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# Infrastructure Investment is the Road to Prosperity

## The Infrastructure Deficit

- A gap in core infrastructure funding across Canada arose during the 1980s, and has resulted in a deterioration of a significant proportion of the facilities that people and business rely on daily;
- In recent years, the difference between needed investment in basic infrastructure and what is being constructed has been narrowing and must remain a key priority.

## What is "Core" Infrastructure

- Infrastructure is the physical component of our shared built environment and provides services essential to sustain and enhance standards of living in Ontario;
- The most important infrastructure for both the future economic well-being and the quality of life of Ontarians is "core infrastructure". It includes: roads and bridges; public transit; water supply; sewage collection and treatment systems.



## Target Infrastructure Investments

- In targeting infrastructure investments the province should be supportive of other public policy goals and objectives such as overall prosperity, intensification, energy efficiency, accessibility and the efficient movement of goods and people;
- The overall quality, service life and performance of basic urban infrastructure can be increased over time if annual and long-term investment are better aligned with requirements, and if this type of infrastructure receives the priority attention it deserves;
- Infrastructure investments should complement and support the Provincial Policy Statement, the Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe as well as the Northern Growth Plan and the Metrolinx Regional Transportation Plan (The Big Move).

## Infrastructure = Prosperity

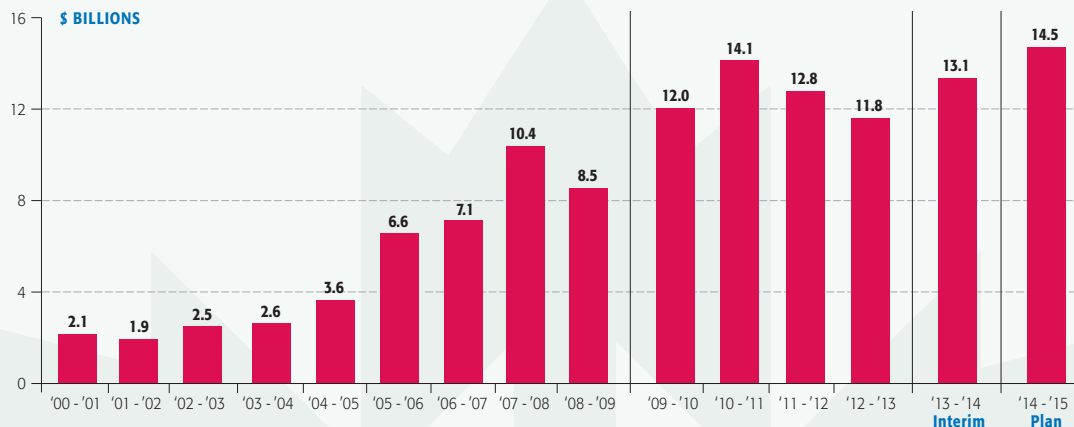


- Infrastructure investments support jobs during these challenging economic times, spur private sector investment and help to lay the foundation for future growth and prosperity;
- An infrastructure investment plan that provides stability and predictability as to when and where infrastructure dollars are going to be spent, will allow for the private sector to adequately plan projects and target their investments to utilize new and upgraded public infrastructure facilities.

# Ontario Government Infrastructure Investment



## ANNUAL INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT IN ONTARIO



- Good public infrastructure is a key foundation of a prosperous economy. Infrastructure investments can reduce business costs, lower travel times, improve public services and enhance Ontarians quality of life.
- Infrastructure investments including the three year (2012-13 through 2014-15) \$35 billion infrastructure plan are helping to spur economic growth.
- The provincial government should view infrastructure not as a costly expense, but as an investment in Ontario's future. Infrastructure is the key to enhancing productivity with the goals of improving our quality of life and the competitiveness of Ontario in an ever increasingly globalized economy.



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