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Dear Councillor Lovelace:

Thank you for your correspondence, dated February 27, 2024, regarding provincial lands for economic development and egress. I appreciate hearing about your suggestion to connect access between Highway 103 and Highway 101 as an alternative to the proposed Highway 113 project.

The Joint Regional Transportation Agency (JRTA), in coordination with several core partners such as Halifax Regional Municipality and the Department of Public Works, is in the process of conducting a comprehensive review of all modes of transportation in Halifax and the surrounding region.

This review will inform a new Regional Transportation Plan, which is to be completed in the fall 2024. This work is well underway and will involve testing and evaluating several existing and potential new transportation corridors that support a safe and efficient regional transportation system. This includes corridors that have been identified in previous studies and plans such as Highway 113, connections from Hammonds Plains Road to Sackville, and the Beaverbank Bypass among others. More information on the regional transportation plan, including latest updates, can be found at: <https://jrta.ca/regional-transportation-plan/plan-engagement/>.

When complete the Regional Transportation Plan is anticipated to make recommendations on key corridors and connections that make sustainable growth and development possible.

Thank you for sharing your suggestion and interest in improving our transportation system.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kim D. Masland".

Kim D. Masland  
Minister of Public Works

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