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Ministry of Transportation
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Dear Hon. Minister Prabmeet Singh Sarkaria,

We, the MPPs for Sudbury and Nickel Belt, are reaching out to urgently request an update on the crucial 4-lane expansion project of Highway 69, particularly concerning the remaining 68 km of 2-lanes.

Highway 69 is not merely a roadway; it is a vital artery for our region, enabling access to essential services. Every day, it serves children traveling to school, seniors attending medical appointments, and workers from small businesses collecting supplies.

Premier Ford committed to completing the 4-laning of Highway 69 during the 2018 election and reiterated this promise during both the 2022 and February 2025 elections. Regrettably, after eight years of repeated assurances, not a single kilometer of the remaining 68 km has been expanded to four lanes. This is unacceptable.

As the Premier has recognized, until Highway 69 is fully 4-laned, every Ontarian using this highway will face ongoing risks to their safety and livelihoods. In his own words from July 2025:

“Have you ever (gone) from Sudbury down to the city? That two-lane is like white-knuckle driving down there. If the transport is off by two inches, and you’re done.”

We appreciate the Premier’s acknowledgment of the importance of completing this vital project. We now request specific updates that we can share with the people of Northern Ontario. Specifically, we would like answers to the following questions:

1. What are the estimated timelines for the start and completion of the four-laning of Highway 69?
2. What is the status of the province's consultations with the three affected First Nations—Magnetawan, Henvey Inlet, and Shawanaga?
3. How many meetings have you had regarding this project in the last 12, 24 and 36 months?
4. Would it be possible to schedule regular quarterly updates on this project that we could share with our constituents?

Thank you for your immediate attention to this critical issue. We look forward to your timely and comprehensive response.

Sincerely,



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