



# Alberta Construction Association

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Dear Members of the Alberta Legislature

RE: Supporting Jobs Through Stable Infrastructure Investment

The October 2019 Provincial Budget is of critical importance to Alberta's construction industry. Construction is one of Alberta's largest employers, directly accounting for approximately 250,000 jobs or one in ten working Albertans, with thousands of additional jobs in related occupations. Approximately 80% of these Albertans work for small business.

Whether to provide new schools for increased student enrolments, transit projects to reduce congestion and get goods to market, and hospitals for health care, the Provincial Government must continue to invest in provincial and municipal infrastructure.

Jobs are a priority and keeping Albertans employed in good paying jobs is critical to Alberta families and to the provincial economic engine. Dramatic swings in infrastructure investment discourage young people from choosing a career in construction, discourage existing workers from remaining in construction, lead to financial hardship for companies, and increase the cost to taxpayers when the supply of construction workers dries up.

It is long-standing policy of the Alberta Construction Association to urge sustainable, predictable, adequate funding of infrastructure regardless of where the Province is at in the economic cycle.

Sincerely,

Ian Reid, Chairman

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