



1. Statement of Policy

The Government of the Northwest Territories will establish a department called the Department of Transportation, under the direction of a Minister.

Mandate

The mandate of the Minister and the Department of Transportation is to plan, design, construct or reconstruct, acquire, operate and maintain public transportation infrastructure in the Northwest Territories, including community airports, docks and the highway system, pursuant to devolved authorities and/or Memoranda of Understanding between the Government of the Northwest Territories and the federal government, and to regulate and license individuals and vehicles operating in the Northwest Territories.

2. Principles

In directing the Department of Transportation to carry out its mandate, the Minister will adhere to the following principles:

- (1) Transportation infrastructure and equipment shall be designed, constructed, operated and maintained according to standards of quality, efficiency and safety as deemed appropriate by the Government of the Northwest Territories.
- (2) Value for money should be obtained for services and goods purchased.
- (3) The expenditure of government resources should generate meaningful and long term business and employment opportunities for Northerners.
- (4) The structure of the department should be designed to allow programs and services to be delivered as close as practical to people being served.
- (5) The general public and private and public sectors shall be informed of and consulted on Transportation programs and services.



3. Scope

This Policy applies to all employees of the Government of the Northwest Territories.

4. Definitions

The following terms apply to this Policy:

Project Management - the process of planning, controlling and managing a team of people to produce, within budget and on schedule, a completed project that meets the needs of the end users and, in the Northwest Territories, also maximizes local involvement in its implementation.

Maintenance Management System - a system through which the maintenance activities of a program can be predicted, the work planned, the costs identified and recorded and production measured.

5. Authority and Accountability

(1) General

This Policy is issued under the authority of the Executive Council. The authority to make exceptions and approve revisions to this Policy rests with the Executive Council. Authority and accountability is further defined as follows:

(a) Minister

The Minister of Transportation (the Minister) is accountable to the Executive Council for the implementation of this Policy.

(b) Deputy Minister

The Deputy Minister of Transportation (the Deputy Minister) is accountable to the Minister and responsible to the Minister for the administration of this Policy.



(2) Specific

(a) Executive Council

The Executive Council may approve a change to the mandate of the Department of Transportation.

(b) Minister

The Minister is:

- (i) responsible for carrying out the mandate of the Department of Transportation and shall preside over the operation of the Department; and
- (ii) authorized to carry out the duties described in this Policy in a manner the Minister deems appropriate for the efficient and economical fulfilment of the Department's mandate.

(c) Deputy Minister

The Deputy Minister is:

- (i) responsible for the management of the Department of Transportation including the planning, administration and other functions necessary to further the Department's mandate; and
- (ii) accountable to the Minister of Transportation for the proper conduct of the business of the Department.

6. Provisions

(1) Mandate Establishment

Pursuant to the Government Organization Policy, the mandate, including the authority, responsibilities and functions, of the Minister and the Department of Transportation, is established in this Policy.



(2) Duties of the Minister

The Minister shall develop and carry out programs and services in the Department as may be appropriate to fulfil the mandate of the Minister and the Department.

The Minister shall have charge of and be responsible for:

- (a) Developing and promoting a strategic transportation plan for the Northwest Territories, considering all modes of transport and devolution of remaining transportation programs from the Federal government to the Government of the Northwest Territories.
- (b) Providing project management services for the planning, design and construction of transportation infrastructure approved through the Main Estimates and planning and managing transportation development projects on behalf of the Federal government and other Government of the Northwest Territories Departments.
- (c) Operating and maintaining all-weather highways, airports and ferries and their related transportation infrastructure and equipment based upon Maintenance Management System standards to ensure safe and reliable transportation facilities.
- (d) Operating and maintaining a winter road network for the safe and convenient transportation of people and goods.
- (e) Planning and managing programs for highway and airport operation and construction.
- (f) Planning and managing a community program for marine structures.
- (g) Planning and managing programs for motor vehicle regulatory compliance, registries and driver examinations.
- (h) Identifying and acting upon areas of concern respecting the effect of transportation services on the economic and social environment in the Northwest Territories.
- (i) Coordinating the capital planning role for the Department and providing contract administrative services.



- (j) Acquiring vehicles and equipment required for the Government of the Northwest Territories to carry out its transportation programs and services.
 - (k) Increasing local and Northern employment and business development opportunities through the use of special approaches to the implementation of capital projects and maintenance programs.
 - (l) Developing privatization opportunities for the operation and maintenance of transportation infrastructure and services.
- (3) Administration

The Department of Transportation shall be administered in such a manner as to ensure that government requirements as expressed in statutes, acts, agreements, regulations, policies and directives are satisfied.

7. Prerogative of the Executive Council

Nothing in this Policy shall in any way be construed to limit the prerogative of the Executive Council to make decisions or take action respecting the Department of Transportation outside the provisions of this Policy.

Premier and Chairman of the
Executive Council