

Calgary Airport Trail Tunnel Connection In-Camera Update Report to City Council



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Project Update: Calgary Airport Authority

Mayor Bronconnier & Alderman Stevenson

2009 Nov 18: Presentation to CAA Board of Directors

2009 Nov 24: Meeting with CAA CEO & Chair

2009 Dec 22: City & CAA sign MOA

- Confirm cost estimate of \$287 Million
- Parties contribute total of \$90 Million, provided Federal and Provincial contributions of \$98.6 Million each are secured
- 2010 March 1 Deadline for funding to be in place

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2010 Jan 20: Meeting with Hon. Jim Prentice

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- No new infrastructure or “stimulus” money contemplated and pool of funding exhausted by existing commitments
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- P3 Canada Funding potentially an option

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2010 Jan 21: Meeting with Hon. Rob Merrifield

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- Shifting runway could potentially allow for Airport Trail to “swerve” around the new runway. Is that an option?

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Follow Up from Federal Meetings

Letters exchanged between Mayor and CAA: Jan 27 – Feb 1

Moving runway would not be an option – would be contrary to the AVPA and Airport Zoning Regulations which have been in place for 30 years

P3 Option was given cursory review by CAA early on, and did not appear to be viable, however would be comfortable with any option provided that it meets the full funding, timing and other specifications agreed to in the MOA

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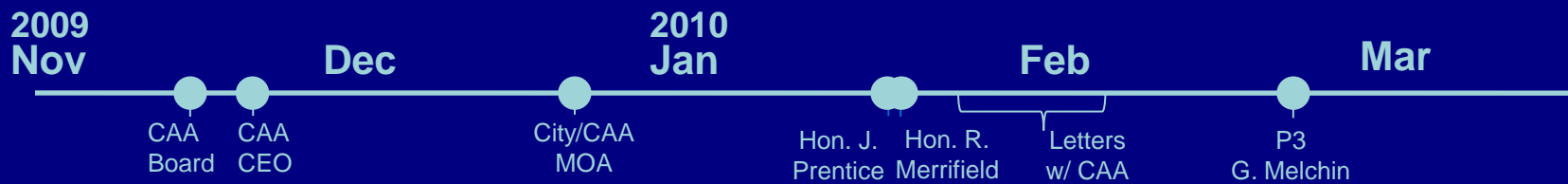
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Follow Up from Federal Meetings: P3 Canada

Mayor Bronconnier & Alderman Stevenson

2010 Feb 26: Meeting with Greg Melchin, Chair of P3Canada

- \$1 Billion Fund Established, can provide up to 25% of project cost
- Next opportunity to submit proposals begins on 2010 April 1
 - Projects this round are all being coordinated through Provinces
 - Likely feedback on proposals would be available by late summer/early fall
 - Depending on the nature of the project, potentially opportunity for CAA to “put out” dual tenders to meet their timelines (one with a Tunnel, one without)



CAA Feedback on P3 Canada

- Dual Tenders **NOT** an option
- Very large and complex project (\$1.8 Billion) with tenders starting to be released this summer
- Tenders based on detailed designs – releasing dual tenders would require significant time and cost which would jeopardize the time-sensitivity of construction schedule
- Daily “burn-rate” once construction begins is \$1 Million per day

Opportunity for P3 Canada submission not viable in conjunction with CAA runway tenders; even if P3 Canada funding is eventually available @ 25% participation, this would leave a \$125 million funding shortfall

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2010 March 2: Meeting with Hon. Luke Quelette

- Province does not have the financial capacity to participate in this project
- Province provides money to municipalities through MSI, and those are priorities set by municipalities themselves.
- According to provincial policy, the only way Province would ever consider partnering in a project of this type is if it were part of the Provincial Highway system – This project is not.

PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT WILL NOT BE PARTICIPATING

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Project Update: **OUTCOME**

- Neither the Federal nor Provincial Government has the financial capacity to participate in this project.
- Agreement with CAA has expired, and runway schedule is very time sensitive
- **CONSTRUCTION OF TUNNEL SIMULTANEOUS WITH RUNWAY IS NO LONGER A VIABLE OPTION**
 - Other alternatives will be required

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Next Steps

- Preserve and protect tunnel option for the future
 - Complete ROW & Access agreement with CAA
 - Finalize a preliminary design for Airport Trail link
- Fast-track completion of Métis Trail
 - 2010 Feb 8 LPT2010-09: Council approved protection of ROW for future Airport Trail Interchange
- Develop & Implement plan for upgrades to Country Hills Blvd.
 - Secure land requirements from CAA & adjacent landowners
 - Refer CHB “front-ending” to Council review of TIIP

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Next Steps

- Upgrade existing road connections
 - CAA has committed \$10.5 Million to complete road connection between 36th St. and 48th Ave. N.E
 - City to signalize intersection of 36th Street N.E. and CHB