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## LETTER: Capilano on-ramp drives us into danger

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### Dear Editor:

My letter is in regards to Brendan McAleer's column "[Capilano Onramp Drives Driver Over the Edge,](http://www.nsnews.com/capilano-on-ramp-drives-driver-over-the-edge-1.884859)" (<http://www.nsnews.com/capilano-on-ramp-drives-driver-over-the-edge-1.884859>) March 7, where he describes the many annoying and dangerous things that occur at this very dangerous on-ramp.

This is the onramp that merges onto westbound traffic on

Highway 1, and which is woefully short in length, producing a very dangerous merge with westbound traffic.

Since moving to the Edgemont area two years ago, my wife and I have had to endure that dangerous merge numerous times each day, and have witnessed all too many accidents and near accidents. We were shocked, as I am sure anyone who first experiences that merge, that something so dangerous could exist on B.C. roads. From what I have seen, this must be at or near the top of ICBC's list of accident locations on the North Shore.

The inadequate design of that on-ramp needs to be addressed. It would seem that the only solution, as a minimum, is to widen the Capilano Bridge to allow for another lane that would be of adequate length for a merge lane.

It is an expensive proposition, but a necessary price to pay when lives are at stake. The question I ask is, "When is the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure going to redesign and construct a new on-ramp that meets highway standards before someone is seriously injured or killed?" Maybe we need to get a petition going to move some government inertia.

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