

# MOTI Update to Home Owners and Residents of San Pareil

SPORA Board members were invited to a meeting with representatives from the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure (MOTI) on August 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024. At the meeting we were advised on how MOTI was progressing with the phased interim safety improvement project for the Plummer Road/Highway 19A area.

Please find a copy of the Power Point presentation from MOTI outlining the improvement project for the Plummer Road/Highway 19A area.

<https://sspora.ca/wp-content/uploads/SPORA-MOTI-Plummer-Rd-Power-Point.pdf>

The following is a summary of the information the SPORA Board members have received about the three-phase plan to upgrade the intersection at Plummer Road and Hwy 19A:

## **PHASE ONE: New Exit**

**Start date: Sept 16, 2024**

**Funding status: Funds allocated**

**Phase one objective:** To construct a new exit from Rath Road and the Log Cabin area onto Highway 19A, facilitating northbound traffic towards Parksville. This new exit lane will be built adjacent to the current one-way entrance to Resort Drive. Following this, the existing entrance onto Highway 19A from Resort Drive (known as "the chute") that starts at the Log Cabin will be closed.

A multi-use pathway will be constructed from the beginning of Resort Drive, past the Log Cabin (where "the chute" currently exists), extending to the Canada Post mailboxes.

## **PHASE TWO: Multi-use Pathway**

**Start date: Summer of 2025**

**Funding status: Funds allocated**

**Phase two objective:** To extend the multi-use pathway from the Canada Post mailboxes, running adjacent to the ALR land along the northbound shoulder of Highway 19A towards the Plummer Road intersection. It will then continue parallel to Plummer Road on the north side of the road until partway towards the bridge, where it will cross Plummer Road via a crosswalk. From there, the path will proceed towards the Englishman River Bridge at a grade of 4%.

### *Additional notes:*

- Negotiations are currently underway to acquire approximately 4 meters of land, beginning at the Canada Post mailboxes and extending north to the sharp turn at the river, to facilitate the construction of the multi-use pathway. The corner on Plummer Road will be redesigned to provide a wider turn radius, with sightlines improved through tree clearing.

- We also asked the MOTI staff if the speed limit reduction to 50 KPH could be moved further back along Highway 19A, thereby reducing the traffic passing Plummer Road to a speed of 50 KPH rather than the current 60 KPH. They are considering this request and will respond.
- Phase Two is scheduled for completion in 2025.

**PHASE THREE: Traffic Lights**

**Start date: 2027 earliest**

**Funding status: Funds currently not allocated.**

**Phase Three objective:** To install traffic lights at the intersection of Resort Way and Highway 19A and Greig Road.

**IN SUMMARY**

After reviewing the PowerPoint presentation and above summary notes, the SPORA Board would like to know if San Pareil residents would like to attend a meeting with the SPORA Board to assist everyone in understanding the first two phases of the project. Please respond to [balowden@shaw.ca](mailto:balowden@shaw.ca) if you would like to come to an information meeting.

Members of MOTI have advised that they would not be present at the meeting. However, they invite questions to be submitted for their reply. Please submit your questions to [balowden@shaw.ca](mailto:balowden@shaw.ca) who will summarize the questions and forward them to MOTI. All answers received from MOTI will be placed on the SPORA website and San Pareil Facebook page.

Thanks,  
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