



Media Backgrounder Municipal Stimulus Program



Municipal Stimulus Program (MSP) - Description

- The Municipal Stimulus Program was established by the Province of Alberta to provide funding to create and sustain local jobs, enhance provincial competitiveness and productivity, position communities for future economic growth, reduce municipal red-tape and promote job-creating private sector investment.
- The MSP program for infrastructure investments was announced by the Province on July 28, 2020 as part of Alberta’s Recovery Plan to help with the COVID-19 recovery.
- The City of Calgary’s share of the \$500 million MSP is \$152.8 million for capital investments in 2020 and 2021.
- The City submitted their investments for approval to the Province on Sept. 18, 2020.
- The Province announced approved investments on Dec. 4, 2020

How Did The City Make Investment Decisions?

The City reviewed a list of shovel-ready investments that support job creation and that contribute to economic recovery. City administration carefully considered potential investments with respect to Council’s and provincial MSP criteria, including:

- Create jobs and stimulates the economy
- Contribute to a resilient city
- Enable economic diversification
- Enhance long-term value of assets and reduces operating cost
- Attract investment and support the growth and change strategy

The list was approved by City Council Sept. 15. Investments will provide job creation, new and improved infrastructure, upgrades and new projects for Affordable Housing, support for downtown cultural centres, and align with The City’s Growth and Change Strategy contributing to a competitive and prosperous Calgary. The investments follow:

Investments	MSP Funding	Area
AFFORDABLE HOUSING	\$15 M	<p>Investments are for repair and regeneration of City and Calgary Housing Company- owned affordable housing.</p> <p>This includes \$9.3 M for upgrades to 260 homes across 23 buildings in multiple wards.</p> <p>This also includes \$5.7 M for the design and construction of 145 new affordable homes in Rundle, replacing the end-of-life building that exists in that community.</p> <p>Estimates are that 100,000 Calgary households are forecast to be in housing need by 2025.</p>

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CRITICAL ROAD AND FIBER INFRASTRUCTRE RENEWAL	\$31 M	<p>This investment provides:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - critical structural rehabilitation, - safety improvements and - fiber connectivity to road infrastructure, including roads, bikeways, and both pedestrian and vehicle bridges. <p>City-wide.</p>
CULTURAL BUILDING ENVELOPE UPGRADES	\$25.5 M	<p>Upgrade the building envelope for interconnected buildings Glenbow Museum and Jack Singer Concert Hall / Public Building.</p> <p>This project also includes stabilization of the structural foundation of the Historic North West Travellers Building.</p> <p>These improvements will address the aging exterior of the buildings and improve access.</p>
FACILITY UPGRADES	\$8.894 M	<p>Revitalize city-owned, partner-operated facilities and associated networks, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - increase the life of City assets, - leverage alternative energy technology, and - improve amenities that attract investment and support economic growth and recovery. <p>This city-wide upgrade investment includes facilities such as TELUS Spark Science Centre, Heritage Park, Calgary Zoo, and Fort Calgary.</p>
PARK SYSTEM UPGRADES	\$28.315 M	<p>This investment is for rehabilitation and betterment of the Park infrastructure that is in failing or poor condition, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - redevelopment of existing parks, - river access upgrades, - protection and restoration of important cultural landscape assets, - biodiversity implementation and - naturalization of existing parks and open spaces. <p>It will also include installation of a seasonal air-supported structure over existing artificial turf fields at the Shouldice Athletic Park.</p>

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STORMWATER COMMUNITY DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENT	\$32.993 M	<p>Stormwater Community Drainage</p> <p>Improvements in established communities will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - reduce the risk of flooding - improve resiliency against the impact of climate change. <p>Improvements will involve the engineering design and construction in order to enhance the stormwater service potential and capacity.</p>
TRANSIT INFRASTRUCTURE 52 Street East	\$11.129 M	<p>This funding includes upgrades to 52nd Street BRT (Bus Rapid Transit) project.</p> <p>The project supports more efficient movement of people and improved operations for 5 existing bus routes, serving key employment nodes across the east side of the City and supporting additional development along the corridor.</p>