

FOREWORD

To reflect changing socioeconomic, environmental and technological trends and the need for increased fiscal responsibility and accountability, the Department has reviewed its previously adopted highway planning standards and policies.

Based on the findings of the review, the Department has developed this **Transportation Planning Manual (TPM)**. The intent of the TPM is to provide a technical reference document that contains all current departmental highway planning policies and standards. This approach will facilitate consistent, “across-the-board” development of sustainable transportation policies and projects for the provincial highway network. The manual introduces the following new/revised transportation planning standards and policies that have been adopted by the Department:

- ▶ Rural Highways Functional Classification
- ▶ Basic Design and Cross-section Standards
- ▶ Shoulder Widths
- ▶ Paved Shoulders
- ▶ Shoulder Edge Treatments

Explanations of the methodology and reasoning behind the development of each individual policy/standard is given in the Appendices to the manual.

The policies/standards contained in the TPM will be periodically reviewed and updated. Any revisions/edits to existing policies/standards or the introduction of new policies/standards and their subsequent distribution, will be coordinated by the Department's Transportation Systems Planning & Development Branch (TSPDB), 15 th Floor-215 Garry Street, Winnipeg. The contact for any changes, additions or deletions to the TPM will be TSPDB Branch Director. Any questions regarding the contents or application of the policies/standards contained in the TPM should also be directed to the TSPDB Branch Director.