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Dear Lisa,

Thank you for your email to the Ministry of Transportation regarding the concerns along Highway 21 between Bruce Avenue and North Line Extension. I appreciate the opportunity to respond on behalf of the Ministry.

Safety of the provincial highway network is a top priority for the ministry. When determining the speed limit for a highway, the ministry considers several factors such as the type of road (freeway, local road, etc.) and its design, driver expectations and adjacent land use/development. If the speed reduction is not consistent with the characteristic of the highway and the surrounding physical environment, then the reduced speed limit signs may not be effective.

In response to your letter, ministry staff will conduct a technical review of this section of Highway 21 in Kincardine. As part of this review, staff will assess signs, roadway geometry, traffic volumes, collision history, vehicle speeds and pavement markings to identify any issues and implement improvements as required. The anticipated completion date of review is Fall 2024.

Furthermore, Ontario's Highway Traffic Act gives the Minister of the Solicitor General the authority by regulation to designate a part of a provincial highway or of any highway that is not under the jurisdiction of a municipality as a community safety zone if, in his or her opinion, public safety is of special concern on that part of the highway. This regulation approval does not fall under the Ministry of Transportation. We suggest you reach out to your local Ontario Provincial Police Detachment for further direction and the implementation of a Community Safety Zone.

Should you have further questions for the ministry, please contact Frank Hochstenbach, Manager of Regional Services and Relationships at frank.hochstenbach@ontario.ca.

Thank you again for bringing these concerns to our attention.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Franca Sacchetti". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Franca Sacchetti
Director, West Operations