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Will your party commit to developing a new, long-term sustainable infrastructure investment plan to replace the Building Canada Plan when it expires in 2014?

Modern, efficient infrastructure is a driver of a productive economy and a high quality of life. A Liberal government would see municipalities as equal partners and would listen to municipalities, keep promises, and bring the two levels of government closer together.

A Liberal government will provide leadership, working with other levels of government and the private sector to put in place a Canadian Transportation and Infrastructure Strategy that targets long-term economic benefits.

One of the Strategy's four focuses would be municipal infrastructure, particularly for water and sewers to meet local needs and reduce pollution, and major public multi-function spaces.

We'll create a new kind of partnership with provinces and municipalities, based on respect and co-operation, to address infrastructure for the long term, and build on the dynamism and innovation of our cities.

Will your party commit to the creation of a comprehensive national transit policy framework and investment strategy including the indexation of the gas tax for municipalities?

As many of Canada's cities face congestion on roads and highways, more must be done to invest in public transit.

A Liberal government created the Gas Tax Transfer, delivering \$2 billion per year to Canadian cities to invest in things like public transit, and we're committed to building on that.

Liberals believe the federal government should invest more in public transit to reduce commuting times, make communities more sustainable, create a better business investment climate, and improve the quality of life of Canadians.

One focus of the Liberal Party's Canadian Transportation and Infrastructure Strategy is on expanding local and regional transit, rapid transit, and commuter rail that helps reduce greenhouse gases by providing efficient alternatives to private vehicles.

We're also committed to high-speed rail in regions where rapid, convenient connections between major urban centres promises environmental benefits, enhanced mobility, decreased congestion, and a boost to international commerce.