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Sent via email to: [premier@ontario.ca](mailto:premier@ontario.ca)

Hon. Doug Ford  
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Dear Premier Ford,

**RE: Support for AMO's Infrastructure Stimulus Request**

On behalf of the member companies of the Ontario Sewer and Watermain Construction Association (OSWCA) we are writing to express our support for the Association of Municipalities of Ontario's (AMO's) request for stimulus targeted toward municipal infrastructure. AMO's proposal for an annual \$3.45 billion in infrastructure investment (jointly funded by provincial and federal governments) will help to address the short-term financial pressures that are severely limiting the issuance of infrastructure projects tenders so far in 2025 and likely beyond. Our member companies, and the tens of thousands of skilled workers that rely on these projects every year, stand ready build.

We also want to emphasize the importance of ensuring that this funding translates into real and immediate economic activity. To this end, we urge the Ontario government to:

- **Incentivize immediate action** by embedding "Build Now" criteria into provincial funding programs that reward shovel-ready projects and encourage construction starts within the same year. This should include consideration of providing "top up" funding to projects that are already underway within the calendar year, as such funding will reward municipalities who are already building.
- **Cut red tape** that delays project approvals and construction, enabling faster delivery of critical infrastructure, and move towards standardizing specifications for typical projects.
- **Establish a long-term funding framework** that includes tools such as municipal service corporations for water and wastewater infrastructure, a provincial rate-setting authority for water utilities, supporting sustainable municipal investment, and moving towards full-cost pricing and dedicated reserves for water utilities.

Our members represent over 800 companies and 30,000 skilled workers in the province who build roads, bridges, and housing-enabling infrastructure across Ontario. With the construction season already underway, a swift commitment to infrastructure stimulus and clear mechanisms to get infrastructure projects tendered and built will ensure Ontario's economy continues to grow while helping to address our urgent housing



needs. Strategic investments in municipal infrastructure will support workers, strengthen communities, and secure long-term prosperity for all Ontarians.

We urge your government to move forward with AMO's proposal, while also considering our recommendation to ensure municipal infrastructure projects are getting built.

We look forward to continuing to work together to deliver on these shared goals and build Ontario.

Sincerely,



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Executive Director

cc: The Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance  
The Honourable Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing  
The Honourable Graydon Smith, Associate Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing  
The Honourable Kinga Surma, Minister of Infrastructure  
Michelle DiEmanuele, Secretary of the Cabinet  
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