



Office of the Minister
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February 27, 2026

Dear Premier:

Thank you for the opportunity to report back on how my department will advance our new government's mandate.

Our mandate prioritizes reliable and affordable energy, improved access to frontline and primary health care, putting students at the centre of our education system, increasing housing availability and affordability, strengthening public safety, and enabling private-sector-led economic growth.

Responsibility for my department will require decisions that balance our inherited financial pressures with our commitment to provide strong public services to Yukoners. It will require joint action with other departments to advance their priorities. Working in partnership with Yukon First Nations, municipalities and other partners will also be central to achieving my mandate and delivering on our collective promise to Yukoners.

To balance this work, I will take a principled approach to decision-making and priority setting that considers:

- protecting frontline services that help Yukoners and keep our communities safe and healthy;
- respect for taxpayers and making sure there is value for money in government spending;
- partnership, collaboration, and respect; and
- responsible, disciplined decision-making that achieves continuous improvement for Yukoners.

These principles will ensure that fiscal responsibility is paired with a clear commitment to supporting the long-term wellbeing of Yukoners.

As the Minister of Highways and Public Works, I have directed my department to prioritize:

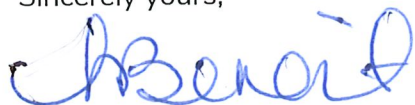
- advancing critical transportation infrastructure projects;
- ensuring school infrastructure meets the needs of Yukoners;
- focusing government to support local business;
- ensuring transportation infrastructure is adequately maintained; and
- modernizing digital services and supporting Yukon's technology sector.

Together, these priorities will help to advance our government's overarching mandate to restore public safety, keep communities safe, put students at the centre of our education system, and to create the conditions for the private sector and rural Yukon to flourish.

I look forward to working collaboratively with my Cabinet colleagues to reduce red tape, remove unnecessary regulations, and to break down organizational silos through the Department of Economic Development's Red Tape Reduction Framework.

By working together, we can ensure our resources and taxpayer dollars are going where they are needed most: to support Yukoners.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "L. Benoit". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "L" and a stylized "Benoit".

Linda Benoit
Minister of Highways and Public Works

Mandate Implementation Plan

Department: Department of Highways and Public Works

Approved by: Minister Linda Benoit

Date: February 27, 2026

Overview

- The following mandate implementation plan outlines how the Department of Highways and Public Works will advance the new government's mandate in the coming years.
- The department is responsible for ensuring safe and efficient public highways, airstrips, buildings and information systems.

Top priorities

- **Advancing critical transportation infrastructure projects:** the department is focused on ensuring reliable, safe and efficient infrastructure that supports private sector activity, trade corridors and long-term economic development across the Yukon and in alignment with capital budgeting priorities. Key initiatives include the Yukon Resource Gateway Program, upgrades to the Alaska Highway corridor, rehabilitation of the North Alaska Highway (Shakwak corridor), improvements to the North Klondike Highway, and upgrades to various airports.
- **Ensuring school infrastructure meets the needs of Yukoners:** the department will work with the Department of Education to advance planning for new schools to meet the needs of a growing population and to replace aging infrastructure in alignment with capital budgeting priorities. Key priorities include updating the 2020 School Assessment Report, finalizing the Strategic Asset and Roof Rebuilding Systems Management Plan, updating the Yukon Functional Program and Design Guidelines, completing the Dámbü Tán Kets'ádań Kù in Burwash Landing, and advancing plans for the replacement of École Whitehorse Elementary School.
- **Focusing government to support local business:** the department will build on work done to date to improve procurement through the cancellation of the Vendor Performance Review Program and returning to Public Bid Openings. Longer-term priorities include increasing the Direct Award Threshold to support Yukon businesses, using government purchasing to support local agriculture, reviewing government procurement policies and the Yukon First Nations Procurement Policy to ensure they are meeting the needs of partners and stakeholders.
- **Ensuring transportation infrastructure is adequately maintained:** the department will work within the financial framework to establish a stable, long-term funding approach for the maintenance of Yukon's core transportation infrastructure, including highways, airports and ferries. This work will be supported by the development of maintenance service standards and infrastructure assessments to help prioritize needs.

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- **Modernizing digital services and supporting Yukon's technology sector:** the department will work with Yukon-based software and technology vendors to deliver digital solutions to reduce the amount of manual, paper-based and fragmented processes that are slowing down public servants and limiting their ability to support clients.