

Transportation and Economic Corridors Notice of Referral Decision

Statutory Plan in Proximity of a Provincial Highway

Municipality File Number:	Bylaw 1811	Highway(s):	520, 2
Legal Land Location:	QS-SE SEC-34 TWP-012 RGE-27 MER-4	Municipality:	M.D. of Willow Creek No. 26
Decision By:	Leah Olsen	Issuing Office:	Southern Region / Lethbridge
Issued Date:	January 7, 2026	AT Reference #:	RPATH0069012
Description of Development:	Castle Area Structure Plan		



This will acknowledge receipt of your circulation regarding the above noted proposal. Transportation and Economic Corridors primary concern is protecting the safe and effective operation of provincial highway infrastructure, and planning for the future needs of the highway network in proximity to the proposed development(s).

Transportation and Economic Corridors offers the following comments and observations with respect to the proposed development(s):

The document reflects sound planning principles and development strategies. The document is also well organized and thoroughly addresses all the issues that are pertinent when establishing a framework for subsequent land use redesignation, subdivision, and development within the plan area.

- Pursuant to Section 618.3(1) of the Municipal Government Act (MGA), the department expects that the municipality will comply with any applicable items related to provincial highways in an ALSA plan if applicable
- Pursuant to 618.4(1) of the Municipal Government Act, the department expects that the Municipality will mitigate the impacts of traffic generated by developments approved on the local road connections to the highway system, in accordance with Policy 7 of the Provincial Land Use Policies.

Transportation and Economic Corridors has the following additional comments and/or requirements with respect to this proposal:

1. The long term vision of the ASP and the uncertain staging of the development, Transportation and Economic Corridors will require a detailed Traffic Impact Assessment (TIA) at the subdivision stage. However, the Town of Claresholm should collect a levy for intersection upgrades as cumulatively over time, as the proposed development will have a major impact on the road network.

Please contact Transportation and Economic Corridors through the [RPATH Portal](#) if you have any questions, or require additional information



Issued by **Leah Olsen, Development and Planning Tech**,
on **January 7, 2026** on behalf of the Minister of
Transportation and Economic Corridors