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New Ontario-Toronto Funding Agreement Creates Optimism for Addressing State-of-Good-Repair Backlog and Maintenance of Critical Infrastructure in City of Toronto

Statement by Nadia Todorova, Executive Director, Residential and Civil Construction Alliance of Ontario (RCCAO), in response to the new Ontario-Toronto funding deal:

“Premier Doug Ford and Mayor Olivia Chow’s new funding agreement is recognition by both governments on the need for sustained and focussed investment to build and maintain critical infrastructure in a state-of-good-repair. This will benefit all Ontarians and recognizes Toronto’s unique role as Ontario’s and Canada’s economic engine.”

“The uploading of the Don Valley Parkway and Gardiner Expressway to the province provides leadership to ensure upkeep of these critical infrastructure assets, and keep people and goods flowing throughout the region while affording Toronto municipal coffers substantial relief to address its state-of-good-repair backlog.”

“RCCAO has long been an advocate for long-term, predictable funding from higher orders of government for municipalities to address the backlog of state-of-good-repair work and the maintenance of critical infrastructure, especially in the City of Toronto. It is imperative that the City of Toronto keeps its infrastructure capital deficit top of mind when allocating the provincial funding received through this new deal.”

“RCCAO commends the leadership of Premier Ford’s government and Mayor Chow on working together to reach a new funding agreement for the City of Toronto. We will analyze the implementing legislation in the days ahead and will continue working collaboratively with decision makers on this important issue. We urge the federal government to come to the table and build on this positive momentum in support of a region that generates 20 percent of Canada's GDP.”

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.*

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