

Manitoba Update

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National Task Force on Vehicle Weights
and Dimensions Meeting
Montreal, QC
December 6, 2023



Provincial Election

- Manitoba had a Provincial Election on October 3, 2023
 - The NDP won a majority government

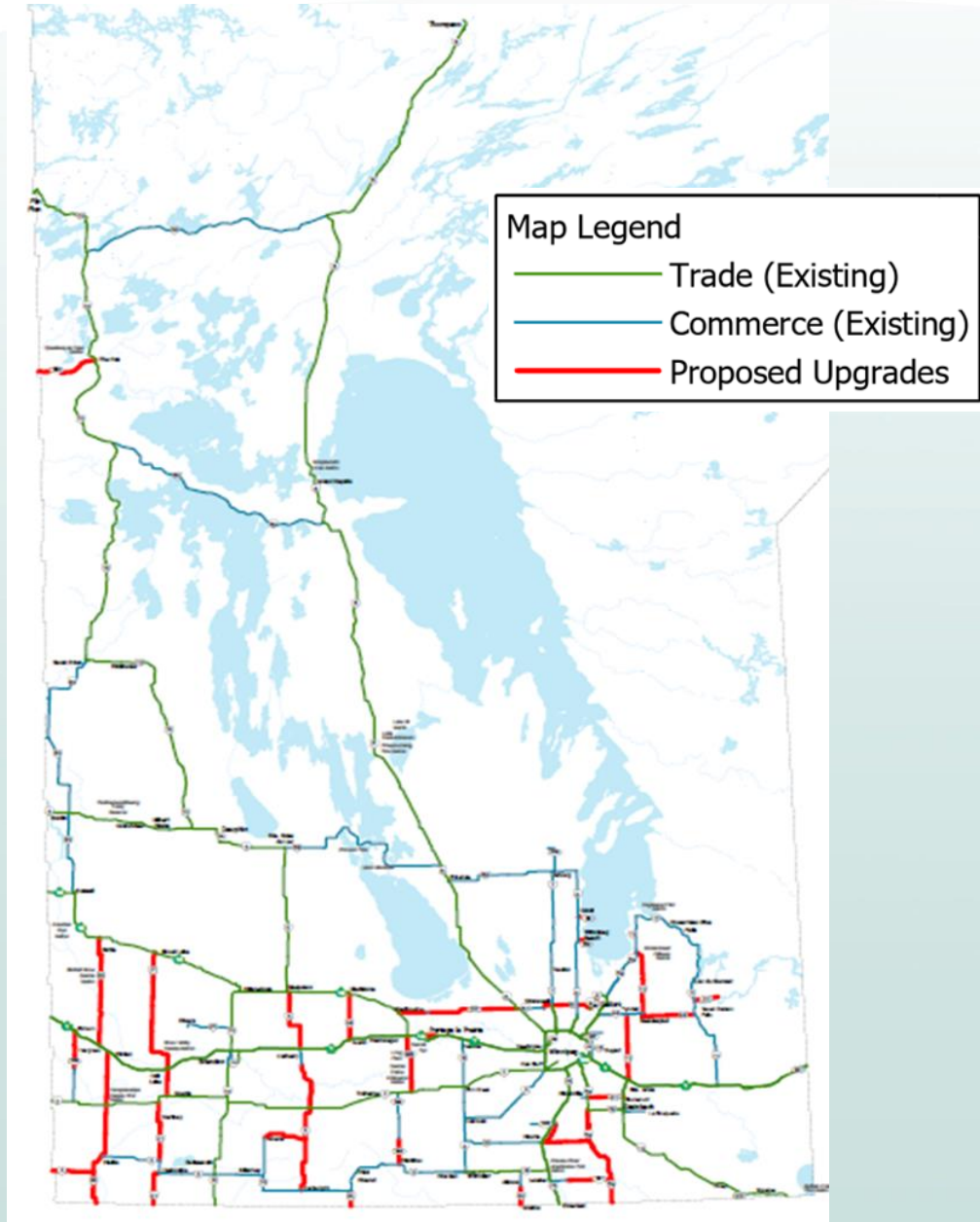
Strategic Highway Initiative

- Manitoba Transportation and Infrastructure is continuing work on a multiyear strategy to improve trade and commerce transport across the province.
- To achieve this, we have identified a grid of **Trade** and **Commerce** routes that are being considered to support **RTAC loading**.
 - **Trade** routes support interprovincial or international goods movement.
 - **Commerce** routes support goods movement within the province.
 - **RTAC loading** is based on a national standard for highway truck weights; RTAC is Manitoba's heaviest regulated loading classification.

Strategic Highway Initiative (Cont'd)

- The multi-year strategy for the Trade & Commerce grid is illustrated in the following map.
- Trade routes (**green**) and Commerce routes (**teal**) form the grid.
- When completed, the grid of Trade & Commerce routes will represent 36.5% of Manitoba's all-weather provincial road network.
- When the grid was originally identified in 2021, ~84% supported RTAC loading. Since our last meeting, we have completed a further 2% of trade and commerce routes for a total of 86% of the grid supporting RTAC loading.
- The routes shown in **red** represent ~14% of the grid in which loading upgrades are proposed.

Trade & Commerce Grid Update



National Economic Trade Corridor Strategy

- The National Economic Trade Corridor Strategy aims to improve the fundamental safety and fluidity basis of Manitoba's most critical trade and travel corridors.
- The initial focus is on the twinning of PTH 1 (the Trans-Canada Highway) from Falcon Lake to the Ontario border, with additional corridors to be evaluated for future improvements under this strategy.

Regulatory Amendments

- Manitoba has completed regulatory amendments on the following;
 - Weight concession for Auxiliary Power Unit.
 - Length exemptions for auxiliary items.
 - RV – 5th Wheel Trailers
 - An amendment to allow longer lengths for 5th wheel RV's is now complete.

Regulatory Amendments (Cont'd)

- **Pilot Vehicle Standards**

- Require all pilot vehicles to meet Manitoba standards, regardless of their original jurisdiction
- Create uniform standards for all pilot vehicles
- Require signage (such as “Oversized Load”) on pilot vehicles to be secure

Regulatory Amendments (Cont'd)

- **Other Changes**

- Clarify the meaning of sunrise and sunset by defining these terms in accordance with the National Research Council of Canada's determination
 - Operators can check the National Research Council's [Sunrise/Sunset Calculator](#) for the exact hours in a specific location.
- Permit over-dimensional loads to be marked with red or orange flags

Regulatory Amendments (Cont'd)

- Allow over-dimensional vehicles/loads being operated under permit to be equipped with an amber flashing light
- Housekeeping and corrections

Thank You

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