

Alberta government investment improves roads and boosts provincial economy

ARHCA thanks government for funding and is ready to move quickly on projects

Edmonton AB, April 9, 2020 – A \$410 million investment in road maintenance and renewal projects will result in improvements to Alberta's road network this summer and boost the provincial economy by creating much needed jobs for thousands of construction workers.

The Alberta Roadbuilders and Heavy Construction Association's (ARHCA) member companies welcome today's announcement and are ready to deliver projects for this construction season.

"We thank the Government of Alberta for this significant investment, and for acknowledging the important role our industry plays in our economy. Investing in road construction and maintenance represents excellent value for taxpayers. Our province's highway and roadway network is a critical piece of infrastructure that needs to be maintained and preserved."

-Ron Glen, CEO, ARHCA

Alberta's transportation network is critical infrastructure necessary for the safe and efficient movement of goods, services and people, supporting key industries including the resource sector, and connecting our communities and families. Today's announcement by the Government of Alberta acknowledges the important role that roads and the construction industry play in our provincial economy and ensuring a high quality of life. This considerable \$410 million contribution will create thousands of jobs that will provide immediate benefits to communities across Alberta. There are long term benefits as well. Investing in road maintenance and renewal projects lengthens the lifespan of our aging road assets and represents excellent value for taxpayers.

The ARHCA represents roughly 800 member companies in the civil construction industry including construction contractors and material and equipment suppliers. During this unprecedented time, our member companies are ready to get to work quickly and efficiently, while implementing all necessary health and safety protocols.

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