Shorter commutes for Canadians

Under Justin Trudeau, critical projects to improve our roads, bridges, and highways across Canada are not getting built. He's made billions in promises to make commutes easier, but he has failed to deliver.

Instead, he throws money out the door and his failed Infrastructure Bank has [delayed desperately needed projects](#), all while raising your taxes and making your life more expensive.

Justin Trudeau has no problem taking your money and spending it at whatever cost.

According to the Parliamentary Budget Officer, [for every dollar Justin Trudeau promised for infrastructure, he has only spent 60 cents](#). According to the PBO, "the Government failed to spend about 40 per cent of its planned infrastructure budget." For all his spending, there are still long commutes, potholes in roads, and highways and bridges in desperate need of repair.

Budget 2018 provided an incomplete account of the changes to Justin Trudeau's [$186.7 billion infrastructure spending plan](#) and when the PBO requested the new plan, they found that one "does not exist."

When it comes to getting infrastructure built, Justin Trudeau is not as advertised.

Only a new Conservative government led by Andrew Scheer will put a strategy in place to get shovels in the ground. We will prioritize the projects Canadians need so they can spend less time in traffic or waiting for a bus, and more time at home with their loved ones.

A new Conservative government will prioritize projects that shorten commute times. Examples of projects that could receive support include:

- The George Massey Tunnel Replacement Project (British Columbia)
- The Ontario Line Yonge Subway Extension (Ontario)
- The third link across the Saint Lawrence River (Québec)

THE ISSUE

- According to Statistics Canada, [a total of 1.5 million Canadians spent at least 60 minutes commuting to work in 2016](#). Of these Canadians, 57 per cent spent at least 60 minutes in a car, while 30 per cent of public transit users spend at least an hour commuting.
- The [average commute time in Toronto was 34 minutes](#) and 30 minutes in both Vancouver and Montreal.
- With Canada's population increasing, congestion is putting stress on our roads and public transit, and affecting our quality of life.
- Studies have shown that a long commute not only affects a person financially, but can also impact overall wellbeing.
- Justin Trudeau's $35 billion Infrastructure Bank was supposed to help. It didn't.
- Since its announcement in 2017, the Infrastructure Bank has spent millions of dollars in operational expenses and has delivered next to nothing.

THE PLAN

A new Conservative government will:

- Prioritize infrastructure projects that reduce commute times, allowing them to spend more time with their families and loved ones.
- Eliminate Justin Trudeau's $35 billion Infrastructure Bank, and commit to projects being built:
    - on time;
    - on budget;
    - with new standards of transparency for infrastructure spending; and
    - in collaboration with all provincial and territorial governments.
- Introduce a [Green Public Transit Tax Credit](#) to reduce the cost of public transit.

THE CHOICE

- This election will be about choosing a Prime Minister and a government who will help you get ahead.
- It's a choice between a Justin Trudeau government who promises everything and delivers nothing, or a new Conservative government who delivers on its commitments.
- A choice between a Conservative government that will make life easier for families by lowering the cost of living, or a Justin Trudeau government that has raised taxes, racked up debt and never-ending deficits, and made life more expensive for Canadians.
- If he's re-elected, Justin Trudeau will raise the carbon tax, adding 31 cents to the price of gasoline and thousands of dollars in new costs for everyday home essentials like groceries and home heating.
- A new Conservative government will live within its means. As Prime Minister, Andrew Scheer will lower your taxes to put more money in your pockets, so you can get ahead.