

Provincial-Municipal Roads and Bridges Review

Overview

2011 AMO Conference
Concurrent Session

August 23, 2011

Purpose

- Roads and Bridges Review is a collaborative and consensus-based process between the Province, Association of Municipalities of Ontario and the City of Toronto.
- Focus has been on developing a future provincial-municipal framework to support municipal roads and bridges over the long term.
- Working Group findings were presented to the Roads and Bridges Review Steering Committee in June 2011. The committee endorsed the findings.
- Concurrent Session is opportunity for other AMO members to provide input on the Working Group findings.
- Partners will develop final recommendations anticipated in Fall 2011.

Background

- The Provincial-Municipal Fiscal and Service Delivery Review (PMFSDR), completed in 2008, was a unique partnership between the Province, Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and the City of Toronto.
- Through the PMFSDR, the Province agreed to upload social assistance benefit program costs, which AMO and City of Toronto identified as their top priority.
- When the social costs uploads are completed in 2018, municipalities will see an annual net benefit of \$1.5 billion, including up to \$125 million a year in court security costs.
 - The province is projecting a deficit of about \$16 billion in 2011-12 and significant deficits in the next few years. Despite its current financial circumstances, the province remains committed to these uploads.
 - Uploading of social assistance benefit program costs – along with other existing provincial support to municipalities – will enable municipalities to use more tax dollars on local priorities, such as on-going investments in municipal roads and bridges
 - Since 2003, the province has also invested \$12 billion in municipal infrastructure, including municipal roads and bridges.
- The PMFSDR estimated that municipal road and bridge needs account for almost half (\$28 billion) of the total municipal infrastructure investment gap over the next ten years.

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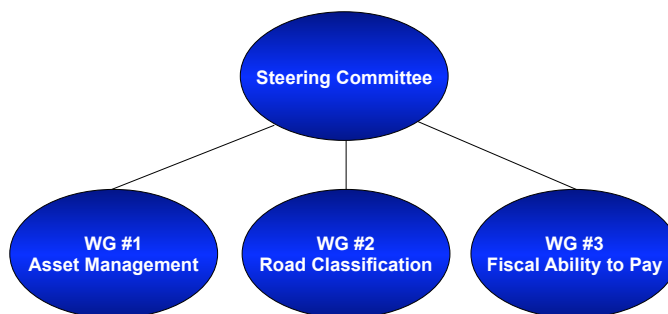
- The PMFSDR recommended that further work be undertaken to address the long term road and bridge needs of municipalities.
- The PMFSDR partners agreed to launch a joint municipal-provincial process to:

“develop options regarding responsibilities and funding arrangements for roads and bridges. This will be based on established technical and functional criteria grounded in sound asset management principles.”

PMFSDR Report, 2008
- The Province, AMO and City of Toronto initiated the Provincial-Municipal Roads and Bridges Review in January 2010.

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- Over 60 representatives of AMO, City of Toronto, and various Provincial ministries have participated.



Steering Committee Members

- Pat Vanini Association of Municipalities of Ontario
- Craig Reid Association of Municipalities of Ontario
- Joe Tiernay Ontario Good Roads Association
- Dan Cowin Municipal Finance Officers' Association
- Jim Pine County of Hastings
- Pat Mauro City of Thunder Bay
- Paul Jankowski City of Vaughan
- Gerry Wolting Municipality of Chatham-Kent
- Joe Torlone City of Timmins
- Tim Dennis Region of Halton
- Susan Siopis Region of Durham
- Lynda Taschereau City of Toronto
- John Mende City of Toronto

- Steve Naylor Ministry of Transportation
- Jill Hughes Ministry of Transportation
- Trevor Bingler Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing
- Helen Harper Ministry of Finance
- Joe Iannace Ministry of Infrastructure
- Tom Marcolini Ministry of Northern Development, Mines & Forestry

Roads and Bridges Review Consensus

- The long term sustainability of roads and bridges requires continued investment by all levels of government.
- Asset management plans are necessary to ensure that sound investment decisions are made and to identify long term road and bridge infrastructure needs and priorities.
- Any long term funding framework should recognize that municipalities have different levels of road and bridge expenditure needs and varying fiscal capacity to pay for their road and bridge infrastructure.
- A future provincial-municipal road and bridges funding framework must be affordable for both the province and municipalities.

Our “Three lenses”

- The Working Groups focused on three different ways to look at supporting municipal roads and bridges.
- The results provide complementary analytical frameworks that can inform future investment decisions on roads and bridges.
- The Working Group findings are presented for your input.



Concurrent Session Agenda

- Working Group Findings:
 - Asset Management Best Practices
 - Joe Tiernay, Ontario Good Roads Association
 - Municipal Road Classification
 - Dennis Merrall, IBI Group
 - Municipal Fiscal Ability to Pay for Roads and Bridges
 - Jim Bruzzese, BMA Management Consultants
- Wrap-Up
 - Steve Naylor, MTO
- Questions and Answers
 - Panel