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We need a better way

For decades, Alberta has struggled to effectively manage and maintain Alberta's road transportation infrastructure. With a population that has doubled in the past 30 years, declining investments in highway maintenance and preservation, and an economy based on the export of goods and natural resources, our transportation system is being put to the test and the strain is being felt by everyone.

The situation will only get worse as Alberta's fiscal reality further constrains options and access to funding. The management of roads as a public good funded through general revenues has left road infrastructure vulnerable to competing interests resulting in the deterioration in the physical condition of Alberta's road infrastructure.

These challenges, among others, contribute to the need for a strategic and modernized approach to managing and delivering Alberta's transportation infrastructure.

An informed approach to providing solutions

In November 2018, the Alberta Road and Heavy Construction Association (ARHCA) convened a very accomplished and diverse group of advisors from the public and private sectors to participate in an expert advisory panel. The Transportation Infrastructure Advisory Panel worked with the ARHCA to evaluate and consider policy options to improve the planning, construction, maintenance and administration of our Alberta's road infrastructure.

The Transportation Advisory Panel was tasked with:

- providing thought leadership and input on transportation policy issues;
- examining the characteristics of the existing road network management framework;
- developing an overall philosophy to support the province's future population and economic growth;
- exploring best practices in other jurisdiction to transportation infrastructure challenges;
- identifying and assessing alternative policies to ensure a sustainable transportation system; and
- providing direction to enable the expansion and operation of a provincial transportation network in an efficient and effective manner.

In collaboration with the Advisory Panel, the ARHCA has identified a suite of recommendations to ensure Alberta's roads are maintained at optimal levels, funded and financed through sustainable means, support a vibrant economic climate and enhance the quality of life of Albertans.