

Province issues request for proposals to study redesign of South perimeter highway

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The Manitoba government has issued a request for proposals for an engineering consultant to conduct a functional design study to rebuild the south Perimeter Highway, Infrastructure Minister Blaine Pedersen announced today.

“Our government is committed to ensuring value for money as we rebuild our aging provincial infrastructure,” said Pedersen. “Our goal is to increase trade and improve transportation efficiency on this very important, heavily-travelled route. We look forward to hearing from industry experts to see what improvements can be made to handle projected traffic increases over the next several decades.”

The south Perimeter Highway, also known as Provincial Trunk Highway (PTH) 100 from PTH 1W to PTH 1E, will be redesigned to create a modern freeway similar to American interstate standards where interchanges with overpass structures, ramps or loops and service roads provide highway access. The functional design will also include plans for a future westerly bypass of St. Norbert, starting at PTH 75 south of the community and running north to PTH 100 at Kenaston Boulevard.

The minister noted the functional design study will need to address:

- Future interchange locations,
- future railroad grade separations,
- bridge replacements and/or modifications,
- access requirements,
- rights-of-way requirements,
- environmental sensitivities in the area,
- traffic projections, interchange and intersection analyses,
- improvements to interchanges and all major road intersections,
- location of utilities and illumination,
- long-term drainage plans,
- City of Winnipeg transit requirements and active transportation accommodations,
- trucking and transport requirements,
- construction staging, and
- stakeholder consultations and public engagement.

The functional design study will guide more detailed design work and reconstruction on PTH 100 in the future, preserve the necessary land for the proposed St. Norbert bypass and support local area development and land use planning.

The study is estimated to take approximately two years to complete.