

DRIVING IMPROVEMENT FOR ALBERTA'S ROADS

Roads and highways are critical public infrastructure that Albertans depend on daily - to access healthcare and education, facilitate employment, or deliver products and services to markets.

Alberta needs a modernized approach to transportation governance and accountability to ensure our road infrastructure is well-managed and delivers the greatest benefit to Albertans.

Policy priorities for better Alberta roads

With the input of an expert advisory panel, the Alberta Roadbuilders and Heavy Construction Association has identified three key priorities for a modernized approach to road infrastructure governance and accountability.



ASSET PRESERVATION

Legislate a targeted reduction of highways in poor condition by scaling up rehabilitation spending to a recommended 1-2% of asset value by 2023 to ensure provincial highways are resilient and provide Albertans with improved service levels.



PLAN FOR THE FUTURE

Develop a long-term vision and strategy for Alberta's transportation infrastructure to anticipate future demands, consider emerging technologies, address public safety, and facilitate the growth of our economy and our communities.



TRANSPARENCY IN DECISION MAKING

Create an independent agency responsible for road infrastructure management, transparent project selection and strategic procurement of road construction and maintenance services to achieve the best outcomes for taxpayers.

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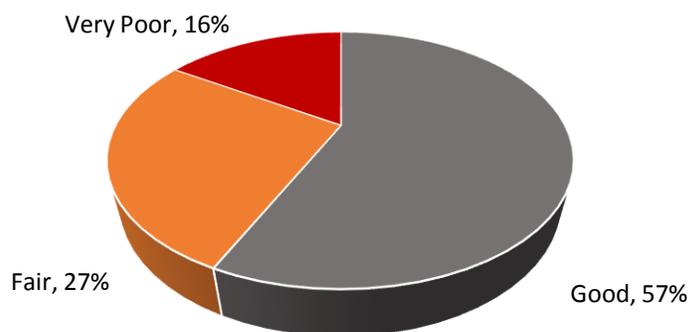
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Alberta's roads need work

- Alberta's public road network spans 226,000 km.
- At 32,154 km, Alberta has the greatest number of highway kilometers per capita in Canada.
- 13,000 km of Alberta highways in fair or poor condition.
- 75% of Alberta highway bridges in fair, poor or very poor condition.
- \$70 billion is the replacement value of Alberta's provincial highway network.
- Planned funding for road and bridge maintenance and renewal has been reduced.

Physical Condition of Alberta Highways



Source: Canada's Core Public Infrastructure Survey: Roads, bridges and tunnels, 2016, Statistics Canada

Proper upkeep of highways saves money

Investing in preventive maintenance and regular repair prolongs the asset service life. Deferring highway preservation creates a financial liability for future generations.

- Preservation cost for an average kilometer of highway is 5 times less than the cost of reconstruction.
- Alberta needs to double its current level of investment for proper highway maintenance and preservation.

Good roads are good for the economy

Alberta's road network drives economic activity by providing access to our resources, supporting business and tourism, facilitating trade and attracting investment

- The Alberta transportation sector contributes \$11.2B annually to our economy and employs 130,000 people.
- \$20 billion of commodities are imported and exported by trucks travelling on Alberta roads.
- \$9.5 billion worth of Alberta non-pipeline exports travel on provincial highways towards their final destination each year.
- 10,755 trucks cross the Alberta-United States border every month.

We need to be ready to adapt

- By 2046, Alberta's population will reach 6.4 million residents – up 50% from today.
- Technology is transforming most aspects of our lives from autonomous vehicles to new road materials, innovation continues to shape the transportation sector.