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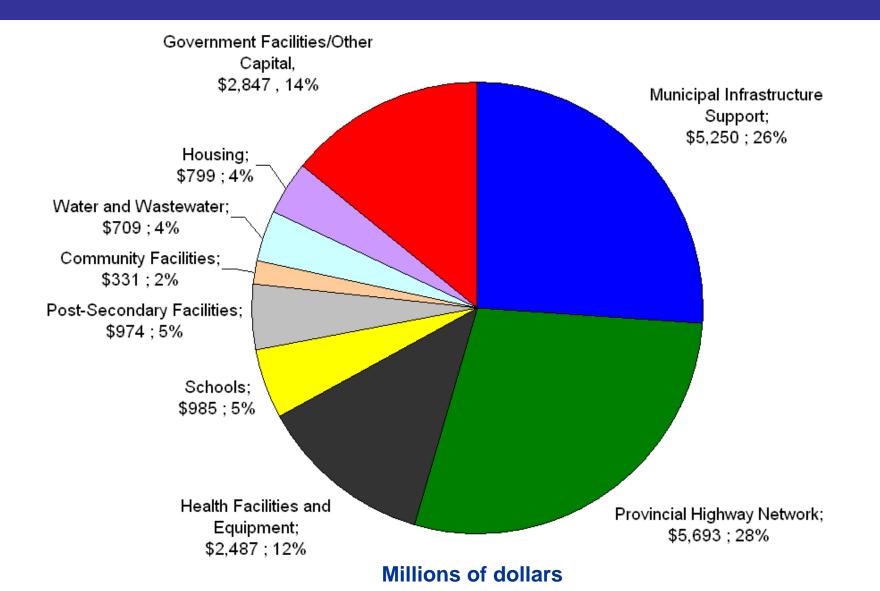
TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE IN ALBERTA

PRESENTATION TO THE CALGARY REGION AS A TRANSPORTATION HUB CONFERENCE

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Alberta 2010-13 Capital Plan



Alberta's Investment in Municipal Infrastructure

- Of the \$5.2B budgeted for municipal infrastructure support over the next three years, more than \$4.2B is through Municipal Transportation grants, the Federal Gas Tax Fund, and the Municipal Sustainability Initiative.
 - Through these grant programs, more than \$400M is allocated to the City of Calgary during the 2010-11 fiscal year alone.
 - More than \$48M is allocated during the 2010-11 fiscal year to other municipalities in the Calgary Regional Partnership.

Alberta's Investment in Municipal Infrastructure

- Municipalities decide where the dollars from municipal infrastructure support programs will be spent.
- The grant funding supports roadway, transit and other projects in the Calgary region, including:
 - Interchange construction/improvements:
 - Glenmore Trail and 37 Street SW
 - Beddington Trail/Country Hills Boulevard
 - Various roadway overlay and rehab programs.
 - The purchase of transit vehicles bus and LRT.
 - Water quality improvement projects.

Green Transit Incentives Program (GreenTRIP)

- GreenTRIP is a multi-year capital investment of \$2B in public transit infrastructure.
- \$70M is budgeted for this program in the 2010-11 fiscal year as municipal infrastructure support.
 - Funding will be allocated on a pay-on-progress basis.
- It will reduce the number of vehicles on roads, reduce congestion and thus reduce Greenhouse Gas emissions.

Green Transit Incentives Program (GreenTRIP)

- \$800M in funding will be available for Calgary and the surrounding area over the life of the GreenTRIP program.
- The first round of applications is currently underway.
 - At the request of the City of Calgary, the deadline for submissions was extended to January 31, 2011.
- Submissions will be assessed on a competitive basis, in part to the extent they advance Alberta government priorities as well as local or regional transportation priorities.

Transportation Investments For the Future

- Alberta is continuing with infrastructure investment in strategic corridors and roads that will promote the greater efficiency of transportation of both people and freight.
- Trade is also being improved by maintaining an effective and efficient regulatory environment.

Major Projects Along Highway 2/Deerfoot Trail

- Yankee Valley Boulevard Interchange upgrade at Airdrie (completed summer 2010).
- Other interchange upgrades in Calgary to improve the flow of traffic.
- Addition of a southbound lane between Beddington Trail and 64 Avenue N.
- Re-paving of sections to preserve the roadway, along with the installation of durable pavement markings.

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- Construction of the southeast section of Stoney Trail is underway and will be completed by fall 2013.
- The northwest and northeast sections opened to traffic in fall 2009, an investment of over \$1B.
 - Interchange upgrades on the NW section are ongoing.
- Alberta Transportation has used a P3 model (design-build-finance-operate) for the NE and SE sections of Stoney Trail.

Southwest Stoney Trail

- Alberta Transportation and the City of Calgary are working on a planning study for the southwest section of Stoney Trail. The study is to be completed by December 2011.
- The objective is to determine a ring road connection along Calgary's west side between Highway 8 (Glenmore Trail) and Highway 22X.
- This study is more complex than other studies for the Calgary ring road because there is not an established corridor to work with.
- Public consultation will take place before the study is completed.

CANAMEX Trade Corridor



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- The CANAMEX Trade Corridor stretches 6,000 km from Alaska to Mexico City.
- More than 92% of the CANAMEX Trade Corridor in Alberta is twinned.
- With the opening of the interchanges along the southwest section of Edmonton's Anthony Henday Drive in fall 2011, the corridor will be free flow from Nanton to Grande Prairie.
- Truck trade at Coutts in 2008 included \$6.6B of exports and \$7.4B of imports.

Asia-Pacific Gateway and Corridor Initiative (APGCI)

- Under the APGCI the federal government has invested \$1B to improve strategic links in the transportation network to facilitate greater trade between Canada and the Asia-Pacific Region.
- The majority of funding has been allocated to projects in the B.C. Lower Mainland.
- Additional dollars were invested by the provinces, municipalities and industry.

Asia-Pacific Gateway and Corridor Initiative (APGCI)

- Projects funded in Alberta include:
 - A grade separation at 52 Street SE, Calgary at the CP rail line and the Western Headwaters Canal.
 - Twinning of the TransCanada Highway in Banff National Park.
 - An interchange on Highway 2 at 41 Avenue SW, Edmonton to facilitate access to CP's planned intermodal terminal (interchange design work is currently underway).

Highway 63

- Twinning continues on the 240 km of road between Highway 55 and Fort McMurray leading to the Athabasca Oil Sands.
 - Grading work and tree clearing took place this summer north of Wandering River.
- Construction continues on a 5-lane bridge across the Athabasca River that is scheduled to open in fall 2011.
- Construction continues on interchanges at Thickwood Blvd and Confederation Way that will fully open by fall 2012.

Other Work Affecting the Fort McMurray Region

- Alberta Treasury Board has created a Comprehensive Regional Infrastructure Sustainability Plan (CRISP) that will provide a long-term direction for future infrastructure development in the Athabasca Oil Sands Area.
- Alberta Transportation is looking at the effects that the construction schedule for oil sands projects could have on traffic levels on major highways.

Other Initiative: New West Partnership

- In April 2010, Alberta signed the New West Partnership with B.C. and Saskatchewan.
- Alberta is working with the other two provinces to harmonize regulations to support motor carrier operations and facilitate trade.
- Saskatchewan has amended rules allowing B-trains to operate at 63,500 kg GVW on more roads, matching limits in Alberta and B.C.

Strategic Plan for Alberta's Transportation

- Alberta is developing a multimodal plan for transportation in the province.
- It will have a 40 year outlook.
- The strategy is necessary to help direct future decision-making.



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QUESTIONS/COMMENTS

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