



Highway 97, Wright Station Curves Planning & Evaluation Study/Safety Review
Ministry of Transportation

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DESCRIPTION

Urban Systems completed a planning and evaluation study of a section of Highway 97 near Wright Station, between Lac la Hache and Williams Lake. The Highway 97 North Corridor Management Plan identified the section as being accident prone, and recommended increased signage and monitoring. Since the completion of the CMP, there has been two high profile fatal accidents in the study area. The planning and evaluation study involved a more in-depth assessment of the safety problem, and concluded that several factors were contributing to the high frequency of fatal and injury accidents including the intersection alignment and sight distance, icing of the highway due to shading, inconsistent and inadequate shoulders and recovery area, and curves that are inconsistent with travel speeds on the highway. A long list of options was generated and screened to a short list of 4 options for further development. An MAE evaluation was completed that included financial, customer service, social / community, economy and environmental accounts.

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