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A project of the provincial and federal governments is installing cables between opposing lanes on Highway 99.

Small comfort for motorcyclists

Editor:

As an advocate for safety, I would like to bring to the attention of motorists the following.

I agree the new cable barrier on Highway 99 between the George Massey Tunnel and the U.S. border will prevent many serious injuries in automotive crashes once this project is complete.

As a motorcyclist – regardless of the safety gear some of us wear; Transport Canada-approved helmets, padded jackets, padded pants, etc. – there will be no relief or benefit for us if we are run off the road or, for some other unfortunate reason, lose control and have to hit this barrier.

I would venture to guess very serious injury or worse will come to us, that's a given.

I would ask that motorists use extreme caution when changing lanes for this reason, checking of your mirrors and shoulder checks would help.

There's approximately three feet of room for us to manoeuvre before the inevitable happens, especially travelling in the southbound fast lane.

Some may think the riding season is over – and for some, it is – but there are the rest of us who choose to ride all year.

So let's keep our guards up for the two-wheelers and make this improvement to our highway a safe one for all involved.

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