



**MINISTER
OF INFRASTRUCTURE**

Room 203
Legislative Building
Winnipeg, Manitoba CANADA
R3C 0V8

May 20, 2021

Mr. Grant Koropatnick CEO & Registrar
Engineers Geoscientists Manitoba
gkoropatnick@enggeomb.ca

Dear Grant Koropatnick:

Over the next 10 years, Manitoba will be recognized as a national transportation hub, linking east to west, north to south and enabling strong economic activity within and across our borders to:

- enhance transportation mobility and connectivity
- ensure safety and reliability across the highway network
- enable industry expansion that leverages Manitoba's diverse economy
- build climate resiliency

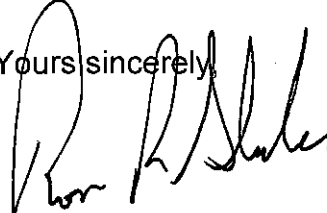
Manitoba has identified the improvement of trade and commerce routes across the province as a key priority. We are seeking feedback from stakeholders on an expanded grid of trade and commerce routes that support RTAC loading.

International, interprovincial, and regional goods movement is an integral part of Manitoba's economy and the province's highway network plays a vital role in enabling market access. Allowing heavier loads on our highways supports Manitoba businesses by requiring fewer trips/shipments to transport goods from one location to another. This work requires significant investment to build the roads and supporting bridges, and culverts that form these routes. It is not economical for all provincial highways to support the heaviest allowable loads and priorities must be identified.

We invite you to provide your feedback through an online engagement entitled *Routes: Trade & Commerce* at EngageMB.ca. Your input will help us prioritize

routes that build on the existing network of highways and ensure that Manitobans have reliable connections that support the movement of goods. The public engagement presentation and questionnaire will be available from May 21-June 11, 2021.

We encourage you to share this engagement opportunity with your membership base and business network to achieve a diverse range of feedback. Please direct your comments through the *Routes: Trade & Commerce* at [EngageMB.ca](https://www.engageMB.ca)

Yours sincerely,


Ron R. Schuler
Minister of Infrastructure