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Dear Pamela Mehlman-Shand,

The Municipality of the District of Argyle has adopted an Active Transportation Plan, to improve active transportation within our municipality. Our council would like to make the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal (DTIR) aware of our Active Transportation Plan as it impacts DTIR.

There are several recommendations that impacts DTIR.

1. **Recommended: To rebuild the former Trunk 3 bridge.** Pubnico to Glenwood has low traffic volumes and high scenic qualities that make it an excellent candidate for regional active transportation use. This route, however, does have a 1km gap connected by the busy Highway 103. Rebuilding of the bridge would provide a new connection parallel to the highway and safer access to Glenwood Provincial Park as well as Stan O'Brien Interpretive Trail.
2. **Recommended: Paved Shoulders on Trunk 3 between Argyle Sound and Tusket.** This section is potential Provincial Blue Route connection.
3. **Recommended: Paved Shoulders on Route 334 (Plymouth and Wedgeport).** High traffic volumes along this road. In areas, where the asphalt sidewalks exist, a paved shoulder is only needed on the west side of the road. Route 334 features an 1.8-meter shoulder between northbound traffic lane and the sidewalk curb in Wedgeport. A paved shoulder would provide the opportunity for bicycle lanes to be added on the opposite side.
4. **Recommended: Introduce paved shoulders on the 1,300 meters Tusket pinch point.** This short segment is one of the more important parts of the Active Transportation networks. There is a 1,300-meter pinch point between where Trunk 3 and Route 308 meet at the south end of Tusket and where Route 308 intersects with the Rail Trail. In



5. areas where sidewalks exist, a paved shoulder is only needed on the west side of the road and could also be dedicated bicycle lane.
6. **Recommended: Paved Shoulders on Route 335.** Paved shoulders should be considered along the road until d'Entremont Road. In areas, where the sidewalk exists, a paved shoulder is only needed on the east side of the road.
7. **Recommended: Selective Shoulder paving.**
 - a. **Around Blind Crest.** Removing cyclists from potential danger.
 - b. **Long uphill inclines of 6% or more.**
 - c. **Tight corners, especially where there is thick vegetation.**

Our council hopes that DTIR will consider our recommended Active Transportation improvements for the residents of the Municipality of the District Argyle. These improvements will make different modes of active transportation safer.

Please feel free to contact us if you require any further information.

Sincerely,

Danny Muise
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Municipality of the District of Argyle