

## **Call to ACTION: MLA MEETING REQUEST**

### **Make your voice heard**

For several years, ARHCA has raised concerns with the Premier, Minister of Transportation and MLAs about the need for sustainable infrastructure funding, reliable capital plans and concerns with undue, penalizing risk transfer to contractors. ARHCA has generated awareness of the issues through a media campaign **“Fix Our Roads”** and directly to MLAs willing to meet with ARHCA staff.

Now, it’s time to amplify that message to the rural MLAs in Government whose voters see the degradation of the highway and rural road systems. When members speak directly to their local MLAs, it reinforces that these challenges are being felt across Alberta and by businesses and workers in every community.

Please take a moment to contact an MLA to ask for a meeting or phone call. A draft email you can use and instructions to find MLA contact information are provided below. You can reach out to any MLA in Alberta. We suggest that you contact your own representative and/or any other rural MLAs where you work and employ people. Call Ron Glen, in the ARHCA office if you have any questions: **(780) 436-9860 ext.225**

### **To do list:**

- Confirm which MLA you will contact (Ask Ron Glen if you would like a recommendation)
- Call or email the MLA(s) requesting a meeting
- Identify yourself as a constituent and business owner
- Meet with the MLA and share ARHCA’s key messages/concerns
- Talk about your personal experience and outlook for the future
- Leave behind the presentation deck
- Send a thank you note for the meeting
- Report back – let ARHCA know you had the meeting and the outcome

### **How to find MLA contact information:**

- MLA meetings are requested through constituency offices.
- Find your MLA’s email address by using your postal code and the Legislative Assembly website. Search using a postal code or browse the listings.
- <https://www.assembly.ab.ca/members/members-of-the-legislative-assembly>
- Be persistent: send an email and follow up with a phone call if needed.
- Stay on message—use the ARHCA Presentation Deck
- Make it local—explain how funding decisions affect your business and community

## **DRAFT EMAIL to your MLA:**

Hello.

My name is [Name], and I am a constituent in [Constituency] and [your role] at [Company Name], based in [Community].

I'm reaching out to request a meeting to discuss infrastructure funding and the impact current decisions are having on businesses and workers in our region.

As a member of the Alberta Roadbuilders and Heavy Construction Association (ARHCA), I would welcome the opportunity to share industry perspectives and local insights.

Would you be available for a meeting in the coming weeks? I am happy to accommodate your schedule.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

## **Key Messages for an In-Person Meeting:**

Ideally, it is preferable to get a face-to-face meeting where you can use the presentation deck that graphically makes a strong case.

## **Key Messages for Phone Call meeting:**

- Good Roads Cost Less – timely repair avoids expensive reconstruction
- Alberta is spending far less than needed and spending less efficiently.
- Systemic problems need comprehensive reforms to create transparency, accountability and certainty.
- Pavement conditions are degrading and thousands of bridges need work.
- Productivity in procurement and delivery is dropping – Red Tape is costing more.
- Industry needs certainty to justify investing in people and equipment.
- Contractors need a reliable multi-year pipeline with reliable funding commitments.
- Alberta needs to use a business approach to run an asset management business.
- Industry is ready to offer Government solutions.
- Please listen to industry.