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 downtown:**

- **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

- Labour Market
- Health and Safety
- Supply Chains
- Planning/Design/Approvals
- Project Pipeline
Moving Forward

What to Build

Temporary or permanent changes in the way people live and work
Opportunity to plan collaboratively among governments (e.g., WATERFRONT Toronto and Atlantic Clean Power Planning Committee)

How to Build

Short-, medium- and long-term planning
Investor interest
Unsolicited proposals
Private sector risk appetite