



# ORBA & OAPC:

## Building Future Ready Infrastructure Together





# ABOUT THE ONTARIO ROAD BUILDERS' ASSOCIATION

- Nearing 300 members that support, build, and maintain the transportation infrastructure of Ontario
- Our members employ over 56,000 individuals
- Build and maintain over 140,000 km of municipal roads



# ONTARIO ASPHALT PAVEMENT COUNCIL - A COUNCIL OF ORBA

**Voice of the asphalt producing industry in the province of Ontario**

Promotes excellence in asphalt product quality and paving techniques through research & development, partnership, and educations



# Challenges in Transportation Infrastructure



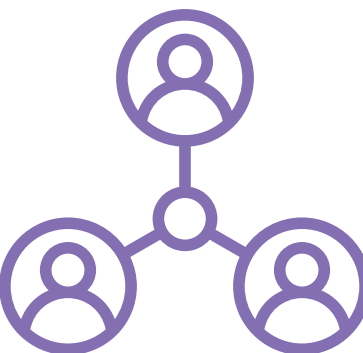
## Labour Obstacles

- Persistent challenge in sourcing talent
- Collaborations with public and private sectors to bolster our industry's reputation
- Striving for more appealing, empowering, and inclusive workspaces



## Economic Challenges

- Unpredictable commodity prices add risk
- Transition to zero-carbon practices brings added costs



## Stakeholder Complexities

- **Benefits:** Diverse perspectives and quality assurance
- **Drawbacks:**
  - Potential bureaucratic delays
  - Stakeholder conflicts affecting project timelines
  - Public sector contract models and claim difficulties impeding budget adherence

# Strategic Priorities of ORBA



Promoting transportation capital funding



Reducing Project Risk and Creating Value for Ontarians



Attracting and Empowering Labour



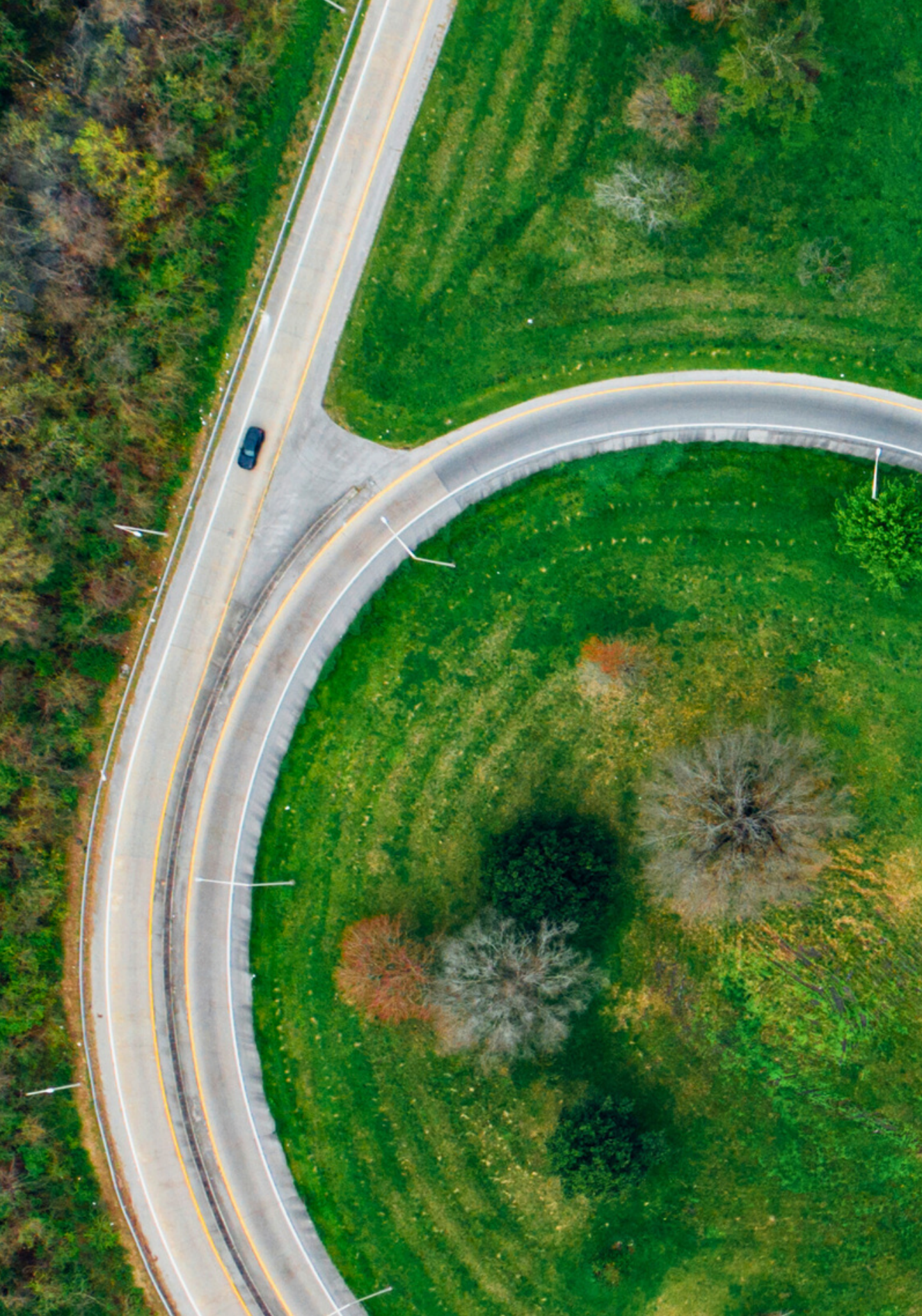
Enhancing Safety for All Road Users



Advocating for Sustainable Transportation Infrastructure



# Sustainability in Transportation Infrastructure



**Sustainability: Not just a goal, but our path forward**

## **Understanding Sustainability**

- Supporting Canada's green and carbon-reducing initiatives.

## **Progress & Achievements**

- Embracing a circular economy:
  - Use of recycled asphalt and aggregate.
- Sustainable soil management.
- Decarbonization: Cleaner technologies for plants and fleets

## **Why It Matters**

- Aligns with global decarbonization priorities.
- Essential for attracting partners and talent for industry growth



# Labour: A Strategic Priority in Infrastructure

## Ontario needs 71,800 new workers by 2027

ORBA's efforts:

- Public campaigns, partnering with educational institutions, promoting trades
- ORBA Road Building Academy: Preparing a future-ready workforce

Need for better-suited immigration strategies and improved visa processing

Talent attraction/retention, immigration strategy refinement, succession planning, and fostering safe/inclusive sites





# Navigating Risks in Transportation Infrastructure



## Construction Material Costs

- Increased unpredictability affecting contractors and municipal budgets

## Additional Risk Factors

- Complex industry standards
- Time-consuming conflict resolution processes

## Utility Locates Issue

- Delays affecting both contractors and municipal projects
- ORBA's active involvement:
  - Recommendations to the Ministry of Public and Business Service Delivery



# Funding: A Cornerstone For Economic Growth

## Investment in Infrastructure: a Win for Economy and Community

### Economic Impact of infrastructure investment

- \$1 in infrastructure boosts GDP by up to \$6 long-term
- \$0.44 of each dollar reinvested through tax revenue
- Effective transportation contributes \$5.5 billion to GDP annually

### Personal Benefits

- Less congestion → More productivity in businesses and communities.
- More quality time with loved ones
- Enhanced sustainability with reduced idling and emissions





# OAPC Trillium Award



## Introducing the Trillium Award

- Founded in 2002 to reward plants excelling in environmental responsibility
- Comprehensive assessment in five domains: appearance, operations, environmental, safety, and community relations
- Recertification every three years

## Achievements

- 103 plants awarded since inception
- 147 Trillium Awards recertified
- A testament to the asphalt industry's dedication to sustainability: Lowering emissions, community integration, and promoting greener practices



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## Let's Collaborate, Turning Vision into Reality



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