

Marine and Terrestrial Transportation/Communications Corridor Guidelines

The following planning guidelines will be used in the assessment of a new transportation / communications corridor proposal:

1. The corridor width shall be a function of:
 - the number and type of identified facilities within the corridor;
 - physical and biophysical conditions;
 - availability of detailed engineering data for one or more transportation modes within the corridor;
 - safe distances between different facilities within the corridor; and
 - aesthetics.
2. Corridors shall:
 - minimize negative impacts on community lifestyles;
 - improve access to other resources having high potential for development, while still maintaining the shortest practicable distance between the primary resource areas and the trans-shipment location;
- be designed in accordance with existing and prospective land use capability including topography, soil, permafrost and wildlife; and
- be designed in accordance with the availability of granular supplies.
3. In keeping with existing legal and legislative requirements, including the NLCA, corridors shall not negatively impact:
 - community business, residential and projected expansion areas;
 - important fish and wildlife harvesting areas;
 - key habitat for fish and wildlife species, especially areas used by endangered species;
 - areas of high scenic, historic, cultural and archaeological value.