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The Honourable Mike Farnworth  
Minister of Transportation and Transit  
**Via email: [TT.Minister@gov.bc.ca](mailto:TT.Minister@gov.bc.ca)**

Dear Minister Farnworth:

**RE: ROAD SAFETY – SALT SPRING ISLAND**

Through a recommendation made by the Capital Regional District (CRD) Salt Spring Island (SSI) Local Community Commission and on behalf of the CRD Board, I write to advocate for enhanced road safety, expanded active transportation options, and improved public transit along Salt Spring Island's primary north-south transportation corridor. These investments are essential to supporting the Island's residents, businesses, and visitors, while also advancing the Province's goals for road safety, sustainable transportation, and greenhouse gas reduction.

The CRD Board urges the Ministry of Transportation and Transit to place a high priority on repaving and widening the paved shoulders of Fulford-Ganges Road from Cranberry Road to the new Blackburn/Cusheon Bridge currently being installed. This stretch of road serves as the backbone of SSI's transportation network and is heavily used by all modes of transport including motor vehicles, cyclists, pedestrians, and transit. Widened shoulders would improve safety for vulnerable road users and create opportunities to expand active transportation and increase transit reliability.

In addition, the CRD Board requests that the Province undertake an options study of long-term solutions to the intersection of Fulford-Ganges Road and Lower Ganges Road in Ganges Village. This location is a well known bottleneck for traffic, posing safety risks and creating congestion. A comprehensive options study would allow for proactive planning and the identification of solutions that could improve safety and create opportunities for other community and infrastructure projects in the Ganges core.

I would welcome the opportunity to discuss these important priorities and look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

Cliff McNeil-Smith  
Chair, Capital Regional District Board

cc: CRD Board  
CRD Salt Spring Island Local Community Commission  
Ted Robbins, Chief Administrative Officer, CRD