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Dear Mike,

Thank you for your letter of 2 November regarding Petition P-05-725 – Widen the A470 from Pontypridd to Coryton to 3 lanes.

We have undertaken a number of improvements to help relieve congestion on the A470 between Pontypridd and Cardiff and in the Radyr and Coryton area. These include our most recent schemes at junction 32 of the M4 and improvements to the traffic signals at Coryton gyratory.

Works at the interchange at Upper Boat have recently been completed by Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council and include further traffic signals on the Upper Boat roundabout, lane segregation, widening works, controlled pedestrian crossings, new road markings and enhanced signing. These works aim to increase the flow of traffic in the area and reduce queue lengths from the roundabout onto the A470.

Public transport provision and park and ride facilities have been improved, and the Traffic Officer Service has been extended to include the Radyr and Taffs Well area of the A470, to assist where incidents occur, coordinating the resources of the emergency services, managing the traffic and re-opening routes as soon as it is safe to do so.

We are also progressing with our South Wales Metro proposals and these include bus corridor and capacity improvements. Further details about the Metro can be found at the following link: <http://gov.wales/topics/transport/public/metro/?lang=en>.

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There are severe physical constraints in the form of overbridges, retaining walls and the local environment and topography which would make a widening scheme on the A470 from Pontypridd to Coryton particularly complex, environmentally intrusive and costly. We are however assessing the degree of traffic congestion in this road corridor and are in the early stages of developing a programme to tackle the congestion at the most heavily congested locations on the trunk road and motorway network in Wales.

Yours ever,

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