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RCCAO: Infrastructure Investments Key to Ontario's Economy

Vaughan, Ont. – With Ontario's population projected to grow by 42% over the next three decades, the need for sustained, long-term investment and upkeep in transformational infrastructure has never been more urgent. In its 2025 Ontario budget submission, the Residential and Civil Construction Alliance of Ontario (RCCAO) details how the Government of Ontario can set the agenda to realize Ontario's economic potential and get greater long-term value for all Ontarians.

RCCAO's submission was provided as part of the Ontario government's pre-budget consultations and offered recommendations that address the challenges of a growing province. RCCAO Executive Director Nadia Todorova looks forward to discussing these priorities directly with the Ministry this Friday:

1. **Sustained investment in Ontario's critical infrastructure** – Projects like Highway 413, the Bradford Bypass, the Ontario Line, and the Morriston Bypass are essential to keeping people and goods moving, reducing congestion, and supporting a thriving economy. Funding state-of-good-repair work cannot be overlooked while new projects are being built.
2. **Increased use of recycled crushed aggregate** – Mandate municipalities to adopt the OPSS1010 standard, to have recycled crushed aggregate comprise 20 percent of road building materials.
3. **Improved utility locate processes** – Eliminating redundant relocate requirements on deep excavation projects will enhance efficiency, reduce delays, and address a critical bottleneck in construction timelines.

"Ontario's infrastructure is the backbone of its economy and lays the foundation for building a prosperous and inclusive province," said Todorova. "Amidst the economic uncertainty ahead, it is critical that the Province continues with the long-needed transformational infrastructure investments our economy relies on. With bold investments and strategic policy changes, we can ensure that communities are connected, industries are supported, and Ontarians can enjoy an unparalleled quality of life."

RCCAO's submission warns of the high cost of inaction, citing a [recently commissioned report](#) showing that congestion could cost Ontario \$145 billion by 2044 and result in the loss of over half a million jobs. It also highlights the link between infrastructure and housing, noting that better transportation systems can unlock land for development and help tackle the province's housing challenges.

Builders in Ontario's residential and civil construction sector are ready to construct Ontario's future and continue collaborating with governments to realize our potential.

RCCAO's full submission is available for review [here](#).

RCCAO Executive Director Nadia Todorova is available for interviews.

Background on RCCAO: The Residential and Civil Construction Alliance of Ontario (RCCAO) is a labour-management construction alliance. Since its formation in 2005, RCCAO has been a leading industry advocate for infrastructure investment. It has commissioned 61 independent, solutions-based research reports to help inform decision makers. www.rccao.com.

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