

## TAC'S POOLED FUND PROJECTS

### MAKE AN IMPACT

#### WHO IS TAC?

The Transportation Association of Canada (TAC) is a non-profit, membership-based association providing a neutral forum to exchange ideas and information on technical guidelines and best practices related to the Canadian transportation and roadways sectors.

TAC does not set standards, but is THE source for roadway-related technical documents, best practices, and national guidelines that are referenced in many jurisdictions across Canada.

#### WHAT IS A POOLED FUND PROJECT?

A Pooled Fund Project (PFP) is the vehicle that TAC uses to coordinate, support and undertake projects that are proposed by TAC.

These projects are developed when a need is identified through the volunteer committee structure and endorsed by an overseeing council.

#### HOW DOES A PFP WORK?

TAC promotes newly-announced PFPs to its members and others by posting information on its website, writing articles in *TAC News* and other promotional means.



Organizations interested in the topic and project outline are encouraged to provide funding, according to their level of interest and/or need, to become a Project Partner with a seat on the Project Steering Committee.

Project Partners are brought on board until the accumulated 'Pooled Fund' meets the estimate needed to launch the Project.

#### WHY PFPs WORK

To date 80+ projects valued at more than \$7 million have been undertaken, involving 50 funding partners. This proven model allows public and private sector stakeholders to work together to produce TAC national guidelines, best practices and other documents. When completed and approved by the councils, project reports are transitioned into a TAC publication, making critical technical information widely available.

#### BECOME A PFP PARTNER

- ✓ **Leverage research funds** and maximize effectiveness of limited budgets
- ✓ Gain broader perspectives
- ✓ Work with **renowned experts** from across the country and among various disciplines
- ✓ Access a **strong network of leading experts** in the transportation sector who contribute to, or validate, projects
- ✓ Access **TAC's professional staff** with experience pooling resources, contracting and managing collaborative initiatives

#### MORE ABOUT WHY PFPs WORK

- ✓ Work is conducted and products published under TAC's name, a respected national transportation association
- ✓ Worthy projects do not rely upon funds from a single source, minimizing debate and disagreement about priorities
- ✓ The value of a project and the need for it in the transportation sector is easily assessed by the commitments made to it by interested public and private sector organizations