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Kang asks Stelmach administration to help Calgary airport tunnel take flight

Calgary – Darshan Kang, Alberta Liberal Critic for Transportation and Infrastructure, says that City Council's vote to build the Calgary airport tunnel sends a clear signal that the provincial government must do its part to complete this important project.

"Today Calgary's municipal leaders showed they have a vision for more efficient, cleaner, and more cost-effective transportation links. Not only will the tunnel prevent massive congestion in Calgary, the airport expansion itself will solidify Calgary's position as a hub of economic activity," Kang says. "Furthermore, building the tunnel now gives us the opportunity to extend the C-train to the airport later on, with all the environmental and economic benefits that entails."

Kang notes that in the long term, the \$295 million investment in the tunnel will reduce costs for both the city and the province.

"It's far better to spend \$295 million today than to put the project off until after the new runway is complete, at which time the cost balloons to \$1.5 billion," Kang says. "It's time for this government to dig its head out of the sand and use the shovel for a better purpose – building the airport tunnel."

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