

# Provincial-Municipal Roads and Bridges Review

## Summary

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- The previous PMFSDR was a successful partnership between the Province, AMO and City of Toronto.
- The outcome was a \$1.5 billion upload of social assistance benefit program costs which provides more fiscal room for municipalities to invest in other municipal priorities.
- The PMFSDR recognized the need for further work between the partners to Roads and Bridges to address future municipal road and bridge needs.
- The Provincial-Municipal Roads and Bridges Review was initiated to develop “develop options regarding responsibilities and funding arrangements for roads and bridges.”
- The Steering Committee endorsed the Working Group findings in June 2011.
- MTO will be working with provincial partners, AMO and City of Toronto to develop final recommendations anticipated in Fall 2011.

## Key Findings

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- Complementary frameworks developed that can inform future road and bridge investment decisions.
  - Work in progress – continued collaboration required.
- Municipalities should develop long term asset management plans to identify future infrastructure needs and priorities.
  - Small municipalities need support e.g., guidelines, training, data collection.
- Road Classification approach provides a basis to determine provincial interest in municipal roads.
  - Additional data and analysis is required in the future to confirm results.
- Any future municipal roads and bridges funding framework will need to consider:
  - Differences in municipal capacity to raise revenues;
  - Long term municipal road and bridge expenditure needs; and
  - Existing, ongoing provincial support including social cost uploads.

## Panel

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- Municipal Asset Management for Roads and Bridges  
– Joe Tiernay, Executive Director, OGRA
- Municipal Road Classification  
– Dennis Merrall, IBI Group
- Municipal Ability to Pay for Roads and Bridges  
– Jim Bruzzese, BMA Management Consultants
- Roads and Bridges Review - Provincial Co-Chair  
– Steve Naylor, Ministry of Transportation