

Safe and Reliable Passage Through Northern Ontario – Expansion of Highway 69

Highway 69 is a key transportation corridor in Ontario and a crucial route for the country as part of the Trans-Canada Highway, connecting Toronto to Greater Sudbury, along with numerous communities in between. It links the over 800,000 residents of northern Ontario to people, places and services in the southern areas of the province. Northern Ontario has unique transportation needs that include long distances between communities, challenging winter driving conditions and difficult terrain. The province recognizes these specific challenges, and in Connecting the North: A Draft Transportation Plan for Northern Ontario, committed to advance design work to widen Highway 69 from two to four lanes.



Why is this important?

The continued expansion of Highway 69 to a four-lane divided highway (Highway 400) will provide capacity and reduce congestion for the major connection to market for materials exported from and imported to the city.

Four-laning Highway 69 will also enhance tourism opportunities in the community and enhance the traffic safety of all people and property travelling on the highway.



Supporting information

The COVID-19 pandemic highlighted the importance of building reliable transportation infrastructure in northern Ontario, which is critical to the supply chain and food security.

A more reliable and connected transportation network will help businesses keep goods moving and allow people to access jobs and critical services, such as health care.

How can senior levels of government support us?

The City requests that the Province continue to invest in the design and construction of four-laning Highway 69. Approximately 68 kilometres remain to be widened.

Timely completion of the project has the potential to enhance local and northern economies and tourism.

Alignment with the Ontario Government's Priorities

"Advance design work for the widening of Highway 69 from two to four lanes to improve connection to Ontario's North, improve traffic flow and safety and support economic growth."

– Connecting the North: A Draft Transportation Plan for Northern Ontario



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