

Background

The Government of Canada's *Investing in Canada* plan, delivered by Infrastructure Canada (INFC), has committed to an investment of \$180 billion in infrastructure over 12 years. Of this federal investment, through a program entitled the Public Transit Infrastructure Fund (PTIF), financial support will be dedicated towards public transit infrastructure which will be delivered in three Phases.

Phase I of the program provides funding of \$3.4 billion to municipalities across Canada to help accelerate short term investments to support the rehabilitation of transit systems and fund studies to support longer term transit expansion plans.

Phase 2 of the program will provide funding of \$20.3 billion and is expected to be delivered over 11 years. Details on Phase 2 will be released once bilateral agreements have been reached between the Government of Canada and its provinces. Details related to Phase 3 of the program have yet to be released.

Under Phase 1, the City of Greater Sudbury (City) was approved up to \$14.6 million of eligible costs to be invested in sixteen (16) projects, of which up to 50% would be funded by the INFC. This report provides a summary and status update on each project.

Current Status of Greater Sudbury Projects Under PTIF

The City has received approval for sixteen (16) projects to be completed by March 31, 2018. However, it is important to note the following:

1. In response to the tight deadlines and volume of projects undertaken Province wide, the INFC has increased the amount of federal funding that can be claimed beyond March 31, 2018 from 25% to 40% of gross project costs. The completion date for projects listed under the extension is March 31, 2019.
2. Expected project surpluses can be transferred to another project based on need or changes to organizational priorities through approval from the INFC. An application for project modifications is being finalized by Greater Sudbury Transit and sent to the Ministry of Transportation (MTO) by the end of October 2017.

Appendix A – Public Transit Infrastructure Fund Project List Update provides the list of projects, scope of work, relating costs to date and current status. Three projects are expected to be completed after March 31, 2018 and therefore an extension approval is required from INFC. The projects requiring the extension consist of the route optimization study and infrastructure enhancement, the purchase of buses and the Westmount Avenue Active Transportation Improvements.

Next Steps

City of Greater Sudbury employees will continue toward completing each project on time and within budget. Furthermore, Greater Sudbury Transit will work congruently with the MTO and INFC toward confirming approval of the project modification application, project extension list and lastly, completing the interim claim for project costs incurred to date.

References

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