Andrew Scheer announces support for Ontario Line and Yonge Subway Extension

Under Justin Trudeau, critical projects across Canada that shorten commute times, reduce traffic congestion, and get you home faster are not getting built. He's made billions in promises to make your commute quicker, but he has failed to deliver.

Instead, he throws money out the door and his failed Infrastructure Bank, a \$35 billion boondoggle, has <u>delayed desperately needed projects</u>, all while raising your taxes and making your life more expensive.

One of Justin Trudeau's more expensive promises in 2015 was to spend billions of dollars on infrastructure across Canada. He said he would build badly needed projects to get elected.

In four years, what does he have to show for that \$187 billion promise?

According to the Parliamentary Budget Officer, for every dollar Justin Trudeau promised for infrastructure, he has only spent 60 cents. The PBO found, "the Government failed to spend about 40 per cent of its planned infrastructure budget." For all his spending, there are still long commutes, crowded trains, subways and buses, 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.

THE ISSUE

- Commute times in Toronto are up <u>an average of almost 8 per cent since 2013</u>, with an average commute of 42 minutes.
- With Canada's population is increasing, congestion is putting stress on our roads and public transit, and affecting our quality of life.
- Amongst those who travel to work or school, <u>60 per cent agree</u> that the time they spend commuting reduces their quality of life.
- 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 so that Canadians can 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 taking public transit.

Only a new Conservative government led by Andrew Scheer will get shovels in the ground to build the infrastructure Canadians need so they can spend less time in traffic or waiting for the next crowded train, and more time at home with their loved ones.

A new Conservative government will prioritize projects that get you home faster, including:

- The Ontario Line and Yonge Subway Extension in Ontario
- The George Massey Tunnel Replacement project in British Columbia
- The third link across the Saint Lawrence River in Québec

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 that promises everything and delivers nothing, or a new Conservative government that delivers on its commitments.
- A choice between a Conservative government that will make life easier for families by lowering the cost of living, or government under Justin Trudeau that will raise taxes, rack up debt and never-ending deficits, and make 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.