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Dear Wayne Emmerson:

I wanted to personally reach out to inform you about the launch of the [Canada Public Transit Fund](#) (CPTF) which was announced by the Government of Canada on July 17, 2024. This program will provide up to \$3 billion in federal funding annually, on a permanent basis starting in 2026-2027 to address public transit needs in communities across the country.

This program offers the opportunity for provincial and municipal governments to solidify a long-term partnership with the federal government through a *Metro Region Agreement*, aimed at strengthening transportation infrastructure and building homes faster.

In 2022, our government released [Connecting the GGH: A Transportation Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe](#), a forward-looking strategy to get people and goods moving across the region. This plan was developed through extensive consultation with municipalities like yours and outlines a vision that takes us to 2051 ensuring that we meet the region's unique transportation needs.

To build on this, the Ministry of Transportation intends to submit a comprehensive *Metro Region Agreement* proposal that covers the entire Greater Golden Horseshoe region, including York Region. This approach will pave the way for significant investments in transit across the region, ensuring local communities benefit from this federal funding.

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It is important to note that municipalities will also be responsible for the cost share of projects selected under this fund. This shared responsibility ensures that everyone has a stake in making sure these projects are successful and delivered on time.

Further, there are housing conditions tied to this program, as announced by the federal government in its 2024-2025 budget. We are actively working with the federal government that these housing conditions respect the unique needs of each community.

We look forward to working closely with your municipality to make the most of this opportunity and to improve public transit infrastructure for the benefit of our communities.

MTO officials will be in touch with officials in your municipality to provide an opportunity for further dialogue toward presenting a comprehensive regional approach for this federal funding program.

Sincerely,



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Minister of Transportation

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