

## **SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING**

### **SUPPORTING CONTINUED SUCCESS:**

### **DISASTER MANAGEMENT & REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PRIORITIES**

**NOVEMBER 6 – 7, 2013, WESTIN BAYSHORE HOTEL, VANCOUVER**

Governments and private firms have invested billions in transportation infrastructure and information technology to build the nation and facilitate trade. This meeting will consider two themes to support continued success of these valuable networks.

#### **DISASTER MANAGEMENT: PREPARATION & RESPONSE**

Our transportation systems are vital for Canada's economy and the well-being of its citizens. Today's transportation systems are increasingly interdependent and complex. Recent events have shown that physical and IT infrastructure is vulnerable to natural and man-made disasters. What are the specific vulnerabilities? What is needed to protect our critical transportation infrastructure? How can governments and industry mitigate such risks? How can the system become more resilient? What best practices and innovations can be implemented?

#### **COORDINATED REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PRIORITIES**

Western Canada's transportation networks facilitate trade within, to and from the region. The infrastructure that supports trade is provided by governments - federal, provincial, territorial, regional and municipal - as well as by railways, ports and terminals. In addition, the policies of governments impact transportation.

Provincial and territorial governments are working together to create a 'Coordinated Transportation Infrastructure Plan for the West'. Members will discuss and give important input on the priorities to be used in creating this plan to support regional success.

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## WEDNESDAY

November 6th, 2013

8:00 am	Board of Directors Meeting
9:45 am	<b>Opening Remarks by the Chairman</b>  <b>Hon. Don McMorris</b> Minister of Highways and Infrastructure, Government of Saskatchewan
<b>Disaster Management: Preparation &amp; Response</b>	
10:00 am	<b>Disaster Risk Reduction</b> Are the vulnerabilities to natural hazards increasing? How prepared are Canada's transportation systems? What can be done to protect critical infrastructure? How likely does a catastrophic event need to be to justify preventative investments?  <b>Paul Kovacs</b> Executive Director, Institute for Catastrophic Loss Reduction  Roundtable discussion
11:00 am	<b>Understanding Regional Vulnerabilities</b> What happens in disasters, and why? What can be anticipated in future disasters? Do transport infrastructure interdependencies magnify the impacts of disasters? Are there particular challenges that transportation stakeholders should be aware of?  <b>Dr. John Clague</b> Director, Centre for Natural Hazards Research, Simon Fraser University  Roundtable discussion
11:45 am	<b>Lunch</b>
1:00 pm	<b>Learning from Past Events</b> What lessons can we learn from past events – domestic and international – to prepare for disasters in our region? What are some of the impacts that organizations often fail to plan for?  <b>Prof. Joseph Scanlon</b> Professor Emeritus and Director of Emergency Communications Research Unit, School of Journalism and Communication, Carleton University  Roundtable discussion

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1:00 pm	<p><b>Learning from Past Events (cont.)</b>            Early lessons from recent disasters:  <b>Hon. Ric McIver</b>            Minister of Transportation, Government of Alberta</p> <p><b>Marshall Oliver</b>            Director, Technical Services, BELFOR Restoration</p> <p>Mitigation pays off:  <b>Hon. Steve Ashton</b> <i>(to be confirmed)</i>            Minister of Infrastructure &amp; Transportation and Minister Responsible for Emergency Measures, Government of Manitoba</p>
3:00 pm	Break
3:30 pm	<p><b>Resiliency through Business Continuity Planning</b>            To be resilient, businesses must have good continuity plans in place prior to a disaster. What are the elements of such plans for transportation stakeholders? What level of co-ordination is required with other stakeholders?</p> <p><b>Pat Docking</b>            President &amp; CEO, Pdocking Consulting Ltd.</p> <p>Roundtable discussion</p>
4:00 pm	<p><b>Cyber, Internal &amp; Other Malicious Risks for the Transport Sector</b>            Canada's transportation networks not only face physical threats but as technology use increases, so do risks of cyber attacks (from internal and external sources). How real are these risks? What steps can be taken to reduce them?</p> <p><b>Ray Boisvert</b>            President &amp; CEO, I-SEC Integrated Strategies and            former Assistant Director, Canadian Security Intelligence Services (CSIS)</p> <p>Roundtable discussion</p>
5:00 pm	Working Sessions end
5:30 pm	<b>Reception</b>

## THURSDAY

November 7th, 2013

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### Regional Transportation Priorities

7:00 am	<b>Private Breakfast Meeting for Provinces &amp; Territories: Refreshing a Coordinated Transportation Infrastructure Plan for the West</b> Ministers (along with their Deputies et al,) will meet for private discussion.
8:00 am	Buffet Breakfast
9:00 am	<b>British Columbia Transportation Strategy Update</b>  <b>Hon. Todd Stone</b> Minister of Transportation & Infrastructure, Government of British Columbia
9:20 am	<b>The Case for Sustained and Strategic Public Infrastructure Investment</b> Sustained and strategic investment in public infrastructure is essential to Canada's long-term economic growth and is critical to the quality of life enjoyed by Canadians.  <b>Michael Holden</b> Senior Economist, Canada West Foundation
9:50 am	Break
10:10 am	<b>Key Trends and Federal Transport Policies</b> The Government of Canada recognizes the importance of the transportation system to the country's economy and to the well-being of its citizens, and creates and implements policies to foster the system's safety, security, efficiency, and environmental sustainability. The presentation will canvass key trends affecting the transportation sector today, and related developments in federal policies.  <b>Scott Streiner</b> Assistant Deputy Minister, Policy Group, Transport Canada
10:40 am	<b>Western Canadian Transportation – A Vision for Success</b>  <b>Hon. Don McMorris</b> Minister of Highways and Infrastructure, Government of Saskatchewan
11:00 am	<b>Roundtable Discussions: Western Canada's Transportation Priorities</b> We know that a coordinated plan and vision for Western Canada's transportation system is key to future success. In small groups, WESTAC Members will take a big-picture look at regional coordination. What should the priorities be? Suggestions can be hard and soft measures; policies and infrastructure projects. This is an opportunity for Members to provide high-level input in the early stages of a 'Coordinated Transportation Infrastructure Plan for the West'. Each group is asked to submit a maximum one-page sheet of their ideas.
Noon	<b>Closing Buffet Lunch</b>

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