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**Subject: National Active Transportation Strategy and COVID-19 Economic Stimulus Package**

Dear Minister McKenna,

I am writing on behalf of Peel Regional Council to inform you of a motion (appended to this letter), that was recently endorsed by Regional Council. The motion pertains to the National Active Transportation Strategy and the proposed creation of a national cycling infrastructure stimulus fund as part of a COVID-19 economic stimulus package.

I would like to acknowledge the Federal Government's recent announcement to establish a National Active Transportation Strategy. The Region of Peel supports this initiative and encourages the inclusion of long-term sustainable funding to implement active transportation infrastructure and programs. As the development of this strategy moves forward, I would like to request that the Federal Government include a national cycling infrastructure fund of at least \$265 million to be distributed to Canadian municipalities over the next two years. Stimulus funding will not only help Canada's economy recover from the impact of COVID-19, it also presents an opportunity to advance the delivery of necessary active transportation infrastructure to support future population and employment growth.

The Region of Peel's Community for Life 20-year vision came from citizen feedback and reflects their priorities and hopes for life in Peel. With respect to transportation, Peel's Community for Life vision states that communities will be integrated, safe and complete and by 2035, communities will be environmentally friendly, promote mobility, walkability, and various modes of transportation, and the built environment will promote healthy living.

Peel Region's proposed active transportation network to 2041 is expected to cost \$207 million to implement, and funding through an economic stimulus package would accelerate the Region's implementation of this network.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. I look forward to working with you closely on the development of the National Active Transportation Strategy and the inclusion of a national cycling infrastructure stimulus fund.

Kindest personal regards,



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