us at: info@harvieroadcrossing.ca

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