

## ERO 025-1140 - Supporting the Harmonization of Municipal Road Construction Standards

The following table contains comments prepared by staff regarding the proposed changes in [ERO 25-1140](#), which amends the Public Transportation and Highway Improvement Act. Additional information on the proposed changes, along with supporting materials provided by the Province can be found via [ERO 25-1140](#). The legislative changes being considered under this ERO can be found under Schedule 11 of [Bill 60](#).

ERO 025-1140 Changes	
Allow the Minister to require technical, industry, and municipal input regarding standards and construction and design matters upon request.	
Question	Comments
Are there components of the proposed policy that your Section supports?	<b>Transportation Planning:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Could result in consistent criteria being applied across municipalities which will assist with road design and multi-modal infrastructure integration with neighbouring municipalities.</li> </ul>
Are there components of the proposed policy that your Section opposes or has concerns over?	<b>HSR:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Concern that harmonized road construction standards may not give the municipality flexibility to construct roads to the specific needs of the corridor / area, particularly in areas experiencing strong growth that may see significant change in road usage. Ensuring bus travel is possible on all road standards important to maintaining transit viability.</li> <li>• Would prefer the exemptions / exemption process be documented before committing to standards.</li> </ul> <b>LRT:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This can have implications to the City. Suggest seeking feedback from City's Engineering Services</li> </ul>

	<b>Transportation Planning:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Unless periodic review of standards is undertaken, there is a risk that the criteria may not align with current best practices.</li> </ul>
Are there any aspects of the proposed policy you would like clarified? Any additional questions?	
<b>Allow the Minister to make a regulation to govern contracts pertaining to road and bridge construction (including contracts between municipalities and third-party contractors), establish reporting requirements, and establish a process for requesting an exemption from a standard.</b>	
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Are there any aspects of the proposed policy you would like clarified? Any additional questions?	<b>HSR:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Will roads be designed differently between Ontario climates? Would standardization province-wide risk wrong materials being used in the wrong places?</li> </ul>