



# Strategic Planning of Infrastructure for the Recovery Phase

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# Context

## **Need to think about infrastructure spending**

*Investment in infrastructure often cited as an essential component of efforts to lift the economy out of recession.*

## **Reasons to think that traditional policy prescriptions may not be appropriate for this downturn:**

- *Government action has created supply side shock – economy shut down.*
- *Construction sector has generally continued to function – considered an essential service in most provinces.*
- *Large fiscal stimulus has been directed at income support.*
- *Unclear what will happen to demand when economies re-open fully.*



# Considerations



# Moving Forward

## What to Build

Temporary or permanent changes in the way people live and work

Opportunity to plan collaboratively among governments (eg. WATERFRONToronto and Atlantic Clean Power Planning Committee)

## How to Build

Short-, medium- and long-term planning

Investor interest

Unsolicited proposals

Private sector risk appetite