

RAIL: other calls for tenders to come this fall

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GASPÉ – The Ministère des Transports plans to launch six new calls for tenders by the end of the year to ensure that rail rehabilitation on section 2 between Caplan and Port-Daniel-Gascons is completed by 2024, as promised.

This is what the ministry indicated when it has just launched a call for tenders for construction work aimed at moving a portion of the railway line in Port-Daniel-Gascons due to the erosion observed in this sector.

The ministry favoured this solution in order to facilitate the execution of the work and future maintenance while not having to intervene in the marine environment. This work should begin by the end of the fall.

Among the six calls for tenders to come, the ministry must resume the call for ten-



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Other rail calls for tenders will be launched this fall, according to the Ministry of Transport.

ders to replace the culvert of the Castilloux Stream in Port-Daniel-Gascons. A first proposal had been requested on April 6, but a new call is necessary, indicates the ministry.

Tenders will be requested to widen the tunnel at Port-

Daniel-Gascons, to replace 13 culverts along Section 2, to replace structures over Cullens Brook and Day's Brook in Bonaventure, structures spanning Paspebiac River and Saint-Godefroi River in Hope Town, and rehabilitation of the

structure spanning the Saint-Simeon River.

These requests are in addition to those published since February 24, namely the reconstruction of the structure in Caplan-Saint-Simeon, the rehabilitation of the structures in

Bonaventure, Shigawake and Port-Daniel-Gascons, and the replacement of the structure spanning the Arsenault Stream in Bonaventure.

In addition, planning is continuing for the repair of Section 3 between Port-Daniel-Gascons and Gaspé.

The ministry indicates that the timetable for its commissioning can be specified once the project studies have been completed.

An optimization strategy is currently being analyzed, in particular concerning the sequence and type of work recommended.

In the meantime, preparatory design and engineering work for the replacement or rehabilitation of 21 infrastructures, including soil characterization analyzes as well as geotechnical and hydraulic studies, is underway in order to complete the business file for 2023.