

2026-09-04 **HIGHWAY 19A PLANNING STUDY COMPLETED FOR OYSTER RIVER CORRIDOR**

(Campbell River, BC) – The Ministry of Transportation and Transit (MoTT), with support from the Strathcona Regional District (SRD), has completed a transportation study examining opportunities to improve safety, mobility, and active transportation connections along key sections of Highway 19A between Oyster River and Jubilee Parkway.

Undertaken by Urban Systems Ltd. on behalf of the Ministry, the study evaluated existing transportation conditions and identified opportunities to improve safety, access management, and active transportation along the corridor.

Development of the study was informed through engagement with local First Nations, the Strathcona Regional District, School District 72, BC Transit, and other community and agency partners with interests in transportation, safety, and access along the corridor.

Highway 19A serves as an important transportation corridor connecting neighbourhoods, schools, parks, beaches, businesses, transit services, and recreational destinations. The route is used daily by residents travelling within the community and by visitors accessing the Oyster River area and surrounding attractions.

The study identified a range of opportunities to improve transportation safety and connectivity, including active transportation connections, access improvements, signage enhancements, and measures to support safer travel for motorists, pedestrians, cyclists, and transit users. It also highlighted areas where additional technical analysis may help inform future transportation investments and improvements.

The findings provide valuable information to support future transportation planning, funding applications, and investment decisions by the Ministry, the SRD, and other partners.

"Improving safety along Highway 19A has been a longstanding priority for Area D residents," said John Rice, Director for Electoral Area D, Strathcona Regional District. "I want to thank the Ministry for responding to local concerns and undertaking this important work, as well as the many partners and interest holders who contributed their time and perspectives throughout the process. This corridor provides access to neighbourhoods, schools, beaches, parks, and transit services that are important to both residents and visitors. The study gives us a clearer understanding of the challenges and opportunities along the corridor and provides a strong foundation for future improvements."

While some opportunities may require further analysis, design development, consultation, and funding before implementation can be considered, completion of the study represents an important step forward in understanding transportation needs within the Oyster River corridor and identifying practical opportunities to improve safety, accessibility, and connectivity.

The completion of the study demonstrates the value of proactive planning and provides a framework for future transportation investments that support safer travel, improved access, and enhanced active transportation options for residents and visitors alike.

The study is not publicly posted or available online. For questions or more information, please contact the Ministry of Transportation and Transit directly.

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