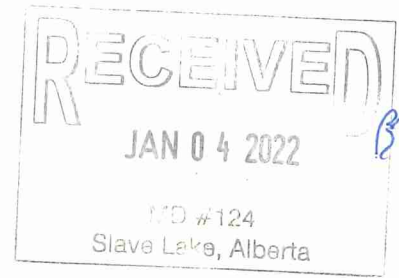




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Mr. Murray Kerik
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Dear Mr. Kerik:

I apologize for the delayed response to your letter regarding improvements to Highway 88. I am writing to assure you that Alberta Transportation is aware of the situation and to foster a good working relationship with Lesser Slave River. It is important to me that we collaborate as much as possible.

I appreciate your feedback and support of the Town of Slave Lake. The Government of Alberta understands the importance of investing in essential highway infrastructure, particularly in northern Alberta; safety is Alberta Transportation's top priority.

In terms of standardized process, Alberta Transportation reviews several factors when evaluating pavement condition, including traffic volumes, pavement quality, roughness, existing structure, local information, visual inspections and surface distress. This data is used to determine when the road is expected to need rehabilitation.

Currently there are no rehabilitation projects for this section of Highway 88 on the Provincial Construction Program. However, as part of our annual capital planning process, future rehabilitation projects for Highway 88 will be evaluated and considered for prioritization and funding along with all other projects across the province. Until rehabilitation projects are completed, ongoing maintenance will continue.

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Should you have any further questions or concerns, I encourage you to contact Mr. Michael Botros, Regional Director. Mr. Botros can be reached toll-free at 310-0000, then 780-340-2405, or at michael.botros@gov.ab.ca.

Thank you for taking the time to write.

Sincerely,



Rajan Sawhney
Minister of Transportation

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