



July 7, 2023

Todd Letts
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Dear Todd Letts:

Thank you for your correspondence of May 24, 2023, regarding federal funding for the Main Street Light Rail Transit Extension project in the City of Brampton, Ontario. Please accept my apologies for the delay in responding.

Safe, modern, and efficient public transit systems remain important for the health and sustainability of communities, and our investments in transit are transforming the way people live, move and work. Collaboration continues with provincial counterparts to move these important and transformative transit projects forward so that Canadians can access jobs, education, health care and social activities.

Budget 2022 signaled the Government's commitment to ensuring that federal funding can continue to support transformative infrastructure projects in communities across the country, including by accelerating the deadline for provinces to fully commit their remaining funding under the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP) to priority projects.

I would like to outline that our government has provided Brampton with \$191,639,019 under the Public Transit Infrastructure stream of the ICIP. The federal government is also investing \$880,000 in the electrification of the City of Brampton's transit system through the Zero Emission Transit Fund and the Canada Infrastructure Bank has committed up to \$400 million to support Brampton Transit's purchase of up to 450 zero emission buses by 2027.

Moving forward, the federal government is continuing to put in place funding in support of public transit. In February 2021, our government announced \$14.9 billion for public transit projects over the next eight years, complementing the efforts of the Canada Infrastructure Bank. This funding includes new permanent, predictable federal public transit funding which will be available to support transit solutions beginning in 2026–2027.

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In anticipation of the launch of the fund, Infrastructure Canada officials undertook cross-country consultations in early 2023 on future transit programming, which the City of Brampton actively participated in. The Government is aiming to provide an update on this work, including the next steps on permanent public transit funding, later this year. The permanent fund would also be the right context for discussions around federal support to extend the Hurontario Light Rail Transit Line north to Brampton GO Station.

Together, we will work to ensure that infrastructure plays a vital role in promoting economic growth, job creation and improving our quality of life in the coming months and years.

Once again, thank you for taking the time to write.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. LeBlanc', with a stylized, cursive script.

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