

- Transportation, water, and other infrastructure are key areas of partnership between municipalities, the province and the federal government as we share responsibilities for moving people and our products safely and efficiently and for managing our water resources.
- Collaboration between our three orders of government is required to ensure appropriate legislation and funding to govern these key services whether they apply to water treatment, the regulation of drones and autonomous vehicles, and public transit.
- Tri-lateral initiatives are challenging, and as we are all aware we have had some challenges recently in having money flow back to our communities.
- Given the various layers of decisions that need to be made between the federal and provincial governments about Building Canada Funding and the new infrastructure funding, it has been difficult to get timely information to send to you.
- We really appreciate that Minister Mason is here today to personally provide an update and to respond to questions and to hear his insights on transportation priorities.

Water and Wastewater Funding



Year	# of facilities built
1900-1925	3
1926-1950	17
1951-1975	165
1976-2000	454
2001-2015	790
Total	1429

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- Water and waste water funding is an essential component of keeping our communities sustainable so we can assure our citizens that we can provide safe drinking water and manage waste water in compliance with federal and provincial standards.
- Many of our facilities are aging:
 - 45% of our facilities are more than 17 years old.
 - 185 facilities were built before 1975.
- We therefore appreciated that last year's provincial budget increased the Alberta Municipal Water and Wastewater Partnership by \$25 million as well as added \$50 million to the Water for Life program.
- We look forward to receiving an update from the Minister today on whether the commitments noted in last year's budget will be realized – for example, growing Water for Life to \$105 million in Budget 2018.
- We also appreciate that many of our systems benefitted from the new Phase 1 federal infrastructure funding for water and waste water.
- This new program is ground-breaking as its cost sharing formula matches to our respective share of tax dollars - 50% of costs are paid by the federal government; 40% by the province; and 10% by municipalities.
- The province selected water and waste water projects that were on the waiting list and in 2016, 17 projects received funding of \$132 million from the federal government.
- We are eager to learn more about the process and timing for the remaining phase 1 funding to flow.

Transportation



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- We appreciated the new federal transit program which is expected to provide \$347 million to Alberta based on our riderships.
- This program works under a 50% federal; 25% provincial and 25% municipal cost sharing program
- To date, \$212 million in federal funding has flowed.
- I also wanted to highlight that we appreciate that the province pledged to reinstate the \$35 million Strategic Transportation Infrastructure Program in 2017 and fund bridges, local roads and community airports.
- We look forward to an update from Minister Mason.

Building Canada Fund

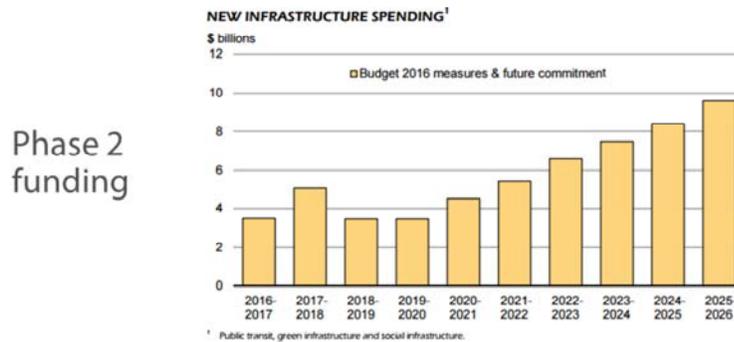


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- As you will know, there has been a lot of confusion over the amount of municipal projects to be funded under the Building Canada Fund.
- Minister Mason sent an update to AUMA last week which he will share with you today on the projects that have been addressed through Building Canada – those that apply to municipal infrastructure as well as those that are of interest to municipalities.

Where to from here?



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- We understand that the bilateral agreements for phase two of the federal funding will be signed in spring 2018, which is in time for the 2018 construction season
- The federal government has indicated that there would be a more open and inclusive process involving municipalities.
- We look forward to Minister Mason's comments on how that will be achieved.

Infrastructure, Water, and Transportation Initiatives



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- So we will turn things over to Minister Mason for his update.