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Federal Infrastructure Minister Provides Funding Details

Federal Minister of Infrastructure, the Honourable Amarjeet Sohi, has written to his counterparts across the country including the Honourable Brad Duguid. The letters provide details on Phase 1 infrastructure funding programs announced in the federal Budget 2016.

The letter details federal commitments for:

- Federal Public Transit Fund - \$1.49 billion to be distributed on ridership basis.
- Federal Clean Water and Wastewater Fund - \$570 m to help rehabilitate and upgrade systems. Both funds can be applied toward new construction if the funding can be spent in the next two years. Funding is retroactive to April 1, 2016 and previous announcements have noted that the federal government will provide up to 50 per cent in eligible costs. Our understanding is the provinces will need to continue to contribute their 1/3 share.
- Changes to the New Building Canada Fund (NBCF) are being taken to ensure that remaining unallocated funds are spent within the next two years. AMO understands a redefinition of the criteria surrounding highways and roads category to include those with lesser traffic volumes is being proposed, as are expanded project categories to include tourism, culture, recreation, passenger ferries and related infrastructure, and civic assets and municipal buildings. The P3 screen for larger projects is to be eliminated as well.

The next step is for the federal and provincial governments is to conclude a funding agreement that reflects the details enunciated today and how these funds can be accessed. AMO expects that the provincial government will engage the association as required under AMO's MOU Agreement with the Province as it works to finalize an agreement with INFC Canada. Any significant developments will be communicated to members as soon as possible.

Watch [Infrastructure Canada's web site](#) for a copy of the letter and further details.

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