

# **Pacific Gateway Alliance and Canada Transportation Act/Transportation 2030 Update**

**Port of Prince Rupert / Calgary Region  
& Southern Alberta**

**Trade Enhancement Opportunities  
Workshop – April 20, 2017**

# Market Access

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- Getting Alberta products to market in Canada and the world beyond is a priority for the government.
- Transportation infrastructure in British Columbia is key to accessing international markets.
  - In 2015, Alberta exported \$8.7 billion of its marine exports through the Ports of Vancouver and Prince Rupert.
  - Many of Alberta's key export products exit Canada through these ports.
  - West coast ports also serve as major consolidation centres for breakbulk.
- Cooperation is crucial.

# **Pacific Gateway Alliance (PGA) Update**

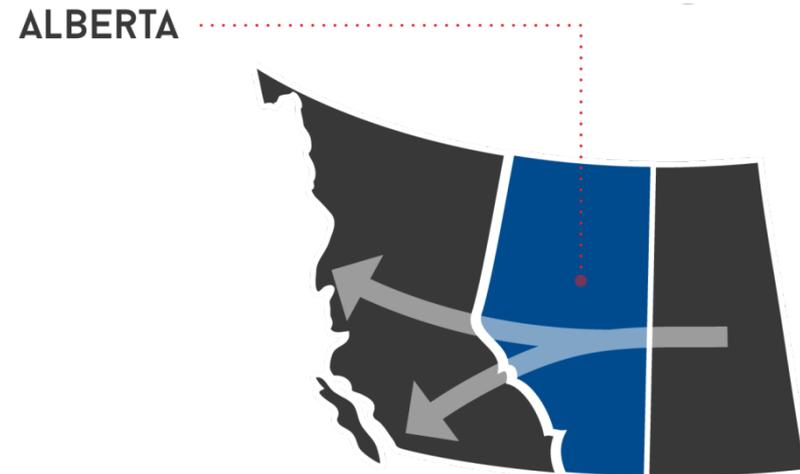
# PGA – Background

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- The Pacific Gateway Alliance (PGA) is founded in many other initiatives: Asia-Pacific Gateway and Corridor Initiative and the New West Partnership (NWP).
- In April 2010, BC, AB and SK signed the NWP.
  - The NWP vision was:
    - an integrated and collaborative system and supply chain;
    - that stays apace with demand growth;
    - can pivot to stay ahead of shifts in demand;
    - prioritizes safety and environmental protection; and
    - has the right options to move goods efficiently and cost-effectively.

# PGA – Purpose

- Share information and make recommendations on port, rail, road, airport infrastructure, and investments.
- Promote the Pacific Gateway/Corridor as the transportation hub to access the economies of Asia.
  - Members include: AB, BC, SK, CN, CP, Port of Vancouver; and Port of Prince Rupert.



# PGA/NWP – Action Items/Status Updates

- The Ten-Point Action Plan items have been divided amongst the three provinces and working groups. Key action items include:
  - Long Term Infrastructure Plan;
  - Enhancing Supply Chain Performance;
  - Recruitment and Training Support, and;
  - Common Trucking Regulations.



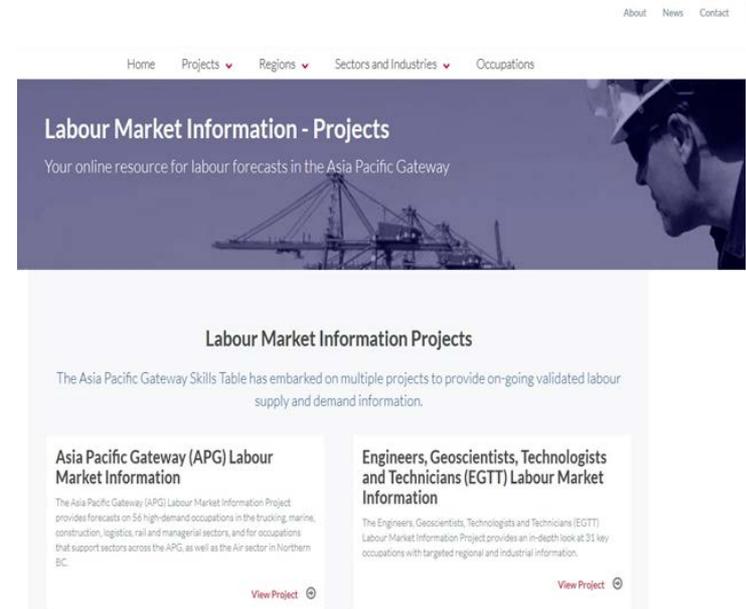
# Action Item 5: Common Trucking Regulations

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- Removal of unnecessary barriers.
- Fall 2010 Invitation and Workshop:
  - Identify barriers and impediments affecting the efficiency of transportation within the region.
  - Develop the 2011 workplan which identified over 60 issues which stakeholders felt should be addressed.
  - Progress on a number of areas towards harmonization of requirements and removal of regulatory impediments.
- Fall 2016 Invitation and Workshop:
  - Obtain industry feedback on remaining interprovincial issues or barriers faced by the transportation sector.
- Next Step:
  - Prepare a new and updated workplan.

# Action Item 8: Recruitment and Training in Transportation Sector

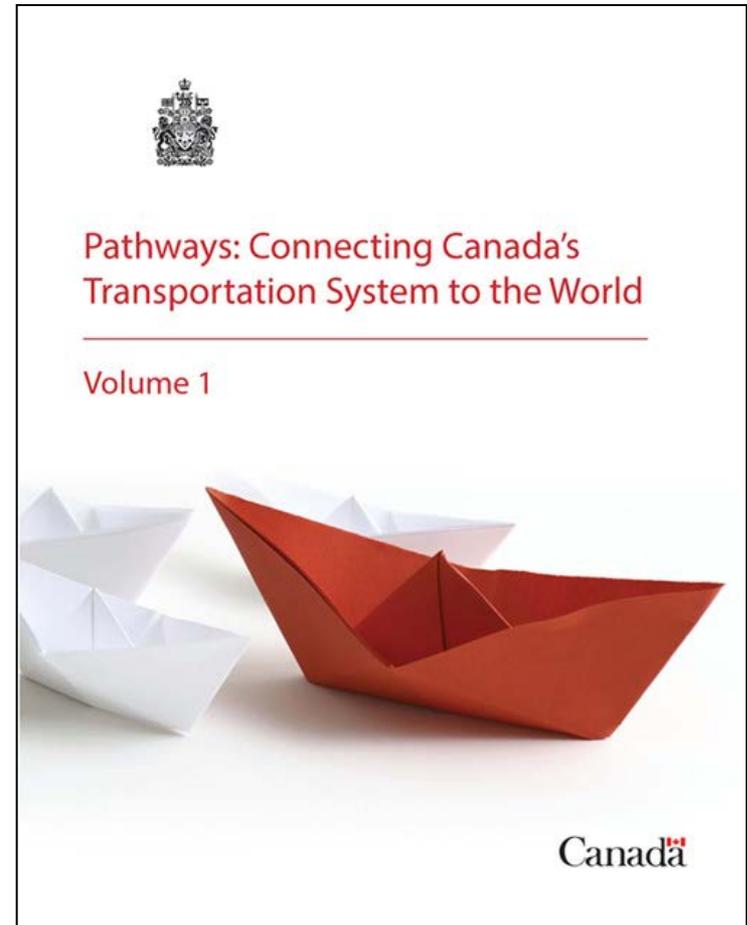
- Asia Pacific Gateway Corridor Labour Market Information Project - Forecasting of Labour Market Information for:
  - Alberta
  - Manitoba
  - Saskatchewan
  - British Columbia
  
- Forecasts for:
  - economic scenarios
  - sectors
  - transportation occupations



***Canada Transportation Act (CTA)***  
**Review/Transportation 2030 Update**

# CTA – Background

- CTA Review Launched on June 25, 2014.
- Concluded on December 21, 2015.
- Report tabled in parliament on February 25, 2016.
  - Looked forward 20 to 30 years to identify priorities and potential actions.



# CTA – Process

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- Government of Alberta made submissions to the Review Panel and federal government.
- Engaged other Ministries as well as stakeholders.
- Participated in Federal/Provincial/Territorial Discussion Group.
- Continue to participate in the Federal/Provincial/Territorial Multimodal Transportation Data, Performance and Forecasting Working Group and Taskforces.

# CTA – Submissions and Recommendations

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- Alberta's initial submission to the Review Panel outlined 51 positions.
  - September 2015 supplementary submission which narrowed the submission to Alberta's top ten areas of focus.
  - Submissions included: need for federal investment; reducing regulatory inconsistencies; expanding performance monitoring; enhancing shipper protection provisions for rail service; enhancing rail safety; reducing airport fees; enhancing air access; and improving accessibility provisions in the CTA.
- CTA Review Panel Report – Pathways made many recommendations to the federal government including:
  - Low carbon transportation, transit improvements, improved passenger service, environmental performance, reduced air travel costs, railway safety, unmanned aerial vehicles and investments in public infrastructure.

# Transportation 2030

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- November 2016 - introduction of Transportation 2030.
- The strategic plan draws on the recommendations of the CTA Review Report, and is based on five themes including:
  - The Traveller
  - Safer Transportation
  - Green and Innovative Transportation
  - Waterways, Coasts and the North
  - Trade Corridors to Global Markets
- Trade Corridors to Global Markets – federal government to invest \$10.1 billion in transportation infrastructure to help eliminate bottlenecks.

# Proposed Legislative Changes – Federal

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- The federal government is anticipating introducing legislation in Spring 2017 to enhance efficiency and reliability in the rail system. The expected legislation is intended to:
  - Establish the ability to apply reciprocal penalties between railway companies and their customers in service level agreements;
  - Define "adequate and suitable" service;
  - Improve access and timelines; and
  - Address the future of the Maximum Revenue Entitlement and extended interswitching.
- The Government of Alberta is awaiting further announcements and details from the federal government regarding these matters.

**Thank you.  
Questions or Comments?**