

Transport Canada's Action Plan

Report 6: Civil Aviation Infrastructure in the North Spring 2017 Reports of the Auditor General of Canada

Detailed Action Plan to OAG Report Recommendations

Report Ref. No.	OAG Recommendation	Departmental Response	Description of Final Expected Outcome/Result	Expected Final Completion Date	Key Interim Milestones (Description/Dates)	Responsible Organization/ Point of Contact (Name, Position, Tel #)	<i>Indicator of Achievement</i> (For Committee Use Only)
6	<p>6.51 Transport Canada, in collaboration with stakeholders, should lead the development of a long-term strategy for northern airport infrastructure. The strategy should clearly outline the role that Transport Canada will play in addressing the infrastructure needs of remote northern airports. (6.44–6.50)</p>	<p>Agreed. To address northern community needs, Transport Canada will work with territorial governments and other federal government departments and stakeholders to identify shared priorities for northern transportation infrastructure, including, but not limited to, northern airports.</p>	<p>Transport Canada (TC) is a key participant in the development of the new federal Arctic Policy Framework (APF), which was announced by Prime Minister Trudeau in December 2016 and will replace the <i>Northern Strategy</i> and <i>Statement on Canada's Arctic Foreign Policy</i> as the guide for federal activity in the Arctic.</p> <p>Led by Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC), the APF is expected to promote the strength, prosperity, health, and sustainability in the Arctic for the benefit of Indigenous peoples, Northerners, and all Canadians.</p> <p>One of the APF's main themes is "Comprehensive Arctic Infrastructure," which includes transportation.</p> <p>In alignment with these commitments, and to further address northern transportation needs in the longer-term, TC is working closely with its territorial counterparts to develop a transportation framework that will better articulate its approach to the unique transportation concerns in the territorial North including policy, investment, and regulatory measures that support improving social and economic opportunities in Canada's Arctic.</p>	Fall 2018	<p>Engage with INAC in drafting of APF (on-going through to Fall 2018)</p> <p>Engage territories (on-going)</p> <p>On-site consultations (Fall 2017: Iqaluit September 13-15; Yellowknife September 20-22; Whitehorse October 17-19)</p> <p>Draft TC Arctic transportation policy framework (Fall 2018)</p>	<p>Transport Canada Strategic Policy and Innovation (Emmanuel Chabot, Director, (613) 998-0402)</p>	

6	<p>6.60 Transport Canada should work with stakeholders to determine what sources of funding would meet the infrastructure needs of remote northern airports. (6.52–6.59)</p>	<p>Agreed. Transport Canada will continue to work with the territories and provinces to determine the priority investments that address the infrastructure needs of remote northern airports. Budget 2017 identified areas for infrastructure investments that could align with these priorities.</p>	<p>Budget 2017 confirmed federal intentions to improve critical transportation needs in Canada’s North. The National Trade Corridors Fund was announced on July 4th, 2017. Of its \$2 billion over 11 years, up to \$400 million has been targeted to specifically address the unique transportation needs in Canada’s territorial North, including improving northern airport infrastructure.</p> <p>TC will continue to work closely with its federal partners, provincial and territorial governments, Indigenous people, and northern communities to address their immediate basic transportation infrastructure needs as quickly as possible within the confines of its resources. TC is engaging closely with its provincial, territorial, and industry partners on these issues through on-site consultations in the North.</p> <p>Increased engagement with territorial partners will result in stronger levels of knowledge and awareness of territorial transportation priorities, including civil aviation infrastructure. This will allow TC to determine and better address the most pressing needs for investments through the NTCF and any other possible sources of funding.</p>	Fall 2018	<p>Creation of territorial working group led by TC (completed)</p> <p>NTCF Call for Expressions of Interest (EOI) (completed)</p> <p>Webinars conducted to guide applicants on submission of NTCF EOIs (completed)</p> <p>Monthly teleconferences with territories (on-going)</p> <p>Assessment of national projects submitted for consideration under northern allocation of the NTCF (Ongoing through till Summer 2018)</p>	<p>Transport Canada Strategic Policy and Innovation (Emmanuel Chabot, Director, (613) 998-0402)</p>	
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