

Alberta Transportation STIP Engagement Survey April 28th, 2016

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Thank you for participating in our survey. Your feedback is important.

Background and Intent:

The Strategic Transportation Infrastructure Program (STIP) provides financial assistance in the form of grant funding to municipalities for eligible projects. The program was created in 2011 by consolidating a number of existing funding programs:

- Community Airport Program (CAP): Funding for rehabilitation of communityowned, public-use airports
- Resource Road Program (RRP): Cost-shared (50/50) funding for public roads impacted by industrial developments and intensified farming operations
- Local Road Bridge Program (LRB): Funding assistance for construction, rehabilitation and maintenance of local road bridge structures

Funding was based on a competitive application process for the department to assess project alignment with guidelines and criteria.

The STIP program was zero-funded in 2013, but is set to be re-funded for 2017 and 2018. This survey is a part of the engagement process with impacted municipalities and Métis settlements to determine the best way to re-implement the program.

Alberta Transportation has engaged Tantus Solutions Group Inc. to lead the engagement process with stakeholders. This survey follows a large group session conducted at AAMDC convention for rural municipal participants, and three sessions hosted across the province for smaller, eligible urban municipalities and Métis Settlements.

If you have any questions regarding the previous sessions, or the consultation process, please contact grant.gabert@tantus.com



- 1) What municipality do you represent? Click or tap here to enter text.
- 2) Please rank priority for the following impacts of "Strategic Transportation" within the context of this program. Assign 1 equal to your highest priority and 12 equal to your lowest priority.
 - <u>Local perspective</u>: assets support the economic and social prosperity of the municipality
 - Regional perspective: assets support the community which may be defined across several municipalities
 - <u>Provincial perspective</u>: assets support provincial economic/social prosperity or GoA priorities

Choose an item. **Economic impact – Local**

Choose an item. Economic impact – Regional

Choose an item. **Economic impact – Provincial**

Choose an item. Public Safety Impact – Local

Choose an item. Public Safety Impact – Regional

Choose an item. Public Safety Impact – Provincial

Choose an item. Social Impact – Local

Choose an item. Social Impact – Regional

Choose an item. Social Impact – Provincial

Choose an item. Environmental impact – Local

Choose an item. Environmental impact – Regional

Choose an item. Environmental impact – Provincial



3) Please rank the following program vision statements based on <u>importance to</u> <u>the success of STIP</u>: (1 equal to highest priority, 14 equal to lowest priority)

Vision Statement	Ranking
Collaborative: between municipalities, between provincial departments, and between other funding programs	Choose an item.
Easy administration: clear and user friendly application and reporting processes, and timely notification of allocated funding	Choose an item.
Public safety: transportation assets support the safety of residents and visitors	Choose an item.
Regularly reviewed: optimal allocation and distribution mechanisms	Choose an item.
Stable funding: funding is reliable and predicable into the future	Choose an item.
Supports existing infrastructure: existing equipment maintenance and replacement	Choose an item.
Supports local autonomy: provides funding for local priorities	Choose an item.
Supports local economies: local economy and growth, local transportation for goods and people, and local asset management efforts	Choose an item.
Supports provincial economic benefit: resource development, industry access, grain hauling, oil hauling, etc.	Choose an item.
Targeted funding: towards specific infrastructure	Choose an item.



4) Please rank the following program vision statements based on importance to
the success of your municipality: (1 equal to highest priority, 14 equal to lowest priority)

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Collaborative: between municipalities, between provincial departments, and between other funding programs	Choose an item.
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Targeted funding: towards specific infrastructure	Choose an item.



5) Please weight the following program principles based on their level of priority for STIP:

Program Principles	Low	Neutral	High
Accountable: funds dispersed are auditable and results are measurable			
Autonomy: local decision making power for how funds are spent			
Clarity: clearly identified objectives, criteria, and meaning			
Collaboration: focus on funding regional projects or collaborative initiatives			
Competitive: conditional granting, project specific funding based on a competitive process			
Economic impact: improves economic opportunities			
Fairness: equity between municipalities and fairly targeted funding			
Flexibility: ability to be flexible in order to meet different needs and priorities			
Fosters innovation: funding targets innovative projects and investment in sustainability			
Long-term funding: consistent and predictable access to funding sustained funding beyond the 2 years currently stated and confirmed			
Municipal investment (skin in the game): provide funding assistance, not full funding			
Need-based: ensure municipalities with less ability to pay and greater need get funding allocation			
Tangibility: targeted to ensure allocations are large enough to be impactful			
Click or tap here to enter text.			



6)	Do you agree STIP funding should be applicable for all aspects of selected projects/assets to be included under grant funding? (i.e. Bridge funding to include approaches; Airport funding to include lighting, etc.)				
		Agree			
		Agree, but limited to these asset types:	Click or tap here to enter text.		
		Disagree			
7) Do you agree that asset rehabilitation projects should be allowed as eligible projects for STIP?					
		Agree			
		Agree, but limited to these asset types:	Click or tap here to enter text.		
		Disagree			
8)	Please ic	dentify the asset types that should receive	e funding under the STIP		
		Resource Roads			
		Local Road Bridges			
		Community Airports – tarmac only, as o	originally covered in CAP		
		Community Airports – tarmac funding a	and expansion to other assets		
	Other (please specify): Click or tap here to enter text.				
9)		STIP has \$1,000,000 of funding to alloca ould be funded and enter the amount eac			
		Asset Type:	Allocated Funding Amount:		
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ocal Road Bridges			\$ Enter Amount.		
Community Airports (Tarmac Only) \$ Enter Amount.					
om	munity Air	ports (Tarmac & Other Assets)	\$ Enter Amount.		
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10) How do you think each asset type should be administered and evaluated for funding?

	Competitive- based funding	Competitive-based, but among similarly sized municipalities	Allocation-based funding
Resource Roads			
Local Road Bridges			
Community Airports (Tarmac Only)			
Community Airports (Tarmac & Other Assets)			
Click or tap here to enter text.			



11) If funding for STIP remains as a <u>competitive granting program</u>, please identify which criteria should be considered as <u>mandatory requirements</u> for each asset type to be funded. (select all that apply). If you do not believe funding for a particular asset type should be competitive, please mark the "Not Applicable" column.

	Resource Roads	Local Road Bridges	Community Airports (Tarmac Only)	Community Airports (Tarmac & Other Assets)	Click or tap here to enter text.
Not Applicable for asset type					
Aboriginal impact: positive economic impact for aboriginal communities					
Asset management system: municipalities have existing processes					
Collaboration: regional partnership between applicants					
Contribution to sustainability: positive environmental impacts					
Economic impact: local economic development potential					
Funding sources: lack of other grants, programs, and funding sources					
Impact on local strategy: based on municipal priorities					
Impact on provincial strategy: based on GoA priorities					
Municipal commitment: level of funding contribution to the project					
Municipal need: demonstrated need based on asset condition					
Project innovation: value-added new ideas or technology					
Safety and risk mitigation: positive impact on public health and safety					
Tiered: competitive within similarly sized municipalities					



12) If funding for STIP remains as a <u>competitive granting program</u>, please identify which criteria should be considered as <u>bonus criteria for extra points</u> for each asset type to be funded. (select all that apply). If you do not believe funding for a particular asset type should be competitive, please mark the "Not Applicable" column.

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13) Are there any additional comments you would like to make about competitive-based STIP funds?

Click or tap here to enter text.

14) If funding for STIP becomes an allocated funding program, please identify which criteria should be considered for the allocation formula for each asset type. (select all that apply). If you do not believe funding for a particular asset type should be allocation-based, please mark the "Not Applicable" column

	Resource Roads	Local Road Bridges	Community Airports (Tarmac Only)	Community Airports (Tarmac & Other Assets)	Click or tap here to enter text.
Not Applicable for asset type					
Asset condition data collected by the province					
Asset condition data collected by the municipality					
KM's of road the municipality has					
The municipalities' strategic priorities					
The province's strategic priorities					
The municipality's ability to pay (Including reserves, and taxation potential)					
The municipality's population size					
The municipality's incorporation type (Rural vs Urban)					
Value of the municipality's eligible assets					



15) Are there any additional comments you would like to make about allocating STIP funds?

Click or tap here to enter text.

16) Do you have any additional comments or feedback in regards to the STIP program?

Click or tap here to enter text.

Thank you for your participation. If you would like to contact us with additional information, general follow-up, or for technical concerns with the survey, please email grant.gabert@tantus.com