

Building a stronger Alberta

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Minister Ouellette to promote Alberta at World Road Congress in Paris

Congress will showcase Alberta's road construction and engineering sector

Edmonton... Infrastructure and Transportation Minister Luke Ouellette will join his federal and several provincial counterparts on a Canadian trade mission to the 23rd World Road Congress, September 16 - 21.

"This congress will be a great opportunity for me to promote and showcase Alberta's road construction and engineering sector," said Ouellette. "I am also interested in exchanging ideas and lessons learned on road financing."

Many countries, including Canada, will set up pavilions in a trade show to promote products, services and knowledge in the road industry.

Participating in the Congress supports Premier Ed Stelmach's plan to build a stronger Alberta by providing and gathering international input valuable in the province's road construction and engineering sector. Other priorities for the government are to govern with integrity and transparency, improve Albertans' quality of life, manage growth pressures and promote safe and secure communities.

The estimated cost of travel, food and accommodations for Ouellette and one staff member is approximately \$19,000.

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Note: The itinerary is attached.

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Itinerary*

23rd World Road Congress: September 16-21

Friday, September 14

- Minister departs Edmonton for Paris

Saturday, September 15

- Minister arrives in Paris

Sunday, September 16

- Minister attends the welcoming reception for the Canadian delegation

Monday, September 17

- Minister attends Opening Ceremony and Inauguration of Congress Exhibition
- Minister attends Opening of the Canadian pavilion
- Minister takes part in a Ministers' session

Tuesday, September 18

- Minister takes part in the following sessions: "Cities facing the problem of urban traffic" moderated by the National Public Travel School of France and "A new approach for the identification of needs in rural roads" hosted by the Road Directorate of Morocco
- Minister takes part in a networking session with Congress delegates

Wednesday, September 19

- Minister takes part in the tour of the Colas Group Campus

Thursday, September 20

- Minister takes part in the following sessions: "The future of oil products for the road sector" hosted by Total Energy/France and "Road financing and P3s" hosted by the Government of Spain
- Minister attends gala reception hosted by the Government of France

Friday, September 21

- Minister attends Climate Change session

Saturday, September 22

- Minister departs Paris and returns to Edmonton

*Itinerary is tentative and subject to change

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