

6.6 Maintenance Budgets

Road and structure maintenance plans and inspections:

- provide a mechanism to help identify priorities for road and structure maintenance;
- ensure consistent and efficient allocation of ministry funding; and
- reduce the ministry's liability by prioritizing and allocating funding for road and structure maintenance based on the results of a documented maintenance inspection and engineering risk analysis of the roads and structures.

A ranking procedure for annual maintenance funding involves preparing a list of candidate road and structure maintenance projects that will require funding, and then ranking the projects by priority according to established criteria based on the estimated levels of risk to known values within and adjacent to the road right-of-way, and consideration of vehicle access needs. The list is prepared by reviewing available road and structure maintenance inspection reports on hard copy file or on a corporate database, and other relevant information, and considering the historical record of annual road and structure maintenance required on individual FSRs.