



Jyoti Gondek, Mayor

August 1, 2025

The Honourable Timothy Hodgson, P.C., M.P.  
Minister of Energy and Natural Resources

The Honourable Dominic LeBlanc, P.C., M.P.  
Minister responsible for Canada-U.S. Trade, Intergovernmental Affairs and One Canadian Economy

Dear Minister Hodgson and Minister LeBlanc,

**Re: Declaring Prairie Economic Gateway a Project of National Interest**

On behalf of the City of Calgary, I am formally requesting that the Government of Canada designate the Prairie Economic Gateway as a Project of National Interest under the One Canadian Economy Act (Bill C-5). This nation-building initiative is ready to proceed as a public-private partnership, offering immediate and long-term benefits for Alberta and for Canada.

As Co-Chairs of the Build Canada Committee, your leadership in launching the Major Projects Office this fall and delivering a streamlined approach for Projects of National Interest signals a transformative shift in how Canada builds. Prairie Economic Gateway is exactly the type of shovel-ready, capital-attracting, trade-enabling project that this new framework was designed to accelerate.

The Prairie Economic Gateway is a first-of-its-kind collaboration between the City of Calgary and Rocky View County, spurred by a private sector development partner with a vision for a rail-served hub. It will enable rail-served industrial development, support regional economic diversification, bolster Canadian manufacturing, and establish Alberta's first inland port. With access to CPKC's main line, proximity to the Calgary International Airport, and location at the crossroads of major national highways, this project enhances Canada's supply chain infrastructure and positions Calgary as a powerful hub for domestic and international trade.

The Gateway has received formal approval from both Calgary City Council and Rocky View County and is expected to generate more than \$7 billion in economic activity and create over 30,000 jobs during the construction phase alone. It will also attract investment across advanced manufacturing, AI, and logistics, including a 946-acre Beacon AI Hub adjacent to the site.

In the context of Bill C-5 and Canada's broader efforts to eliminate interprovincial trade barriers, the Prairie Economic Gateway provides the infrastructure required to connect Canadian markets like never before—enhancing both domestic trade and global competitiveness. Furthermore, industrial activity in the Gateway will leverage the Calgary Region's role in Canada's Foreign Trade Zone advantage and attract foreign investment to this strategic location.

This project aligns directly with your stated objectives: catalyzing private investment, de-risking timelines, supporting clean growth, and building the infrastructure that allows Canada to compete globally—particularly with partners beyond the U.S., including Europe and Asia.

Enclosed with this letter is a detailed overview of the project and its projected impacts. I would welcome the opportunity to meet with you to discuss how the Prairie Economic Gateway aligns with your priorities and how we can work together through the Major Projects Office to designate it as a Project of National Interest and move it forward without delay.

Calgary is proud to be Canada's fastest-growing and most economically dynamic cities. The Prairie Economic Gateway ensures we remain a strong contributor to national prosperity. I look forward to working closely with your teams to make this project a reality.

Sincerely,



Jyoti Gondek  
Mayor, The City of Calgary

CC: The Right Honourable Mark Carney, Prime Minister of Canada  
The Honourable Danielle Smith, Premier of Alberta  
Corey Hogan, MP and Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Energy and Natural Resources  
Crystal Kissel, Reeve, Rocky View County

# Prairie Economic Gateway

**A project of national interest connecting a modern and diversified Alberta economy to the rest of Canada and beyond.**

## WHY PRAIRIE ECONOMIC GATEWAY MATTERS

### 30,000+ Jobs Created

- Immediate employment growth during construction across trades, utilities, logistics, and infrastructure.

### \$7 Billion in Economic Output

- Catalyzes public and private investment to enhance regional infrastructure and industrial capacity.

### \$8.90 in Private Investment for Every \$1 Public

- A high-leverage, shovel-ready project with nation-wide economic returns.

### Canada's Strongest Inland Port

- Direct access to CPKC's mainline, CN Rail, Calgary International Airport, and national highways.

### Designated Gold-Tier

#### Industrial Lands

- Preferred by CPKC for their site selection and client-matching program.

### Boosts National and Global Trade

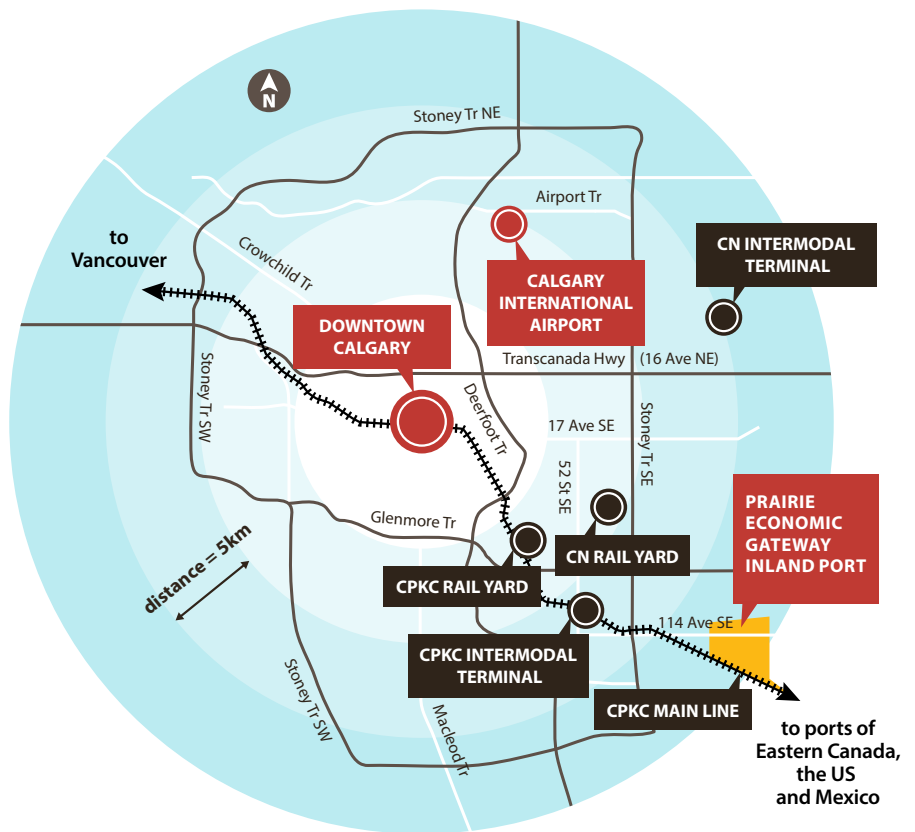
- Expands east-west interprovincial trade and connects to the Canada-U.S.-Mexico (CANAMEX) corridor for U.S. and Mexico exports.

### Improves Supply Chain Resilience

- Reduces trade vulnerabilities and shipping delays by optimizing rail-to-truck transfer infrastructure.

### Unlocks Calgary's Foreign Trade Zone Advantage

- Attracts foreign investment to a strategic, trade-optimized region.




## A Shovel-Ready Inland Port To Power Trade and Jobs

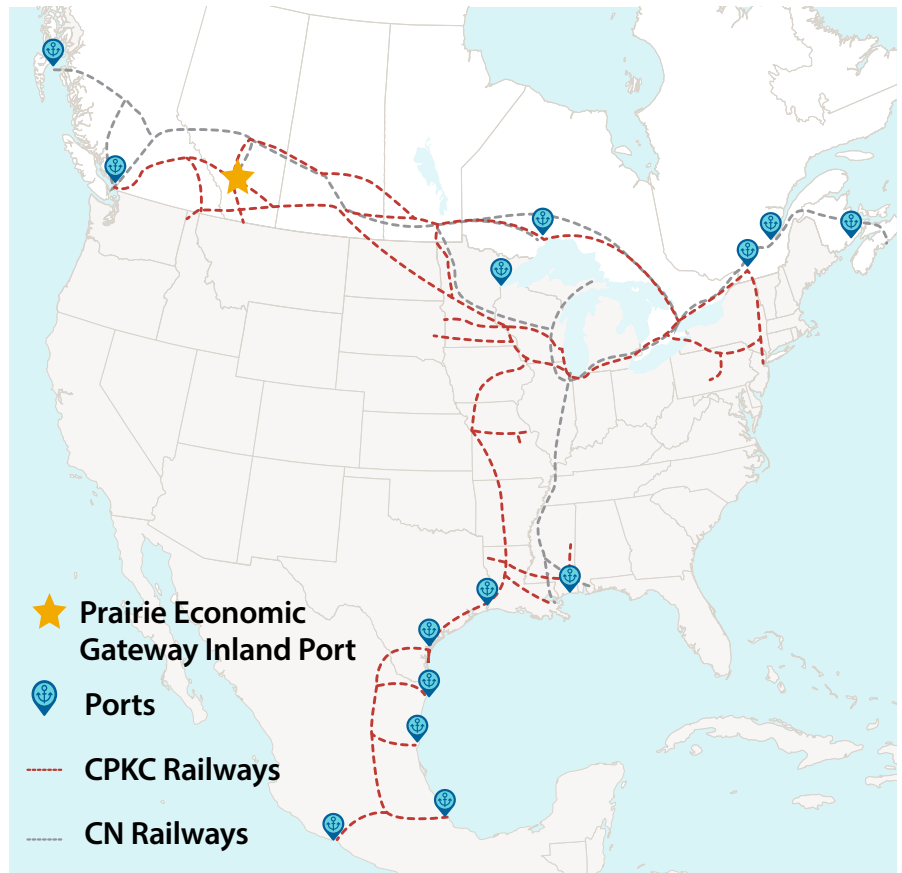
The Prairie Economic Gateway is a regionally approved, shovel-ready inland port project that will transform Calgary into a national logistics and manufacturing hub. Built on a unique partnership between the City of Calgary and Rocky View County, it enables rail-served industrial development connected to the CPKC mainline, Calgary International Airport, and key national highways. The Gateway strengthens Canada's east-west trade corridors, supports domestic supply chains, and attracts global investment through Calgary's Foreign Trade Zone advantage.

In partnership with



# Catalyzing private investment to build new trade infrastructure that connects Canada to the world

- **TRADE ZONE ADVANTAGE** – Industrial activity will leverage Calgary's Foreign Trade Zone status to attract global investment and support export-driven growth.
  - **INNOVATION CLUSTER** – Adjacent lands are attracting interest from advanced manufacturing and AI sectors, including the planned Beacon AI Hub on 946 acres next to the Gateway site.
  - **JOB CREATION** – Calgary is the fastest growing city in Canada and **this project adds more than 30,000 new jobs to the region**, in the construction phase alone.
  - **ECONOMIC BENEFIT** – **\$7.0B in economic output** in public and private infrastructure projects which will address transportation bottlenecks and enhance water, wastewater, and stormwater services.
- ★ **SITE READINESS** – The lands have been **designated a top 'gold' tier site** in CPKC's site selection process to match clients with projects on their line.
-  **CPKC Site Ready Program**



## Leveraging Canada's Foreign Trade Zone Advantage

With the Government of Canada's involvement, the Gateway has the potential to become a significant inland port, **with 2,190 acres of rail-served industrial development** strategically located on CPKC's mainline, at the intersection of the Trans-Canada and QEII highways and just minutes from the Calgary International Airport.

In addition to the Gateway, the thousands of available acres surrounding the Gateway footprint are also attracting significant investment interest for manufacturing and AI data centres. Already, 946 acres immediately adjacent to the east of the Gateway development have been earmarked for the Beacon AI Hub.

Furthermore, industrial activity in the Gateway will leverage the Calgary Region's role in Canada's Foreign Trade Zone advantage and attract foreign investment to this strategic location.



# Expediting nation building projects that will connect and transform our country

The Gateway will deliver for Canadians and help every Canadian get ahead.



## Economic benefits:

The Calgary region serves as an economic engine of the nation. Prairie Economic Gateway will enhance this strength and lean on the partnership between The City and County to make life better for all who call the Calgary region home. Key benefits of this initiative will include:

- Over **\$7 billion** generated in incremental economic activity via public and private sector investment.
- **More than 30,000 jobs created** across the development phase alone in areas such as construction, utilities, infrastructure development, vertical buildout, power facilitation and more.
- **\$8.90 in private sector investment** generated for every \$1 of public investment.

## Access to rail & key markets

Prairie Economic Gateway will serve as an industrial, manufacturing and logistics hub in the Calgary region. Key benefits include:

- Industrial lands located within Rocky View County, directly bordering the City of Calgary.
- **“Gold Tier” designated land by CPKC.**
- **Greater interprovincial trade access** through east-to-west connections, with direct links to global markets via the Canada-U.S.-Mexico (CANAMEX) corridor.
- **Proximity to two Class 1 rail lines**, including a CPKC intermodal yard in Calgary and a Canadian National (CN) intermodal yard in the County.
- Road access via the Trans-Canada, Alberta Highway 2 and Stoney Trail. Improvements will allow these transportation corridors to be used to their full potential.
- Access to air transportation via the Calgary International Airport, one of Canada’s leading freight-handling distribution centres.

## Public & private sector investment

To meet the needs of a modern, industrial and diversified Alberta economy, Prairie Economic Gateway will enhance and attract further private and public investment in the region. This includes:

- Partnering with the private sector to construct **a 2,190-acre industrial park**, which will service the transfer of goods from rail to truck in the core of the Gateway.
- **Reducing trade vulnerabilities through improved supply chain efficiencies** to enhance the region’s resilience to trade disruptions affecting goods movement in North America.

- Encouraging private sector investment across diverse industries seeking stronger market access, including manufacturing, agriculture, energy and logistics, among others.
- Enhancing the trade of Alberta-made goods via optimized rail transportation in areas of agriculture, forestry, chemicals, plastics, temperature-controlled goods, and metals and mining.
- Driving infrastructure development and skilled labour growth in the region through the creation of public and private sector jobs.

Scan here to learn more:



July 2025 update

