



Transport Canada's 2007-2009 Sustainable Development Strategy

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Sustainable Development in the Canadian Federal Context

- From 1995 to June 2008, the *Auditor General Act* required Ministers to table departmental Sustainable Development Strategies every three years
- Transport Canada, along with other federal department, tabled strategies in 1997, 2000, 2003 and 2006
- Passage of the new *Federal Sustainable Development Act* changes the accountabilities, process and associated timelines



Transport Canada's 2007-2009 Sustainable Development Strategy

- Tabled in Parliament in December 2006 (4th SDS)
- Takes a long-term approach that includes focused, results-oriented commitments in areas that Transport Canada can make a difference
- Focused on three topics at the heart of sustainable transportation: urban; commercial freight; and marine transportation
- Transport Canada's Strategy is viewed positively by stakeholders and the Commissioner for the Environment and Sustainable Development (CESD)



Seven Strategic Challenges

1. Encourage Canadians to make more sustainable transportation choices
2. Enhance innovation and skills development
3. Increase system efficiency and optimize modal choices
4. Enhance efficiency of vehicles, fuels and fuelling infrastructure
5. Improve performance of carriers and operators
6. Improve decision-making by governments and the transportation sector
7. Improve management of Transport Canada operations and lands



The Federal Sustainable Development Act (FSDA)

- *New Federal Sustainable Development Act* (June 2008) changes accountabilities, process and associated timelines
- Policy objectives of the *Act*:
 - Development of an overarching federal sustainable development strategy (with supporting departmental strategies) that provides a longer-term vision for the future; and
 - An accountability mechanism, allowing citizens and Parliament to evaluate federal government progress on longer-term sustainable development objectives



New Approach: *The Federal Sustainable Development Act (FSDA) (cont'd)*

- The Minister of the Environment is currently developing an overarching Federal Sustainable Development Strategy, to be tabled in the House by Spring/Summer of 2010
- Individual Ministers are responsible for their departmental Sustainable Development Strategies that must contribute to/comply with the federal strategy.



Thank you.

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