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MTO's Technical Publications website

A one-stop shop for information on the design and construction of Ontario highway infrastructure

You can find various documents about the design and construction of Ontario's highway facilities on the Ministry of Transportation's (MTO's) [Technical Publications website](#) (Tech Pubs).

Roughly 2,000 new documents are added to Tech Pubs annually. There are currently about 17,000 documents, including the Contract Design Estimating and Documentation (CDED) Manual, MTO Lab Manual, Standard Special Provisions, Ontario Provincial Standards and Construction's Standard Forms, to name only a few.

Directives, Policy Memos, and Design Guidelines are relocated to Tech Pubs, making the site a one-stop shop for all the primary reference materials required for the design and construction of MTO highways. The [MTO Research Library Online Catalogue](#) still houses a broader collection of technical documents, reports, studies and historic research papers.

Tech Pubs is home to the Ontario Provincial Standards for Roads and Public Works (OPS), which ceased hardcopy publication in 2016. Additionally, a new page was added in 2023, to host OPS Membership and Committees. There is also a "What's New" page that lists the latest updates in Tech Pubs.

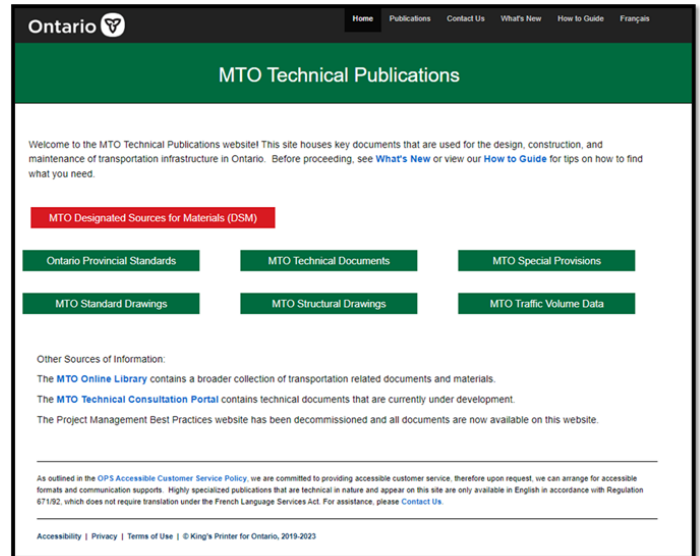


Figure 1: The MTO Technical Publications home page.

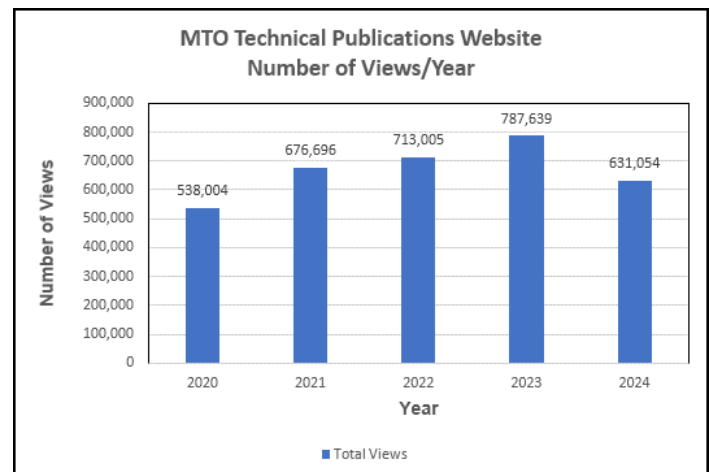


Figure 2: A bar graph showing Tech Pub's page views since 2020.

Tech Pubs now hosts the ministry's Designated Source for Materials (DSM), an official list of pre-qualified products and vendors approved for use on MTO highway construction and maintenance contracts, replacing the external The Road Authority website, that previously housed this information.

This year, the ministry will complete major upgrades to Tech Pubs to provide contact information for ministry subject matter experts, as well as usage notes for all documents, such as the DSM Lists tab. We will also add a targeted view for designers to address feedback following the discontinuation of the Project Management Best Practices (PMBP) site.

Tech Pubs was downloaded over three million times since its inception and was viewed nearly 800,000 times in 2024, making it the second most-viewed site in MTO's system, just behind Ontario511.

The ministry consistently receives positive feedback on this user-friendly website and continues to enhance the platform. MTO invites all users to explore Tech Pubs and share their thoughts. For anyone who has not already done so, make sure to bookmark this incredible resource – it is your key to making work easier and more efficient!

Tech Pubs is a testament to meticulous planning and dedicated effort. Kudos to Engineering Standards Analyst Rachel Kyte, the Tech Pubs administrator, who works to manage the website by scrutinizing, organizing, and updating the vast number of records in Pubs.

You can send inquiries and feedback on Tech Pubs to Rachel at Rachel.Kyte@ontario.ca.

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