

September 22, 2021

Dear Lacombe County Council,

In April of this year, I had written a letter to our MLA in hopes to start the process of have the intersection of Highway 12 and 601 reviewed for a speed decrease and 'Important Intersection Ahead' signage placed. They did forward my letter to Transportation, however informed me that I was the only person to suggest this so its likely not a high priority.

After having our Alix Emergency Management Agency meeting on Sept. 21, 2021, this intersection issue was addressed again. I am asking Lacombe County Council to review my attached letter that I sent to our MLA in April and consider writing to our MLA and Alberta Transportation supporting my concerns to have that intersection reviewed and assessed for a speed reduction and additional signage. I have also submitted my request to our Municipal Council to consider and have our Fire and Medical Departments support to write a letter of request to Transportation as well.

Thank you for your consideration,

Chelsie Giesbrecht

Dear MLA Ron Orr and Alberta Transportation Representatives:

My name is Chelsie Giesbrecht, and I am writing this in hopes to start the process of having a review done on getting a highway speed limit decrease, and attention signage such as 'Important Intersection Ahead' posted - in concerns with the highway 601 and highway 12 intersection.

Over the course of the 15 years that I have lived in the Village of Alix the intersection of Highway 12 and 601 has been an intersection of many serious car accidents, some resulting in fatalities. On average our Alix Fire and Medical Department attends to 3 plus accidents at that intersection per year. This is substantially high and very concerning.

Currently as you head out of Alix going East, the speed limit is posted 100km/h at the top of Alix's overpass, meaning drivers are hitting top speed before passing the intersection which is approximately 0.5 kilometers from the overpass. As you come into Alix heading West you are able to drive 100km/h until just after the very top of the overpass. I have spoke with our Fire Chief and many of the times these accidents are caused by people not seeing the stop signs while driving on the 601 highway and blowing through the intersection – which then has those driving, heading East or West colliding at 100+ km/h.

With the high number and severity of these accidents with speeds of 100km/h and lack of stopping, I am requesting that my recommendations be review and the speed limits be changed to reflect a slower speed as you would approach and pass through this intersection as well as having signage posted on the 601 to bring more awareness to drivers.

Heading East on Highway 12 – 100km/h sign posted **after** the intersection.

Heading West on Highway 12 – signage to decrease speed to 70km/h **before** you come up to the intersection.

Approaching the intersection from highway 601 driving North or South – to have '**Important Intersection Ahead**' signage placed with a reasonable distance from both directions to get drivers to start to decrease speeds and prepare to stop.

Chelsie Giesbrecht

Village of Alix Resident