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Website tracks stimulus jobs in Ontario

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Ontario's new online infrastructure stimulus tracking tool is a step in the right direction for conveying what stimulus related construction is underway, says the Residential and Civil Construction Alliance of Ontario.

"The whole aspect of tracking is important and it gives an idea of how things are proceeding," says Andy Manahan, executive director of RCCAO.

"It is fairly logical to use."



The new website allows visitors to track the progress of recently announced infrastructure stimulus projects in their community and across the province. This type of information is vital for both residents and businesses to know where stimulus dollars are resulting in shovels in the ground, states the province.

The province reports that its two year stimulus investment will create and support an estimated 146,000 jobs in 2009–10 and 168,000 jobs in 2010–11 across Ontario.

Andy Manahan The federal and provincial governments have invested approximately \$11 billion in joint funding for more than 2,600 infrastructure projects across Ontario since February "to stimulate the economy and create jobs."

"Ontarians now have a powerful on-line tool to help them locate stimulus infrastructure projects across the province and in their neighbourhoods," said Gerry Phillips, Minister of Energy and Infrastructure for Ontario, in a statement.

"The site will also help enable greater transparency and accountability in our stewardship of stimulus infrastructure spending."

The website is a one-stop-shop for infrastructure stimulus project information that highlights Ontario's provincial contribution towards projects, tracks construction progress and provides regular updates on new investments. Website features include maps of the province showing projects by community, projected job creation and investment, specific project search tools, including a postal code search, a "by the numbers" section that provides details on the government's infrastructure investments by program and a "feature projects" section highlighting projects across the province. Links to project news releases and access to videos, pictures and webcams are also available.

[Click here](#) to see the new stimulus tracking website.