



On March 31st, 2026, MPP West submitted the following six written questions on the Legislative Assembly of Ontario's Orders and Notices paper for the Minister of Transportation to respond to. Responses to the five questions we've received from the Minister of Transportation on June 2, 2026.

Would the Minister of Transportation provide:

- 1. The estimated timelines for the start and completion of the 4-laning of the remaining 68 km of Highway 69.**

Response: The Minister of Transportation is widening Highway 69 from two to four lanes between Parry Sound and Sudbury. In total, 84 kilometers of the 152 kilometers of Highway 69 have been expanded to four lanes and are open to traffic. the remaining 68 kilometers are in the engineering, environmental approvals and property acquisition phases. We continue to work with local First Nations and others to get this work done as quickly as possible.

- 2. The most-recent status of the province's consultations with the three affected First Nations – Magnetawan, Henvey Inlet, and Shawanaga – regarding the 4-laning of the remaining 68 km of Highway 69.**

Response: The Ministry of Transportation (MTO) is widening Highway 69 from two to four lanes between Parry Sound and Sudbury. MTO is committed to meeting our Duty to Consult obligations with potentially impacted First Nations and Métis peoples and communities, as some of the property required to complete the project is First Nations reserve land. MTO, in collaboration with the Ministry of Natural Resources, is responsible for negotiating with First Nations that have Land Codes to identify mutually agreeable replacement lands in exchange for the lands required through reserves. These negotiations are ongoing and are on a willing seller/willing buyer basis.

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3. The number of meetings that have been held annually with the three affected First Nations – Magnetawan, Henvey Inlet, and Shawanaga – regarding the 4-laning of the remaining 68 km of Highway 69 for each calendar year since 2018.

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4. The dates of the meetings that have been held annually with the three affected First Nations – Magnetwan, Henvey Inlet, and Shawanaga – regarding the 4-laning of the remaining 68 km of Highway 69 for each calendar year since 2018.

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5. An update on 4-laning of the remaining 68 km of Highway 69 project that could be shared with our constituents.

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6. The relevant data regarding the annual number of collisions, road closures, traffic related injuries and traffic-related fatal injuries along the remaining 68 km of Highway 69 for each calendar year since 2018.

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