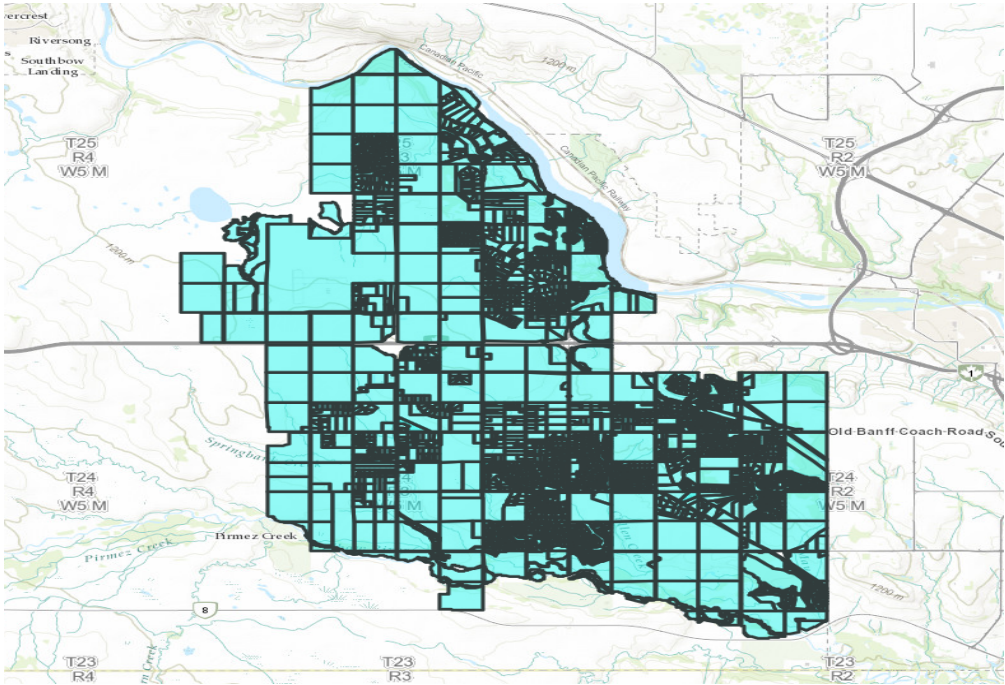




Transportation and Economic Corridors Notice of Referral Decision

Statutory Plan in Proximity of a Provincial Highway

Municipality File Number:		Highway(s):	1A, 8, 563, 201
Legal Land Location:	QS-NE SEC-06 TWP-024 RGE-02 MER-5	Municipality:	Rocky View County, Calgary
Decision By:	Trevor Richelhof	Issuing Office:	Southern Region / Calgary
Issued Date:	January 15, 2025	AT Reference #:	RPATH0044671
Description of Development:	New Area Structure Plan for the Springbank community in Rocky View County.		



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):

- 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. Highway 563 should no longer be part of the provincial highway network as previously referenced in the Highway 1 / Range Road 31 Functional Planning Study. Until such time that the County can assume control, management and jurisdiction of this roadway, the department will continue to review subdivision, development, access and utility installations in proximity of this highway.
2. The draft Area Structure Plan does not provide any policy guidance with respect to new or expanded municipal road connections to the provincial highway network that may be required to support growth within the plan area, either generally or specifically. It is difficult for the department to support Policy 19.06 without this guidance.
3. Sections 5 and 6 of the Highways Development and Protection Regulation discuss restrictions on certain "prescribed freeway development" and supporting road network. From the department's perspective, Springbank Road and Township Road 250 provides an adequate means of access to designated freeway access locations on Highway 1. Further, 101 Street & Lower Springbank Road provide an adequate means of access to designated freeway access locations on Highway 201. This satisfies Section 5 of the Regulation in this regard.
4. Policy 19.05 - access to a designated Freeway, including Stoney Trail and Highway 1 is governed by the Freeways and Access Locations Designation Order, https://kings-printer.alberta.ca/documents/orders/orders_in_council/2009/1109/2009_587.html. No additional access locations within the plan area are possible without an amendment to this Order.
5. Appendix B: Special Planning Areas - if signage is illuminated it must be done so in such a manner so as to not negatively affect the safe and effective operation of motorists on Highway 1 or Highway 563, and may not receive support from the department if proposed.
6. Transportation and Economic Corridors can provide formal endorsement of the Area Structure Plan, provided the enclosed comments are addressed. This endorsement would pre-approve subdivision in accordance with Section 18(e) of the Subdivision and Development Regulation, and exempt certain development from the requirement of a permit under the Highways Development and Protection Act.
7. Policy 19.03, copies of the right of way plans from two previous functional planning studies affecting the interchanges at Range Road 31 and Range Road 33 intersections are attached to the RPATH Record for

convenience.

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



Issued by **Trevor Richelhof, Development & Planning Tech**, on **January 15, 2025** on behalf of the Minister of Transportation and Economic Corridors pursuant to *Ministerial Order 52/20 – Department of Transportation and Economic Corridors Delegation of Authority*