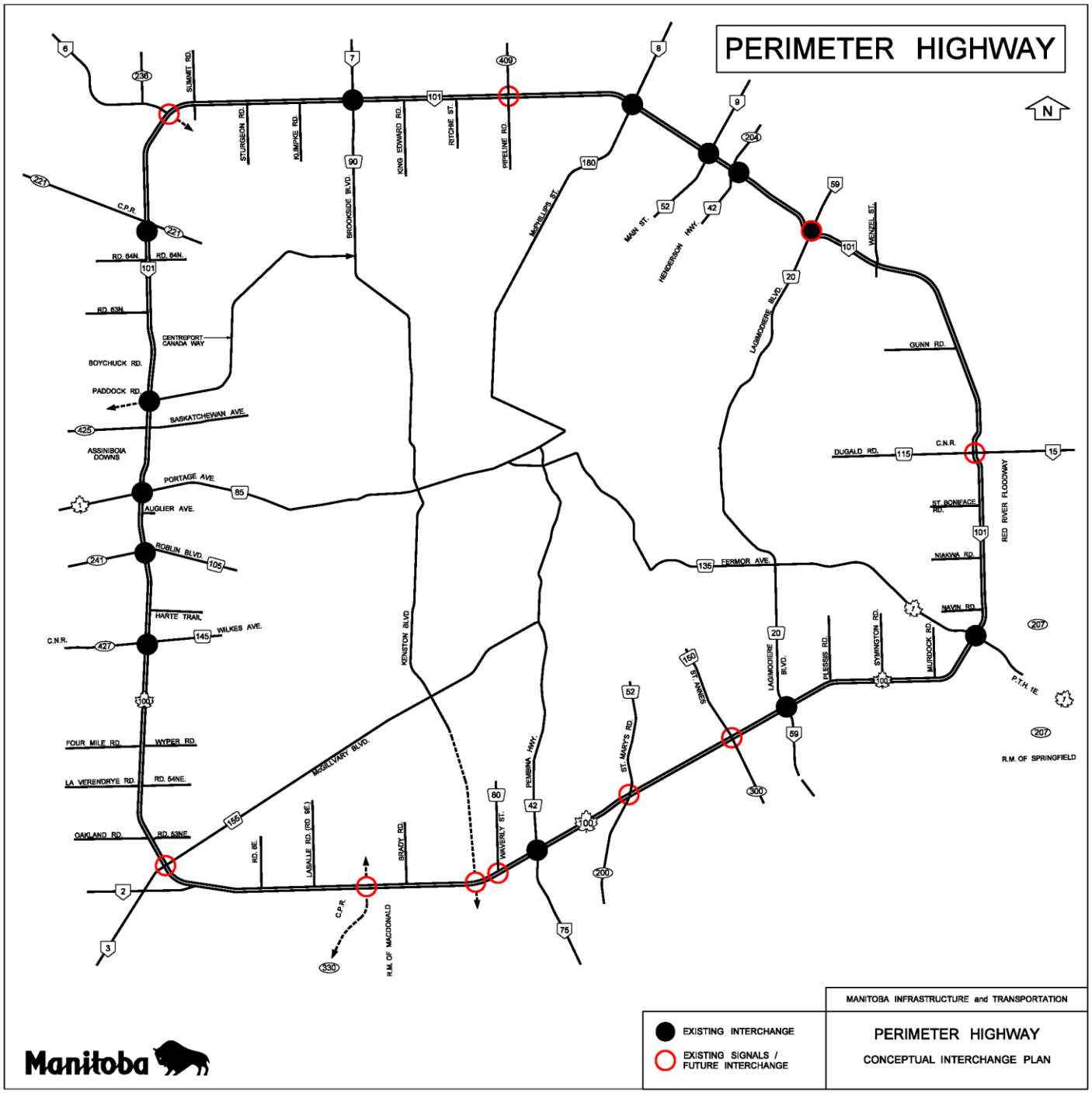Manitoba **Backgrounder**