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Stefanie Dunn
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Dear Stefanie Dunn:

Thank you for your letter dated June 25, 2025, to Honourable Lisa Naylor, Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure, regarding the Tupper Street Bridge in Portage la Prairie. As the Director of Bridges and Highway Structures, I have been asked to respond on the Minister's behalf.

Manitoba Transportation and Infrastructure (MTI) values your feedback and appreciates the opportunity to respond to your concerns.

MTI is currently developing the preliminary design for the overpass rehabilitation on Provincial Road (PR) 240 over the Canadian National (CN) and Canadian Pacific Kansas City (CPKC) rail lines, otherwise known as the Tupper Street Bridge.

In the preliminary design phase, alternatives are developed to rehabilitate the bridge and extend its service life. These alternatives are evaluated and a preferred alternative identified. The preliminary design phase considers the need for different transportation modes on the overpass, including non-vehicular uses.

To better understand the current and future use of the bridge, an Indigenous consultation and a public and stakeholder engagement program is included in the preliminary design phase. The first round of engagement was held with stakeholders in November 2024 where the project was introduced and general feedback was received, including feedback about non-vehicular use of the structure.

Since that time, MTI's designers have developed options to optimize the available bridge deck width for different modes of transportation. The next round of engagement

will be held near the end of summer 2025 where these options will be shared for comment with stakeholders and the public.

I have shared your letter with the design and engagement team and the Chamber of Commerce will be included in the stakeholder meetings for all future rounds of engagement.

The department will establish the timelines for the detailed design and construction phases of the project at the end of the preliminary design, which is expected to be completed by fall 2025.

For more information on current and future infrastructure projects, including the structure rehabilitation project on PR 240, please visit the Manitoba Infrastructure Projects Map online at <https://www.gov.mb.ca/mti/mipmap/index.html>.

To view the department's Multi-year Infrastructure Investment Strategy, please visit the department's website at <https://www.gov.mb.ca/mti/myhis/index.html>.

If you have any further questions or concerns about the Tupper Street Bridge, please contact me directly at Vaibhav.Banthia@gov.mb.ca or 431-323-0801.

Thank you again for your inquiry.

Sincerely,



Vaibhav Banthia
Director

c: Honourable Lisa Naylor, Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure