

Enclosure 2 – Transport Canada Final Views – Project 6 – All-season Road Linking Manto Sipi Cree Nation, Bunibonibee Cree Nation, and God’s Lake First Nation

Department Final Views – Transport Canada

Objective: To document your final views on each area of your department’s mandate related to potential environmental effects under the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act, 2012*. Please ensure that advice and recommendations are concise, focused, explained, and are linked to your departmental mandate.

Please provide the Impact Assessment Agency of Canada with your final views by September 18, 2025.

Topic Area	Reference comments and/or IRs (optional)	Adequacy of proponent’s responses/outstanding issues (optional)	Potential significant residual effects	Key mitigation measures or follow-up
<p>Select the section 5 effect to which your comment applies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5(1)(a)(i) Fish and Fish Habitat • 5(1)(a)(ii) Aquatic Species • 5(1)(a)(iii) Migratory Birds • 5(1)(b) Federal Lands /Transboundary Effects • 5(1)(c)(i) Aboriginal Peoples’ Health/Socio-economic Conditions • 5(1)(c)(ii) Aboriginal Peoples’ Physical and Cultural Heritage • 5(1)(c)(iii) Current Use of Lands and Resources for Traditional Purposes 	<p>Identify what additional information was requested, reference departmental submission(s) and comment(s), and/or IAAC IR.</p> <p>This column is optional if your department has not provided comments related to the referenced topic area.</p>	<p>Describe whether your department is satisfied with the proponent’s responses to those requests and concerns. Identify any outstanding issues that you believe are unaddressed.</p> <p>This column is optional if your department has not provided comments related</p>	<p>Identify whether or not you think there may be potential significant residual effects after key mitigation measures are implemented. Provide appropriate rationale.</p>	<p>Identify any mitigation measures or follow-up your department believes are necessary.</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5(1)(c)(iv) Any Structure, Site, or Thing of Historical, Archaeological, Paleontological, or Architectural Significance • 5(2) Linked to Regulatory Permits/Authorizations (specify which legislation) <p>If the interaction between the issue of concern and a section 5 effect is unclear, indicate the interaction pathway.</p>		to the referenced topic area.		
<p>TOPIC: Impacts to Navigation – Water crossings</p> <p>5(1)(c)(i) Aboriginal Peoples' Health/Socio-economic Conditions 5(1)(c)(ii) Aboriginal Peoples' Physical and Cultural Heritage 5(1)(c)(iii) Current Use of Lands and Resources for Traditional Purposes</p> <p>5(2) Linked to Regulatory Permits/Authorizations <i>Canadian Navigable Waters Act (CNWA)</i></p>	<p>Reference #: TC-01 and TC-02 (May 2019 advice from Transport Canada)</p> <p>Reference to EIS:</p> <p>Chapter 3, Projection Description, Section 3.3.2 Watercourse Crossings (Pages 3-6 to 3-13) Section 3.4.1.4 Bridge Construction (Page 3-23) Section 3.4.1.5 Culvert Installation (Page 3-23) Appendix 3-2</p>	<p>In May 2019, Transport Canada provided advice to the proponent regarding their potential requirements under the former <i>Navigable Protection Act</i>, now the <i>Canadian Navigable Waters Act (CNWA)</i> regarding potential water crossings such as bridges, culverts and temporary water crossings in and around navigable waterways, including God's River and Magill Creek.</p>	<p>Transport Canada is of the opinion there will not be potential significant residual effects to navigation from the proposed water crossings associated with this project, after key mitigation measures are implemented. These mitigation measures include the Department's regulatory process and the Proponent's adherence to the CNWA and conditions outlined in the CNWA approval(s), if</p>	<p>If any of the works are constructed as minor works, no mitigations, other than adherence to the requirements of the CNWA Minor Works Order, will be required. By their nature, the Minister of Transport is of the opinion that minor works are likely to slightly interfere with navigation.</p> <p>Should a CNWA approval(s) be required for any works in and around navigable waterways,</p>

	<p>Reference to IR Responses:</p> <p>IAAC IR1-01 and IAAC IR1-79</p>	<p>In August 2025, the proponent provided final responses to all information requests, including IAAC IR1-01 and IR1-79, both of which included requests for information related to navigation.</p> <p>Transport Canada is satisfied with the responses to IR1-01 and IR1-79, as related to the Department's mandate under the CNWA. Transport Canada has no additional issues to raise with respect to potential approvals under the CNWA.</p>	<p>approval(s) are required.</p> <p>Rationale: The CNWA authorizes and regulates interferences with the public right to navigation. The primary purpose of the CNWA is to regulate works and obstructions that may interfere with navigation in Canada's navigable waters.</p> <p>In the event an approval under the CNWA is required, Transport Canada will review the project when the application is submitted to Transport Canada's Navigation Protection Program to ensure adequate Indigenous consultation has been conducted.</p> <p>Given the CNWA's purpose, the</p>	<p>mitigation measures will be developed during the regulatory phase and included as terms and conditions in the CNWA approval(s).</p>
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