

LGA STUDY BRIEF B

ACCESS ROADS AND ROUTE DU NORD WORK

La Grande Alliance has proposed upgrading and paving the community access roads for Waskaganish, Eastmain, Wemindji and Nemaska to provide a modern and reliable link to the Billy-Diamond Highway, the backbone of the regional transportation network.

The proposal also includes upgrading and paving the Route du Nord, the privileged east-west link on the territory, which has experienced depreciation in the past decades.

The proposed work could upgrade road quality and safety, as well as driving experience, while reducing environmental impact, through the following specifications:

Corrections of horizontal and vertical curves

Trimming of roadside vegetation

Ditch cleaning

Resurfacing & Pavement

Development of multifunctional trails near communities

Replacement of culverts

Improving pavement markings and signage

Addition and replacement of crash barriers

Landscaping

Environmental protection measures

Lane widening

Addition of parking space along the road

The Study Briefs are publications that highlight key findings from the transport infrastructure feasibility studies.

The studied components presented are to be considered as proposals, and will remain as such until impacted communities agree to move to another round of studies.

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INTEGRATION OF CREE KNOWLEDGE

Discussions with community residents and land users helped the study teams identify some specific issues raised by drivers. Here are some potential solutions:

ISSUES RAISED	SUGGESTED SOLUTIONS
Roadway too narrow when passing vehicles	Revision of the cross-section of the road
Difficulty parking on the side of the road	Development of access, parking areas and turning areas along the road corridor
Road too narrow near communities and used by pedestrians and hunters	Development of multipurpose trails near communities
Lack of signage (numbers of traplines, camps, moose)	Complete overhaul of signage
Various overflowing culverts and presence of beavers	Replacement of culverts and installation of beaver barriers
Dangerous curves and slopes	Curves/ slopes to be improved, addition of danger signage

MISTISSINI SECONDARY ACCESS ROAD

A secondary access road for Mistissini has also been proposed and studied, to provide for the safe evacuation of the community as well as to allow easy access to markets further north on the territory. That study included, among other things:

Inventory of crossings

Report on wildlife

Archaeology

Determination of rights-of-way

To learn more about the proposed Access Roads work, reports are available on demand

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