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Dear Mr. Doyon,

**Re: Highway 69 Four-Laning – G.W. P. 5205-06-00 from 2.9 Km North of Highway 522 to 4.6 Km North of Highway 607**

The Ontario Trucking Association (OTA) supports this project and the work undertaken to accomplish it. The expansion, modernization and proper maintenance of highways in Northern Ontario is of the utmost importance to the trucking industry, as they are the vital link that allows the trucking industry to service communities.

Highway 69 also serves as a portion of the Trans-Canada Highway and acts as an important connecting route between Central/Southern Ontario and Western Canada, which makes it of national importance as well. As the four-laning from Parry Sound to Sudbury is expanded, it will also facilitate the expansion of Ontario's Long Combination Vehicle (LCV) program.

As this important work progresses, OTA ask that:

- Open lines of communication are maintained at all times between the construction contractor, the trucking industry, the Ministry of Transportation, and the Ontario Provincial Police;
- Warning devices and sufficient signage be considered well in advance of construction zones, alerting traffic to the ongoing work;
- Sufficient lane widths (including shoulders) are maintained in construction zones to safely facilitate all traffic, including over-size loads;
- Where applicable, lay-by locations designed to sufficiently handle commercial vehicles be considered in each direction, as they have been in the reconstruction of portions of Hwy 69/400 south of Parry Sound. These locations allow all vehicles the opportunity to safely pull off the travelled portion of the highway in non-emergency situations (for rest breaks or vehicle inspection purposes);
- That sufficient shoulder widths be provided in the final construction of the highway to allow vehicles in emergency situations to remain clear of the travelled portion of the highway;
- That the two interchanges planned for this project are designed to allow safe passage of commercial vehicles – whether it be to service communities or to turn around in the event of road closures.

Should anyone involved in the project wish to discuss either of these subjects further, please do not hesitate to contact me directly.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Geoff Wood".

Geoff Wood  
Vice President, Operations and Safety