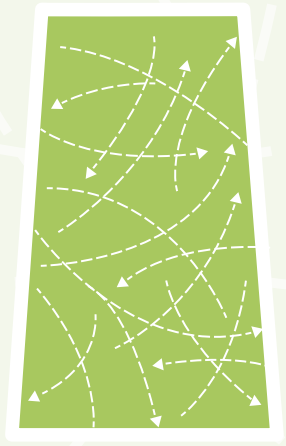


Clearing the Path (CTP): Supporting Saskatchewan's Rural Economy



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PROGRAM PURPOSE

The purpose of the Clearing the Path primary weight corridor system is to connect and seamlessly move Saskatchewan's vast array of commodities and industry at primary weights,

beginning in and around RMs, to the provincial primary weight network and to the National Highway System, then finally to ports to export globally.



RECENT PROGRAM CHANGES



Based on the feedback of program users, the CTP program recently underwent a careful review. In response, the Program Management Board approved changes to CTP policies that made the program more effective, while also ensuring that the program is consistent and accountable in fulfilling its purpose to support provincial economic generators.

DYNAMIC FUNDING

Funding for the CTP program is limited.

In order for the program to be sustainable over the long-term, the funding must be reallocated periodically to follow...

the major economic drivers of the whole province...



as well as support the concept of "one-network"—integrating rural roads with provincial highways. This means that CTP funding is always dynamic and not permanent.

INCREMENTAL FUNDING

Rather than construct new roads, incremental funding is a **top up of funding** from the costs of maintenance required for a secondary weight road and the cost of maintenance required for a primary weight road.



ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

The eligibility criteria are in place to develop an effective and efficient primary weight network throughout the province. Some criteria gauge the value of the road's current use, whereas others evaluate its strategic value within the network. The eligibility criteria consider the following:

- **truck traffic counts,**
- **the presence of major economic generators,**
- **and the proximity of the roadway to other primary weight roads.**



More information about the specific eligibility criteria can be found in the RIRG Policy Manual on the SARM website.

PROGRAM ORIGIN AND GOVERNANCE



The Clearing the Path program is part of the Rural Integrated Roads for Growth (RIRG) program.

RIRG is a Ministry of Highways municipal funding program that supports economic development in the province. Day-to-day operations of the RIRG program are administered by SARM.

Decisions are made jointly by the Ministry of Highways and SARM and co-managed through a Program Management Board that includes representatives from both SARM and the Ministry of Highways.



PROGRAM TRANSPARENCY AND FURTHER INFO

TO ENSURE THE TRANSPARENCY OF HOW THE PROGRAM IS ADMINISTERED, ALL PROGRAM POLICIES ARE

available in the RIRG Policy Manual located on the SARM website.

APPEAL OF PROGRAM MANAGEMENT BOARD REALLOCATION DECISIONS



In cases of the incorrect application of eligibility criteria or inaccurate data, the CTP policies provide an avenue for appeal of the Program Management Board's decision to reallocate funds.

Appeals must be directed to the Program Management Board



within sixty days from the notice of the reallocation and contain clear evidence that demonstrates how the roadway meets the eligibility criteria.

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