

June 8, 2020

The Honourable Carolyn Mulroney  
Minister of Transportation  
77 Wellesley Street West  
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Dear Minister Mulroney;

The Ontario Federation of Agriculture (OFA) is Canada's largest voluntary general farm organization, representing more than 38,000 farm family businesses across Ontario. These farm businesses form the backbone of a robust food system and rural communities with the potential to drive the Ontario economy forward.

Farmers depend on Ontario's network of roads and bridges to receive vital agricultural inputs, such as seed, feed, fertilizer and fuel, as well as to deliver agricultural products to grocery stores, food processing facilities or farmer's markets. They also depend on Ontario's network of roads and bridges to move farm equipment from field to field throughout the growing season.

Key for Ontario's farmers are roads, bridges and traffic circles capable of allowing the free movement of farm equipment. Too often, the designs of these aspects of transportation infrastructure overlooks the needs of farmers. When the province undertakes maintenance, repairs or upgrades to Ontario's network of roads and bridges, we respectfully request that OFA or the local federation of agriculture be consulted as a key stakeholder on the proposed design of roads, bridges and traffic circles to make them capable of allowing the free movement of farm equipment.

Sincerely,



Keith Currie  
President

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cc: The Honourable Ernie Hardeman, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs  
OFA Board of Directors