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Honourable Rob Fleming Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure PO BOX 9051 STN PROV GOVT Victoria, BC V8W 9E2

Sent via email to: Minister.MOTI@gov.bc.ca

SUBJECT: Support for Quesnel North-South Interconnector and Taylor Bridge Projects

Dear Minister Fleming,

I am writing to express the North Central Local Government Association's support for accelerating allocations of Provincial funding to advance the implementation of the following key infrastructure projects:

<u>Quesnel North-South Interconnector Project</u> – The preliminary design phase is complete, and the project is not currently funded to advance beyond this phase. The Interconnector would increase safety and significantly reduce congestion, as commercial vehicles traveling through the region would be able to avoid the downtown core.

<u>Taylor Bridge Project</u> – While work has been underway since 2021 a short- and long-term solution has not been identified for implementation. The Taylor Bridge represents a significant safety risk and is a transportation link for commercial vehicle traffic carrying goods throughout the Peace region and into the Yukon, Northwest Territories, and Alaska.

This infrastructure is of importance to communities throughout the NCLGA operating area and should be identified as a high priority for action.

Sincerely,

Sheila Boehm President, NCLGA Councillor, City of Williams Lake

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- · Ron Paull, Mayor of Quesnel
- Margo Wagner, Chair of Cariboo Regional District
- Brent Taillefer, Mayor of Taylor
- Leonard Hiebert, Chair of Peace River Regional District