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**Attention: Mac Logan, City of Kelowna**

**Subject: Transportation Master Plan**

We appreciate having the opportunity to be part of the stakeholder consultation process to provide feedback on the City of Kelowna's draft Transportation Master Plan (TMP). We understand that the TMP is now moving forward for approval and adoption. While we have already provided feedback to the City throughout this process, we would like to highlight the following issues that we suggest the City focus on as the plan is rolled out.

**Better Allocation of Resources to Solve Congestion Issues**

Congestion issues continue to impact the City of Kelowna. We believe there can be some great savings to the City and some better allocation of resources to solve congestion problems sooner rather than later. This would involve the City looking at where the largest congestion issues are and prioritizing solving the worst problems first with quick and easy solutions.

Some brief examples of areas with significant congestion issues include Clement, the Mission, the Orchard Park area, Gordon and Benvoulin, Lakeshore, Richter and Pandosy. Projects that serve as a release valve to amend the congestion issues in these areas would go a long way to distribute the traffic. UDI Okanagan recommends prioritizing the projects that are the low hanging fruit and focusing on getting these projects done first. The Burtch Road extension and Frost Road Connection at Chute Lake are examples of projects that can be done quickly and are relatively easy construction projects. The Clement extension to Highway 33 is more complex but would also result in significant improvements.

**School District Policies**

School Districts are not held to the same standards that developers are when it comes to accommodating the transportation impacts of schools. As a result, some school zones are not currently planned to accommodate safe drop off and pick up of students off of the road network. This can contribute to ongoing congestion in certain areas, particularly in the Mission and around older school sites. We believe that there needs to be a higher standard for schools to accommodate their transportation impacts. UDI Okanagan recommends that the City work with the Province and the School Districts to find ways of improving this.

## **Constructability and Over Urbanization**

As the City moves forward with its TMP, it is easy for the standards and road cross sections as well as constructability to get lost in the big picture. We encourage the City to focus on constructability when it comes to building out projects in the TMP as well as to not urbanize where it is not needed. We applaud the City for its system related to putting in new bike lanes through the “quick build” process and encourage “quick build” thinking to solve other TMP issues.

We welcome the opportunity to continue working with the City as it turns its focus from the high level TMP to a more detailed plan.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of our feedback regarding the City’s TMP.

Sincerely,

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