

Unlocking the Ring of Fire

Accelerated construction timelines
for roads to the Ring of Fire



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In 2025, the Ontario government signed partnership agreements with three First Nations and a co-operation agreement with the federal government to eliminate duplication between provincial environmental assessments and federal impact assessments.

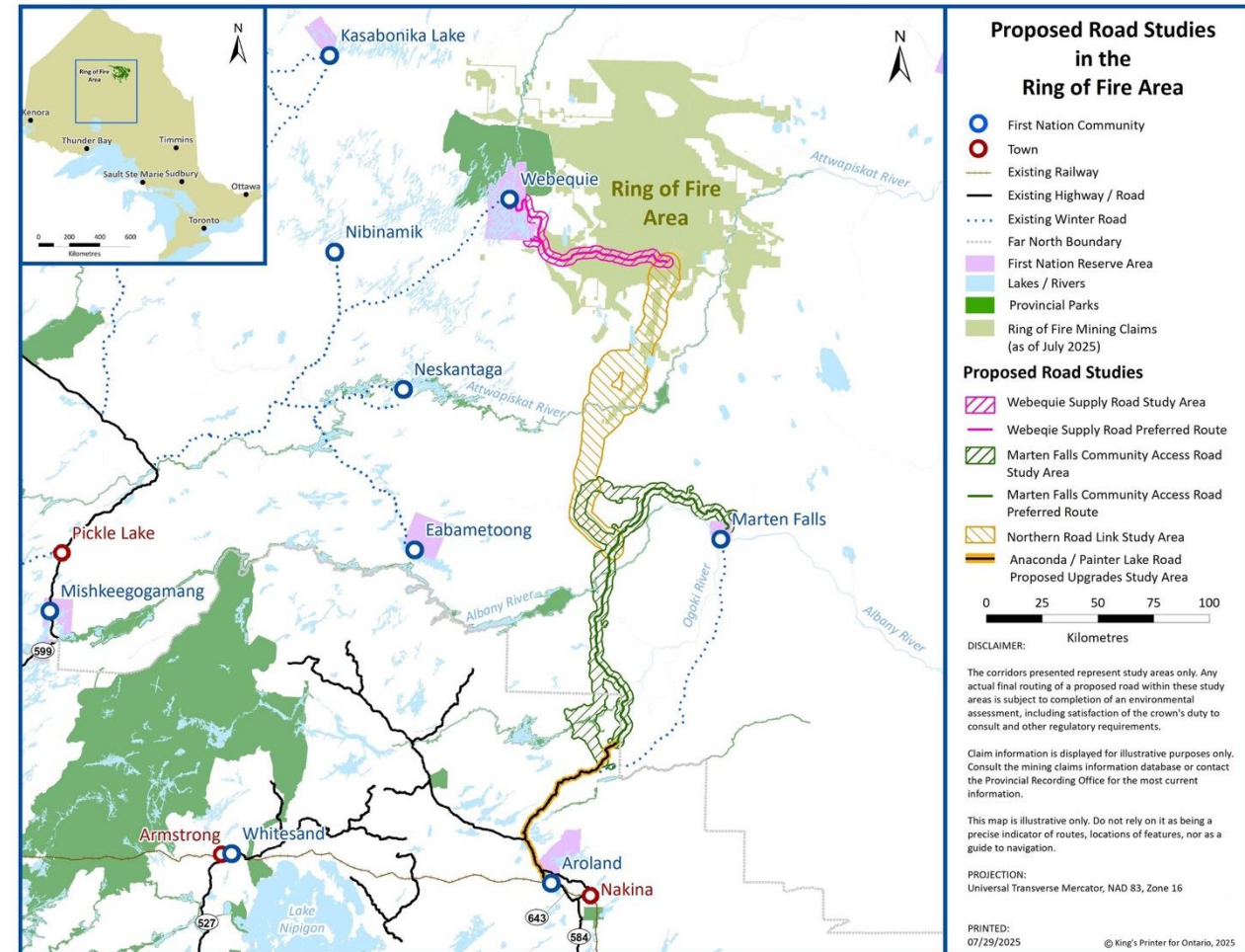
With these agreements in place, Ontario has developed an ambitious Ring of Fire road delivery plan that includes early works construction beginning this June, which would allow the new roads to begin opening **in 2030, five years ahead of schedule.**

The Ring of Fire transportation network consists of four segments:

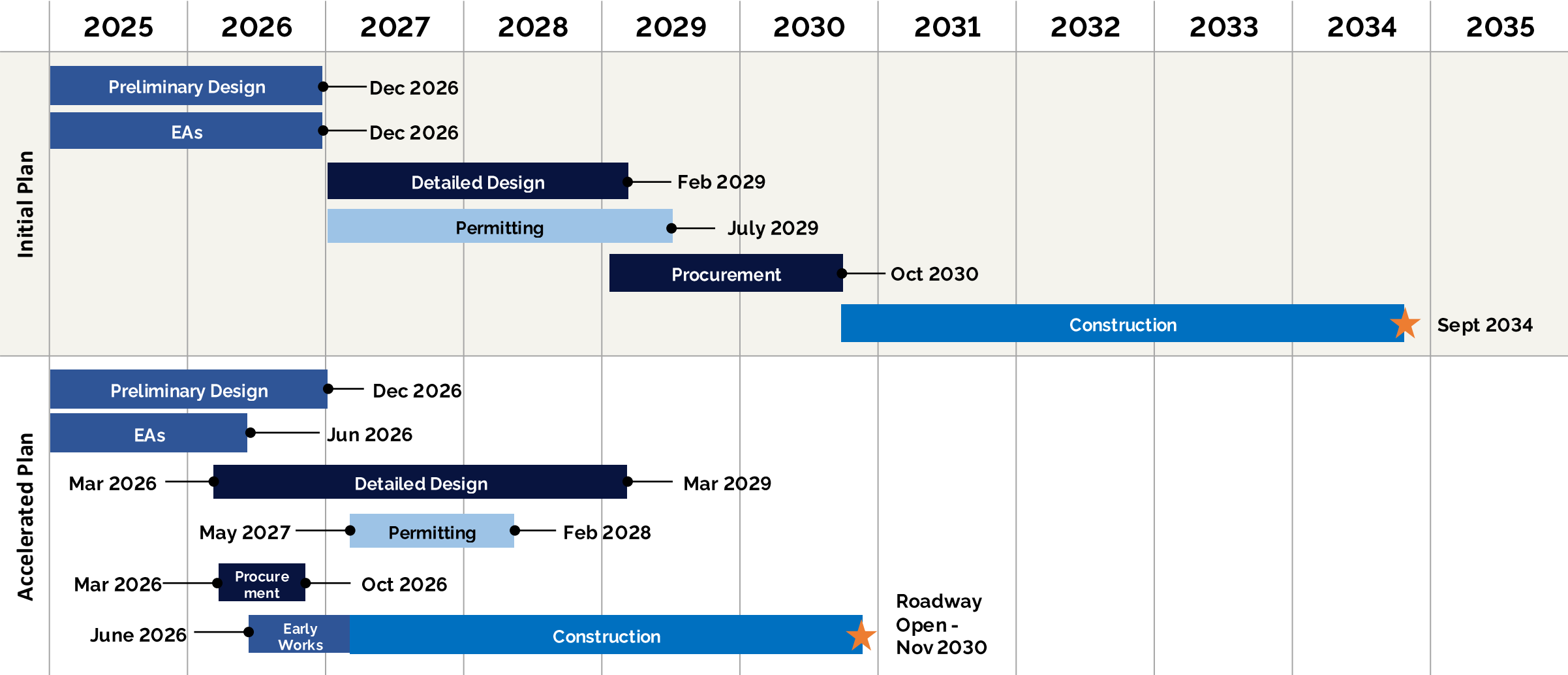
1. Webeque Supply Road (WSR)
2. Northern Road Link (NRL)
3. Marten Falls Community Access Road (MFCAR)
4. Anaconda-Painter Lake Roads Upgrade Project (APLR)

Ontario has received completed environmental assessments for the WSR and MFCAR and is on track to approve both to enable construction to start in June.

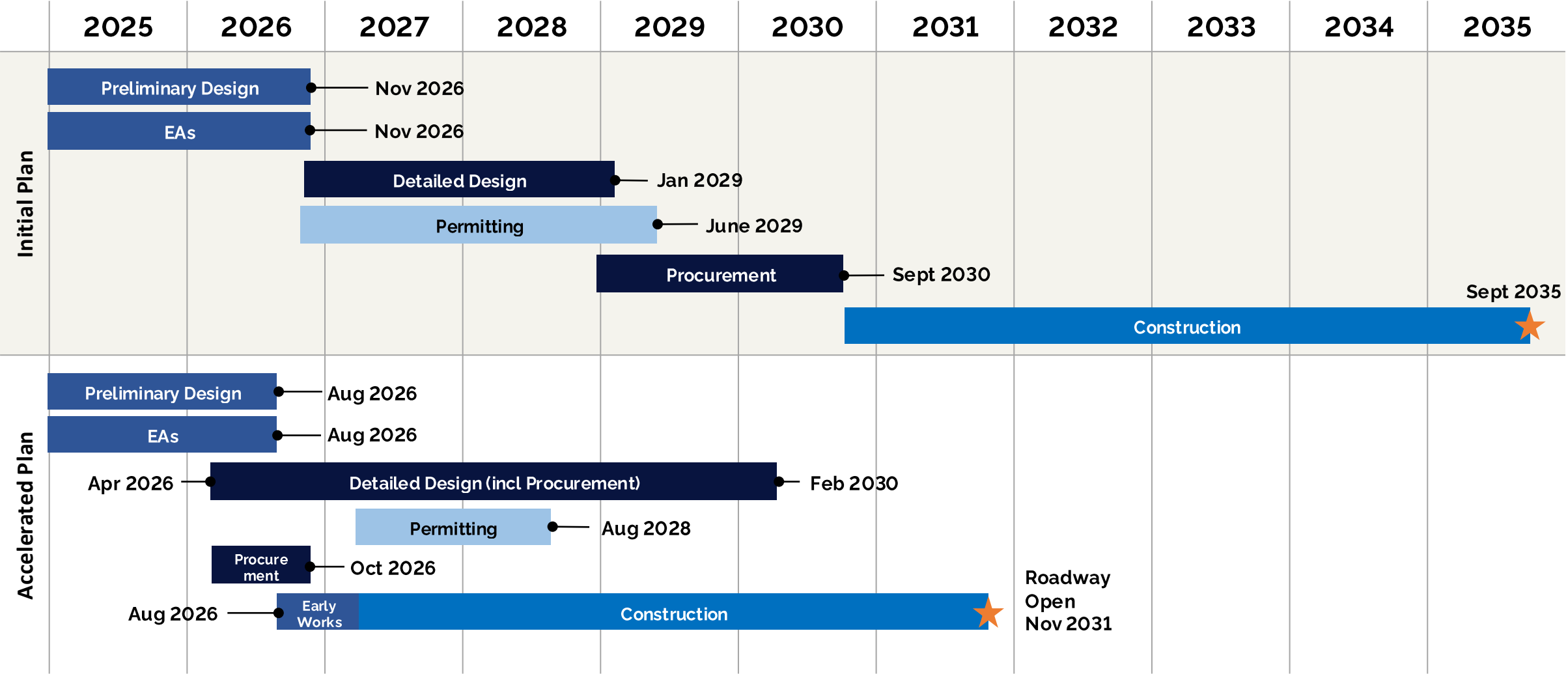
All timelines should be considered a new baseline. Ontario and First Nation partners will continue to explore additional opportunities to further accelerate design and construction.



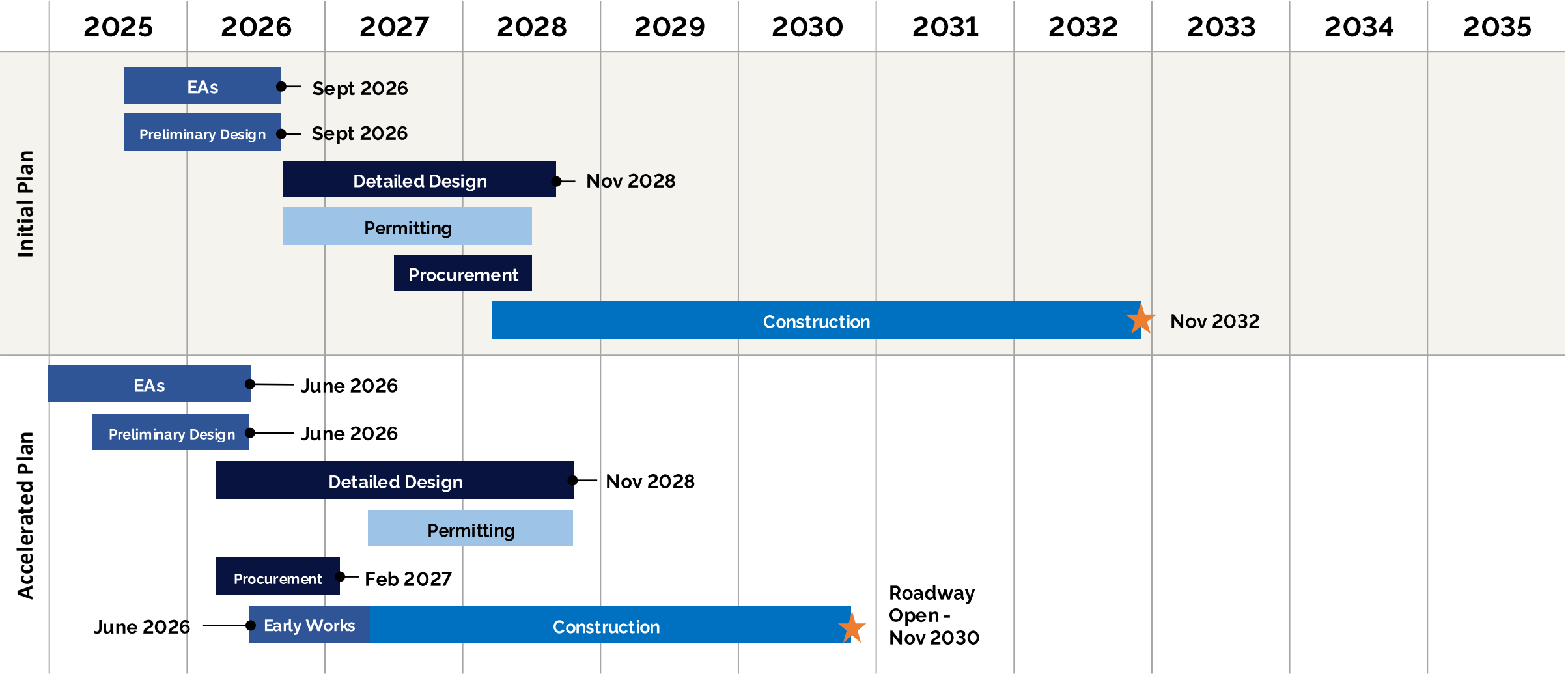
Accelerated timelines: Webequie Supply Road



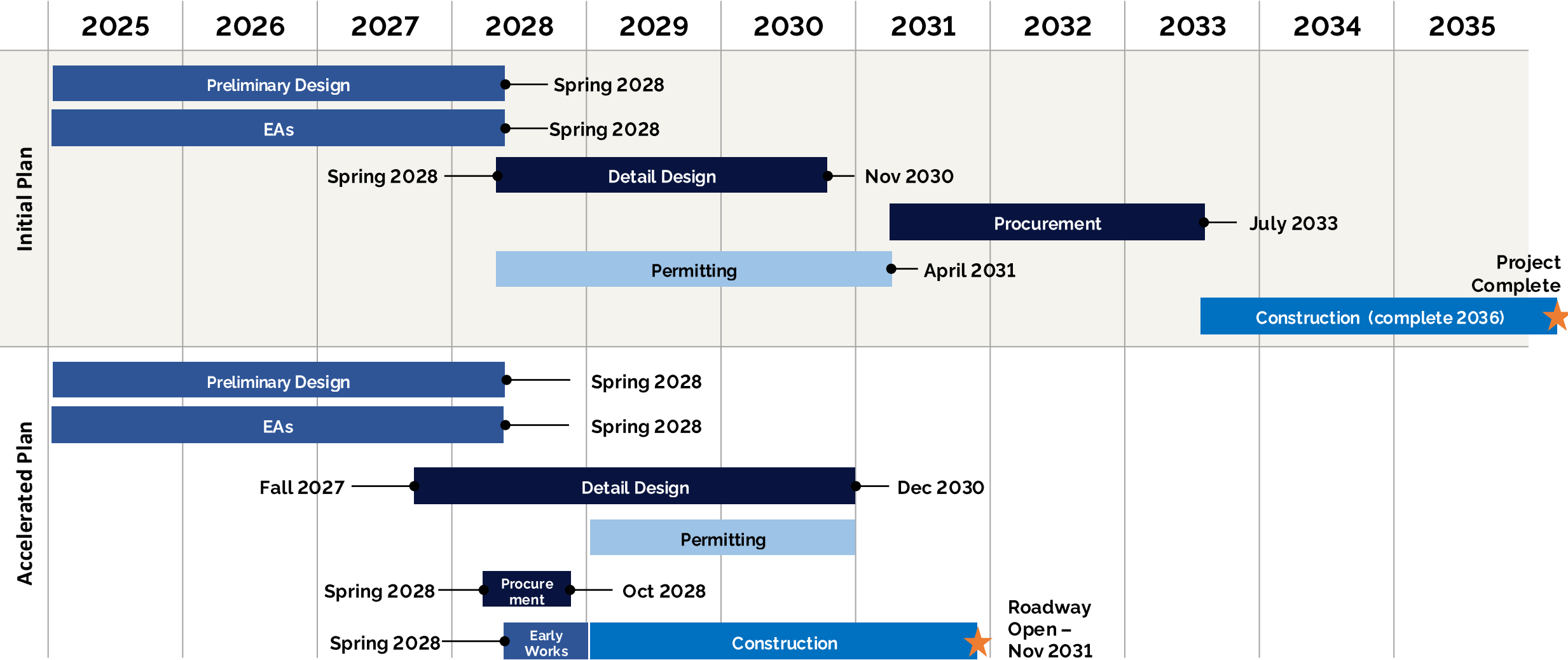
Accelerated timelines: Marten Falls Community Access Road



Accelerated timelines: Anaconda and Painter Lake Roads



Accelerated timelines: Northern Road Link



Opportunities for further acceleration

Ontario is urging the federal government to enable further acceleration of construction on the Ring of Fire roads by providing a streamlined permit and authorization approval approach.

Ontario will work with the federal government on each element as detail design progresses and construction begins. At a minimum, Ontario is seeking expedited or pre-approval for the following permits:



Fisheries and Oceans Canada - Fisheries Act Authorizations



Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC) - Species at Risk Act s.73 requirements, e.g. Caribou, Lake Sturgeon, Canada Warbler, Wood Thrush



ECCC - Migratory Birds Conservation Act Permits



Transport Canada - Canadian Navigable Waters Act



Natural Resources Canada – Explosives Act: Blasting Explosives Purchase and Possession Permit; Transportation of Explosives Permit

Ontario also continues to urge the federal government to match or exceed its \$1 billion investment in Ring of Fire infrastructure.

