

RCCAO's Ontario budget submission targets RCA, locates and critical infrastructure

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VAUGHAN, ONT. – In its 2025 Ontario budget submission, the Residential and Civil Construction Alliance of Ontario (RCCAO) is highlighting how the Government of Ontario can address the challenges of a growing province through sustained infrastructure investment.

It states projects like Highway 413, the Bradford Bypass, the Ontario Line and the Morriston Bypass are examples of how the province is keeping goods and people moving, but funding state-of-good-repair work cannot be overlooked while new projects are being built.

The submission is also asking for the increased use of recycled crushed aggregate (RCA) by mandating municipalities adopt the OPSS1010 standard, which would have recycled crushed aggregate comprise 20 per cent of roadbuilding materials.

Improving utility locate processes is also needed, the RCCAO argues, by eliminating redundant relocate requirements on deep excavation projects. This will enhance efficiency, reduce delays and address a critical bottleneck in construction timelines.

RCCAO's submission warns of the high cost of inaction, citing a [recently commissioned report](#) showing congestion could cost Ontario \$145 billion by 2044. 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.

The submission was provided as part of the Ontario government's pre-budget consultations. The association's full submission can be seen [here](#).