

B.C. Provincial Tolling Policy



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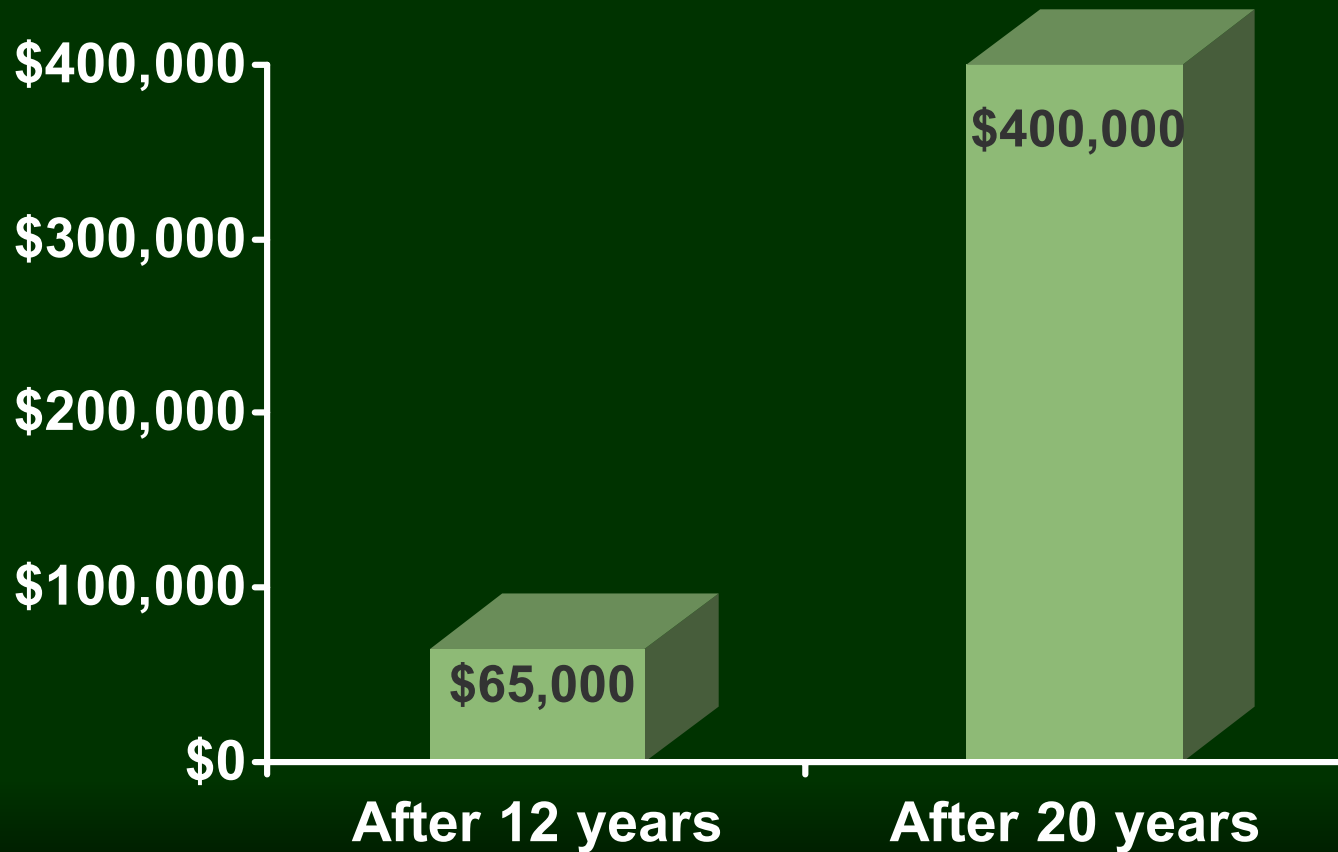
Ministry of Transportation

Opening up our Economy through Transportation Improvements

- **Committed to open up heartlands**
 - improve rural and resource roads
- **Improve safety and reliability through rehabilitation**
- **Expand capacity, improve efficiency**
- **Improve movement of goods through trade gateways**
- **Investment will create employment**
 - 1,700 direct jobs
- **Stimulate economic expansion in all regions**

Timely Investments mean Substantial Savings over Time

Costs of Highway Rehabilitation per Kilometre

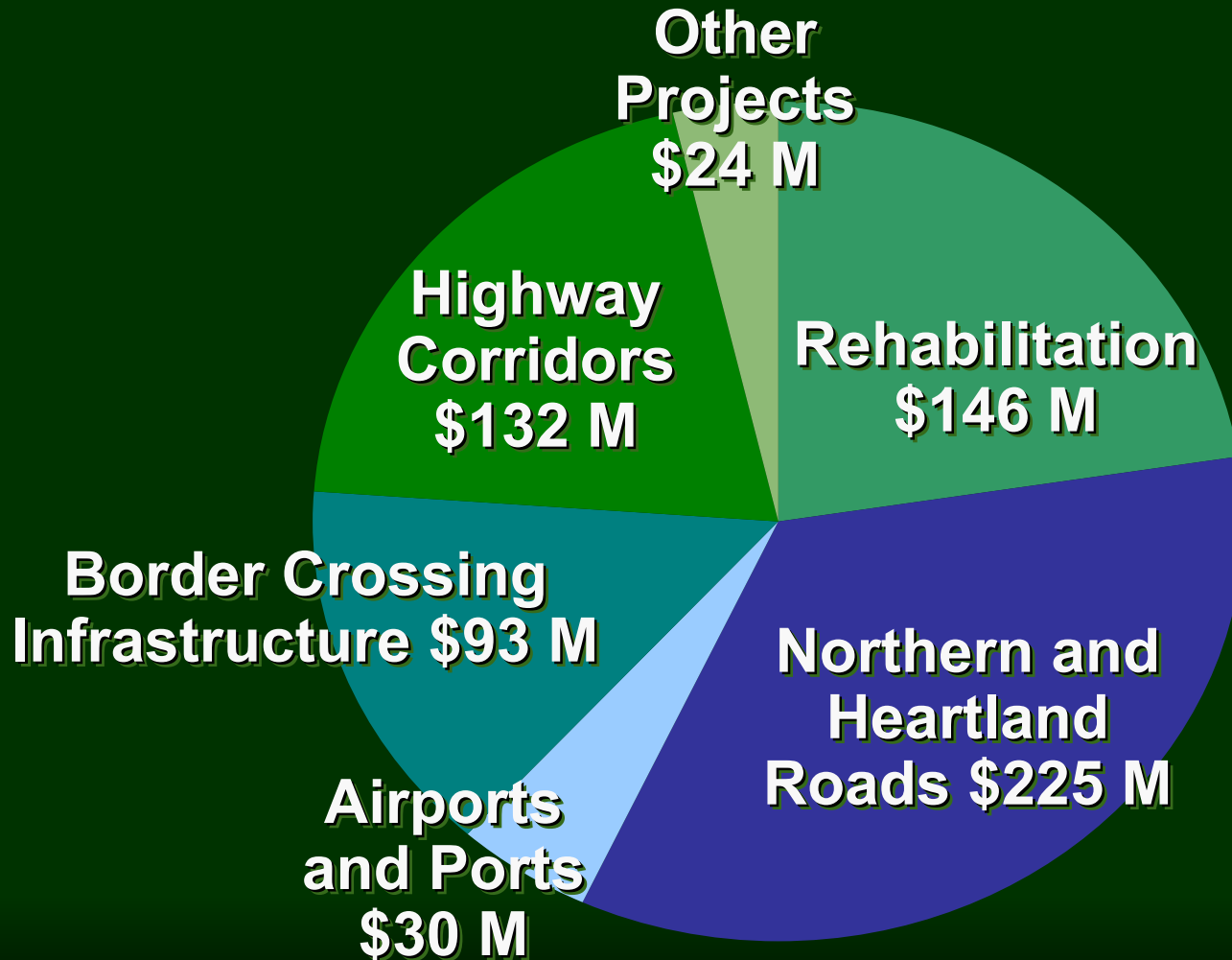


More Infrastructure Sooner with No Public Debt

- Provides for user pay directly tied to benefits
- Accelerates construction so transportation benefits are seen sooner
- Creates employment
- Private-sector participation and innovation encourage service improvements.
- Use of tolling limited to major improvements and roads with high traffic volumes



Additional province-wide fuel tax will provide \$650 million over the next 3 years



Private-Sector Participation

Key to Success

- This direct investment can leverage \$1.7 billion over the same period
- Need private-sector investment to build an effective transportation system
- Limited tolling is part of the funding solution
- Our financing strategy means no increase in the public debt

Strong Guidelines Ensure Safety, Fairness and Accountability

- **Transparent and fair**
- **Treats all users equally**
- **Guarantees public safety standards and access**
- **Provides for public consultation**
- **Benefits must exceed toll costs**
- **Levels of tolls and rate increases predictable, fair and established in advance**
- **Free alternative must be available**