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Mr. Santino Pasutto c/o Alberta Bicycle Association 11759 Groat Road Edmonton, AB T5M 3K6

Dear Mr. Pasutto:

It was a pleasure meeting with you and representatives of the Alberta Cycling Coalition on February 21, 2019 to hear some of the Coalition's concerns and recommendations first-hand.

The safety of all road users is a top priority for Alberta Transportation, and I recognize that vulnerable road users such as pedestrians, cyclists, and motorcyclists are at a distinct disadvantage compared to drivers.

As discussed at the meeting, Alberta Transportation will begin assessing what changes are necessary to better protect vulnerable road users. This will include a review of the *Traffic Safety Act* and associated regulations, as well as future road design where possible that allows cyclists to share the road.

Alberta Transportation has been collaborating with interested municipalities to research actions that would improve bicycling safety through the Alberta Bicycle Facility Design Guide project. The project is led by the City of Calgary, and I am encouraged that the Coalition's report and recommendations are also being reviewed by the project team.

If there are updates to your report or if you have any other questions, I encourage you to contact Mr. Michael Botros, Executive Director of Operations and Program Management. Mr. Botros can be reached at 780-638-9419 or at michael.botros@gov.ab.ca.

Sincerely,

Brian Mason Minister

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David Shepherd, MLA for Edmonton-Centre

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