

East of Thunder Bay Transportation Consortium



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| School Bus Transportation on Substandard Roads | | Date Feb 2021 Revised |
| Statement | <p>The East of Thunder Bay Transportation Consortium must consider the safety of students, drivers, and vehicles when establishing school bus routes.</p> <p>In cases where a roadway is deemed by the East of Thunder Bay Transportation Consortium as unsafe for a school bus to travel, the ETBTC will contact the appropriate organizations. This may include the MTO and the municipality or Roads' Board in an attempt to rectify concerns with the roadway.</p> <p>Factors such as loose gravel, pot holes, roughness and corrugations, muddy or icy ruts, hills, washouts and wash boarding all increase the risk of incidents and accidents, difficulty stopping quickly, safety of students on board and creates issues with avoiding other traffic.</p> <p>The East of Thunder Bay Transportation Consortium must also consider that a school bus is not manufactured the same as other large vehicles who may not have difficulty servicing the area such as a snow plow or a garbage truck. The school bus is much longer and may have up to a 5 foot over hang from the rear wheel base.</p> | |
| Procedure | <p>A site visit will be conducted by a representative appointed by the ETBTC to determine road condition.</p> <p>Examples of items to be considered but are not limited to will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • traveled portion of lane width is less than 3.5 meters; • visibility does not allow 100 feet of safe stopping distance; • radius of a curve in a corner would send rear overhang of school bus into opposing traffic lane; | |

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- school bus turn around radius is less than 20 meters;
- poorly defined road edges;
- steep drop off and the absence of guard rails;
- steep hills;
- deteriorating road conditions;
- number and types of vehicles that travel the road. i.e. logging trucks, transport trucks, farm equipment;
- type of school bus i.e. full size school bus, all wheel drive school bus, wheel chair bus.

Not all roads that meet these criteria will be considered sub-standard. Each situation will be monitored on an individual basis and other factors considered.