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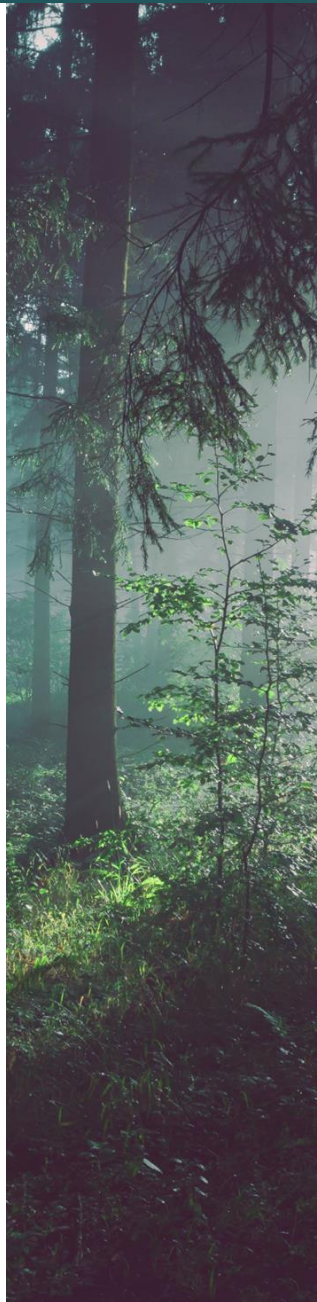
ROAD 167 UPGRADE & EXTENSION TO TRANSTAIGA

The proposed extension of Road 167 to connect to the Trans-Taiga Highway could provide a second north-south transportation corridor to serve the eastern part of the territory. This would significantly reduce travel time between the Mistissini/Chibougamau area to Chisasibi, thereby connecting the two most populous areas of the territory, facilitate interregional connectivity and provide access to currently isolated areas

DEVELOPMENT CRITERIA

The pre-feasibility study has demonstrated that it is possible to develop the proposed road infrastructure by following the best technical practice, social-environmental design drivers and in addition, respect the following drivers:

- Respect, as much as possible, the **natural site topography** (mountains and plains);
- Consider the overall **geology** of the study area, including the locations of aggregate material deposits;
- Avoid, as much as possible, **lakes and rivers**; minimize the length of crossings and bridges where these are unavoidable.
- Avoid, as much as possible, existing and projected **Protected Areas** (Aawiitakuch, Pipunishiwin-Saahkamiishtikw & Hironnelle); minimize encroachment and provide mitigation measures where unavoidable;
- Minimize crossing and impacts on **caribou migration corridors**;
- Avoid, as much as possible, **areas of cultural significance** either currently used or archeological sites; minimize encroachment and/or provide mitigation measures where these are unavoidable;
- Propose, wherever applicable, alignment variants that could **minimize environmental footprint, construction cost and impacts on existing camps and facilities**.



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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PROPOSED WORK

The proposed work of Road 167 would involve over 500 km of road and nearly 25 bridges and crossing 15 traplines. The proposed work is divided in 4 sections that go as follows:



Section 3 – Upgrade Mining Road

- ± 1.5m road widening
- Horizontal and vertical curves correction
- Installation of guardrails

Section 4 – Extension

- New gravel road (MTQ standards)
- Special attention to caribou
- Route follows ridges, avoids water bodies and crosses rivers at their narrowest point
- Avoid highly sensitive areas and protected areas

Section 2 – No work In good condition

Section 1 – Upgrade Clearing, reinforcement, maintenance and paving

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To learn more about the proposed Road 167 work, reports are available on demand.