

APPENDIX A - Category Specific Supplement

HIGHWAYS AND MAJOR ROADS

I. Objective

To invest in highways and major roads, including bridges that have broad public benefits, and that contribute to economic growth, to a clean environment, and stronger communities.

II. Subcategories

New construction, additional capacity, or rehabilitation of highways and major roads, including bridges and tunnels that are:

- High capacity roads such as freeways, expressways or major arterials with an Annual Average Daily Traffic count greater than 3,000 vehicles.
- Highways and roads related to natural resource development opportunities; or,
- Road/rail grade separations on one of the above highways or major roads.

Notes:

- *Project under this category could include: Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS), and/or active transportation infrastructure (e.g. sidewalks, bicycle lanes, pedestrian/bike/multi-use pathways) components as a part of the overall project.*

III. Outcomes and Benefits

These benefits support one or more of the following outcomes:

- Increasing efficiency and mobility by supporting efforts to reduce congestion, effectively manage traffic volume, and reduce travel time;
- Improving safety;
- Improving access for remote areas affected by resource development-related activity, and/or improved social and economic outcomes in affected communities; or
- Extending the life of the existing asset.

IV. Project Specific Criteria

- Must demonstrate the economic advantages and the broader public benefits of the project.
- Must be compatible with official transportation plans or other transportation strategies, where appropriate.

- Must demonstrate that the proposal is based on current demand (e.g., significant volumes of traffic and/or trucks), and if the project is intended to expand existing asset or build new asset, the intended results must be substantiated.
- For projects with Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) components, such components or system must be compliant with the ITS Architecture for Canada and/or the Border information Flow Architecture where applicable.