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**MEMORANDUM TO:** Superintendents of Plant  
School Business Officials

**FROM:** Nancy Whynot  
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**DATE:** **July 11, 2012**

**SUBJECT:** **Transition to Ontario Road Network**

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This memorandum concerns DMTI Spatial's Ontario road network that has been made available by the Ministry of Education to school boards and transportation consortia for a number of years. The ministry has decided to end its contract with DMTI and, as a result, the ministry is in the process of de-commissioning its use of DMTI's road network data.

The Ministry will transition to the Ontario Road Network (ORN) through its membership in the Ministry of Natural Resources Land Information Ontario's Ontario Geospatial Data Exchange. Through the Ministry's license with the Ministry of Natural Resources, school boards and their transportation consortia will have access to the ORN for student accommodation and transportation planning starting in September 2012.

The Ministry, school boards and transportation consortia are expected to benefit from, generally, better functionality with the ORN data set, as well as save some money by ending the purchase of a largely duplicate database.

We would appreciate it if you would answer the following questions about this transition:

1. Will this change have any negative impacts on your work in future capital/board planning?
2. Would you prefer to have the contract with DMTI extended beyond August 31, 2012 in order to facilitate the transition?

3. What further support from the Ministry would be beneficial in transitioning to ORN?

Transportation consortia have already been asked to provide feedback on this plan. There were no concerns with the timelines for the transition, although a few consortia expressed some dissatisfaction with the ease of downloading the ORN, an issue that we will look into further.

**Please send your response to: [bsb.gpl@ontario.ca](mailto:bsb.gpl@ontario.ca) by July 18, 2012.**

If you have any questions, please contact Steven Mitchell of the Capital Programs Branch at: [steven.mitchell@ontario.ca](mailto:steven.mitchell@ontario.ca) or 416 325 2015.

Sincerely,

*Original signed by:*

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