

# PTH 1 TWINNING CONCEPTUAL DESIGN STUDY

## PROJECT BACKGROUND

A Conceptual Design Study to convert Provincial Trunk Highway 1 (PTH 1) from two-lane undivided to four-lane divided from 5km west of Provincial Road 301 (PR 301) to the Ontario boundary was initiated in Spring 2023.

The study is being undertaken for a number of important reasons:

- Improve highway safety and reliability;
- Complete the four-laning of PTH 1 across Manitoba;
- Increase highway capacity for the busy summer travel season;
- Separate users of the Whiteshell Park from traffic on PTH 1;
- Improve the Whiteshell Park experience for visitors; and
- Improve a key trade route.

The Ministry of Transportation of Ontario (MTO) has started construction of the four-laning from the Manitoba/Ontario boundary to the Kenora Bypass. Further information can be found on MTO's website.

Manitoba Transportation and Infrastructure (MTI) has also started construction on a short extension (700m) of the divided four-lane section of PTH 1 from the weigh-scale east of West Hawk Lake to the Manitoba/Ontario boundary.



Figure 1: PTH 1 four-laning on the Ontario side.



Figure 2: Study Area - PTH 1 from 5.0km west of PR 301 to Ontario Boundary

## COMMUNITY MEETINGS

One of the important tasks of the Project Team is to ensure that all Indigenous Rights Holders and stakeholders have an opportunity to be actively involved by viewing information and providing valuable input.

Meetings have been held with a number of Indigenous Rights Holders between June and August 2023, to provide an overview of the project and to learn how communities use and value the lands within the study area.

Stakeholder meetings were also held in July 2023 to introduce the project, offer an opportunity for participants to provide early insight before the development of alternative alignments, and to share important details regarding the next steps for the project.

Some comments were offered by participants regarding a variety of themes such as safety, cultural or heritage sites, access, soil conditions, environment, wildlife, traffic

impacts and benefits, trail networks, drainage, flooding risks, leasing concerns, and construction timeframes. This participant input will supplement technical considerations in the evaluation of alternatives.

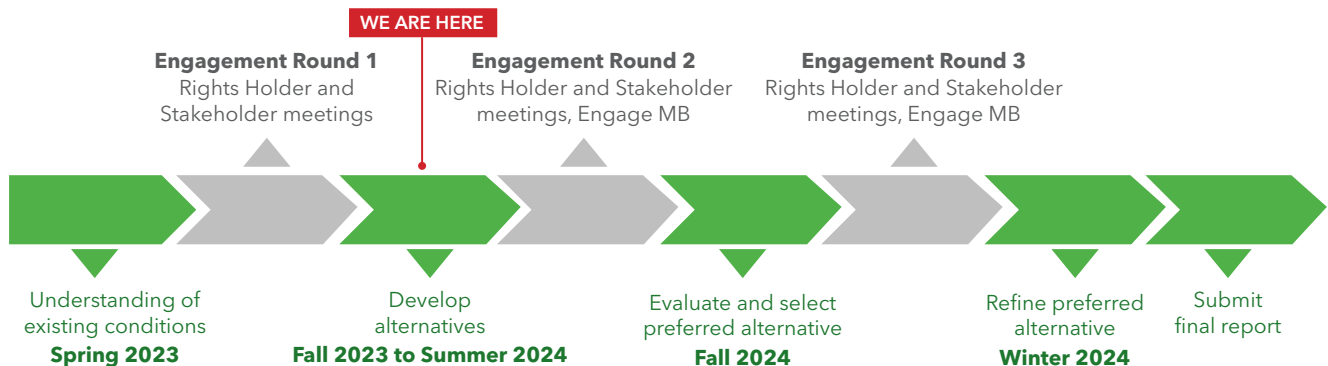
Throughout the course of this project, the Project Team will continue to host meetings, offer information materials, and seek further input.

Please watch your local newspaper, [MTI's website](#), and [EngageMB](#) for current and future project and meeting announcements.



Figure 3: View of PTH 1 and PR 301 (looking east)

## TIMELINE & NEXT STEPS



### More Information

Additional information, including Round 1 Engagement presentation can be found on the project website at: [https://www.gov.mb.ca/mti/projects\\_management/](https://www.gov.mb.ca/mti/projects_management/)

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