

PETITION FOR THE REHABILITATION OF HIGHWAY 769

TO Rajan Sawhney, Minister of Transportation
Glenn van Dijken, MLA Athabasca-Barrhead-Westlock
Michael Botros, Alberta Transportation North Central Region Director

WHEREAS

Highway 769, from Highway 18 through Vega to Highway 661, has fallen into a poor state of repair with the following conditions that require rehabilitation:

- Dangerous pavement patch over the Shoal Creek culvert (BF 9325) that has been temporarily signed to 70 km/h.
- Dangerous pavement conditions over Shoal Lake Tributary culvert (BF 75554) that is seasonally signed to 70 km/h each year.
- Extensive centerline cracking along the entire 29 km length of Highway 796.
- Extensive wheel track rutting along most of the highway.
- Major alligator cracking and pavement failure at the intersection of Highways 769 and 18.
- Block cracking, longitudinal cracking, and potholes throughout the entire length of the highway.
- Dangerous drop-off ledges on the insides of the corners located at the hamlet of Neerlandia.

Highway 769 is not currently in Alberta Transportation's 3 Year Construction Plan.

Highway 776 (Rossington to Linaria) was overlayed in 2021, which was in similar or better condition than Highway 769, and has an average Annual Average Daily Traffic (AADT) count of 260. In comparison, Highway 769 has an average AADT of 870.

Highway 769 is narrow and does not meet Alberta Transportation's standards considering the traffic load. The current pavement width also does not safely accommodate the large agricultural traffic that relies on this highway.

Highway 769 requires a pavement overlay and widening for the following reasons:

- To ensure the safety of the travelling public.
- To ensure that the local area has continued and efficient access to its required economic markets.
- To protect the Province's asset as continued neglect will result in unreparable damage to the road base.

WE the undersigned petition the Minister of Transportation as follows:

The Minister of Transportation of the Government of Alberta, and designates, develop a rehabilitation plan for Highway 769 to ensure the safety of the travelling public and continued efficient movement of goods and services along this corridor. Further, that this rehabilitation plan is done in a timely manner (6 months or less) and is clearly communicated to the affected residents and businesses in the local area.