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**MUNICIPAL  
INFRASTRUCTURE**

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# MUNICIPAL INFRASTRUCTURE

Wildrose is committed to building the infrastructure Alberta needs for a thriving economy and quality of life that is second to none. Meeting Alberta's growth challenges in every community – both urban and rural – will take foresight and leadership at both the provincial and municipal level.

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Above all, the provincial government must stop picking winners and losers for infrastructure grant money, and get fundamental transfers like the Municipal Sustainability Initiative (MSI) off the roller

coaster of oil prices and political needs.

Edmonton and Calgary face unique growth pressures in transit, transportation, education and health care, but there are unique pressures in every community across the province. Wildrose is committed to increased, predictable, and stable funding for every community in Alberta. Our 10/10 MSI plan allocates 10% of all tax revenues and 10% of budget surpluses to municipalities, to ensure that core funding doesn't rely on the threats or promises of politicians.

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# POLICIES

- » Implement the Wildrose 10/10 MSI plan, which would allocate 10% of all tax revenues and 10% of budget surpluses to municipalities. If this plan had been implemented, there would have been an increase in funding for municipalities during each of the past three years
- » *Support the future construction and expansion of LRT in Edmonton and Calgary and other mass transit services across Alberta by annually investing another 10% of future budget surpluses in these projects*
- » Assemble and publish an online “Alberta Infrastructure Priority List” outlining the priority of all requested capital projects across the province and the objective criteria used to arrive at that priority
- » *Build more infrastructure projects with fewer tax dollars by opening up the competitive bidding process to small and medium size construction companies, substantially decreasing sole source contracts, and banning companies who are working or bidding on government projects from lobbying the government or making political donations*



