

Ontario Government Investing close to \$10 Million in 10 Transit Projects in the City of Sarnia

Priority projects will mean safer, faster, more convenient commutes

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SARNIA — Ontario is working to support municipalities and get people moving by investing in new transit and road infrastructure projects in the City of Sarnia.

Local MPP Bob Bailey announced today that the Ford Government is investing \$9,229,910.25 in 10 transit projects in Sarnia by nominating them under the Public Transit stream and Rural and Northern stream of the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP).

“Building and maintaining great roads, bridges and transit infrastructure will help people who rely on our roads and public transit to get to work and home safely. We are working closely with our municipal partners, families and small businesses to build needed infrastructure in our community,” said MPP Bailey.

“The transit projects announced today promise to make a real difference in people’s lives,” said Laurie Scott, Minister of Infrastructure. “Better public transit creates stronger communities. It helps people spend less time commuting to work and home, and more time doing the things they love with those they care about most.”

The projects are now with the federal government for final funding decisions as they are reviewed for eligibility under the ICIP program. Some projects could begin as soon as fall 2019. “We’re excited to get shovels in the ground;” said MPP Bailey. “Now it’s up to the federal government to approve them.”

If approved, the nominated projects will be eligible for total funding of more than \$27.6 million from the federal, provincial and municipal governments.

Project Location	Project Name	Provincial Contribution	Total Eligible Cost
City of Sarnia	Accessibility Improvement Projects	\$274,972.50	\$825,000.00
City of Sarnia	Fleet Replacement & Expansion	\$3,329,000.40	\$9,988,000.00
City of Sarnia	Transit Garage and Office Renovations	\$879,912.00	\$2,640,000.00
City of Sarnia	Transit Maintenance Equipment Replacement and Upgrades	\$362,963.70	\$1,089,000.00
City of Sarnia	Active Transportation Projects	\$1,118,221.50	\$3,355,000.00
City of Sarnia	Transit Signal Priority and Accessibility	\$1,393,194.00	\$4,180,000.00
City of Sarnia	Terminal Upgrades	\$999,066.75	\$2,997,500.00
City of Sarnia	Fleet Upgrades	\$128,320.50	\$385,000.00
City of Sarnia	Process and Practice Improvements Through Standard Technology Implementation	\$320,801.25	\$962,500.00
City of Sarnia	Transit Stop Improvements	\$423,457.65	\$1,270,500.00
Total		\$9,229,910.25	

QUICK FACTS

- The Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program is a federal-provincial cost-sharing program, which includes up to \$30 billion in federal, provincial and other partner funding over 10 years. Ontario's share per project will be up to 33.33 per cent or about \$10.2 billion spread across four streams: 1. Rural and Northern, 2. Public Transit, 3. Green, 4. Community, Culture and Recreation.
 - The Rural and Northern intake focused on road, bridge, air and marine infrastructure in rural and northern communities with populations under 100,000 people.
 - A total of [144 road, bridge, air and marine infrastructure projects have been nominated to date under the Rural and Northern stream](#).
 - The second intake of ICIP applications was for transit projects in municipalities outside the GTHA. Funding is allocated to transit systems based on a municipality's or municipalities' share of total transit ridership in Ontario as per the 2015 Canadian Urban Transit Association Fact Book. The allocation-based funding model was set by the federal government. The Province has nominated 144 transit infrastructure projects from 42 municipalities outside of the GTHA under the Public Transit stream of ICIP. More nominations from this intake will be announced later this year.
 - On July 22, 2019, Ontario announced that until October 24, municipalities inside the GTHA can apply for funding to support new transit projects under the Public Transit Stream of the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program. Information on additional intakes will be released when available.
 - The government also nominated five major transit projects in the [City of Toronto and Region of York](#) to the federal government for approval.
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