

Comment Form – Draft Permitting Plan and Draft Tailored Impact Statement Guidelines – Federal Review Team

Northern Road Link Project

Response required by: July 21, 2023

All comments should be submitted via the Submit a Comment feature available on the Project’s Canadian Impact Assessment Registry page (<https://iaac-aeic.gc.ca/050/evaluations/proj/84331>). Documents can be uploaded using this feature. If you have any difficulties submitting this way, please contact the Registry directly at registry-registre@iaac-aeic.gc.ca. All comments submitted using this form will be posted on the Registry website for the Project.

Please note that this is your opportunity to customize the Tailored Impact Statement Guidelines. The Agency is required to issue the final Guidelines and plans no later than day 180 of the planning phase (August 20, 2023).

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Section 1 – Draft Permitting Plan:

1. Confirm that all applicable legislative and regulatory oversight that may apply to the Project, under the authority of your department or agency, is accurately listed in the draft Permitting Plan.

Insert response here:

In addition to the references to the CNWA in the Permitting Plan, Transport Canada also has a regulatory role related to the Transportation of Dangerous Goods Act and the Canadian Aviation Regulations.

There is a typo in the header of section 4.2.1.2, it should read: “Major Works in any navigable water”

2. Indicate whether your department or agency has identified any power that it will be unable to exercise to allow the Project to proceed, in whole or in part. For more information, please refer to subsection 17(1) of the IAA.

Insert response here:

Transport Canada has not identified any power that it will be unable to exercise to allow the Project to proceed, in whole or in part at this time.

Section 2 – Draft Tailored Impact Statement Guidelines:

1. Please review the draft Tailored Impact Statement Guidelines (the Guidelines) sections that are applicable to your department’s or agency’s mandate.
2. Using the table below, given the context of the Project, please provide any comments and include your recommendation for how the final Tailored Impact Statement Guidelines should be adapted to address any comments.
 - Please indicate any corrections, additions or deletions that should be made to the text. Please provide a clear context and rationale for your recommendations.
 - With a view to maximizing efficiency of assessment processes, the Guidelines should focus on key issues, effects and factors anticipated to be material and relevant to a public interest decision, and requirements should be clear and specific.

Department – Comment ID (e.g., ECCC-01)	Draft Guidelines Section	Context and Rationale (provide an explanation of your comments)	Recommendation: provide text to be inserted or deleted. Be specific on the location within the draft Guidelines that the text would be added/deleted.
Transport Canada - 01	7.2 Sources of baseline information	<p>Navigation by Indigenous Peoples and members of the public does not explicitly appear in this section, but will need to be addressed in the impact statement.</p> <p>There are many sources of information that could be used to gain navigation information and types of boats etc. on a given waterway, such as (not exhaustive list): input by local Indigenous communities; cottager affiliations; chartered waterway maps; boating affiliations; local marinas; chartered boating and/or fishing companies; duck hunting clubs; etc.</p>	Recommend that navigation be included in Section 7.2.
Transport Canada - 02	9.2.2- Navigation	This section is still a bit vague as to the details TC requires as per the <i>Canadian Navigable Waters Act</i> (CNWA), and which should ultimately be covered in the EIS.	<p>Information regarding any Minor Works, Works or Major Works in, on, over, under, through or across navigable waterways should be included in the guidelines. These may include bridges, culverts, aerial cables, causeways, water intakes, outfalls, etc.</p> <p>We note that the draft Permitting Plan explains these information requirements well (that we mention above). So much of the text is available and could be copied to the TISG.</p>

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Transport Canada - 03	9.2.2- Navigation	This section is still a bit vague as to the details TC requires as per the <i>Canadian Navigable Waters Act</i> (CNWA), and which should ultimately be covered in the EIS.	<p>Information regarding any dewatering of a navigable waterbody, or throwing/depositing into a navigable waterbody.</p> <p>We note that the draft Permitting Plan explains these information requirements well (that we mention above). So much of the text is available and could be copied to the TISG.</p>