



Minister of Transport

Canadians everywhere want to look past the pandemic and know what comes next. Strong and sustained economic growth is critical for our country to move beyond recovering to where we were before the pandemic began and to close the gap with our global competitors. As the engines of job creation all across the country, businesses are ready to work with government and Parliamentarians to drive forward what it will take to grow.

Even before the COVID-19 pandemic, Canada has suffered from bottlenecks and disruptions to supply chains that have threatened the smooth flow of goods across the country. Blockades, labour action, and other factors have demonstrated the fragility of Canada's trade and transportation networks.

The Minister of Transport should:

- Lift restrictions limiting international flights to just nine Canadian airports and work in coordination with Canada Border Services Agency and Public Health Agency of Canada to ensure that all airports that serve as Airports of Entry have the resources necessary to support the resumption of international air travel.
- Work with the Minister of Immigration, Refugees, and Citizenship and Minister of Health to implement an interoperable digital health credential. This should be interoperable across provincial boundaries and support international mobility.
- Bring coherence to Canada's border policies as it relates to rules for minors not eligible to receive COVID-19 vaccines and the advisory on all non-essential travel.
- Ensure adequate financial support for those in the supply chain that rely heavily on user pay models so that service providers are not burdened by debt levels that increase the cost of travel for consumers.
- Commit to consistent funding of the National Trade Corridors Fund to help businesses fulfill their economic and competitive potential.
- Increase funding towards the construction of VIA Rail Canada's High Frequency Rail project.