



Oct 23, 2015

The Hon. Kathleen Wynne  
Premier of Ontario  
Queen's Park, Toronto

**RE: Please urge new federal government to fund transit**

Dear Premier Wynne,

Move the GTHA is a diverse group of organizations from health, labour, business, policy, environment, and citizen advocacy working to build awareness, engagement and education in support of investment in our region's transportation system.

We are writing to ask you to seize the opportunity afforded by the recent election to urge your federal partners to act quickly on transit funding.

As you know, during the campaign the federal Liberal party promised to "boost investment in public transit by nearly \$6 billion over the next four years, and almost \$20 billion over ten years", over and above the Budget 2015 Public Transit Fund.

Needless to say, the new government will face many pressures and be pulled in many directions. But it is our view that boosting transit should be among their top priorities. Expansion of transit services -- especially when they're electrified -- is crucial if the GTHA is to improve air quality, health and congestion and promote economic development and job-growth.

We ask you to impress upon the new federal government in upcoming discussions around infrastructure the urgency of rapidly funding transit and active transportation in the GTHA. As you know, adding new federal dollars will help us get closer to achieving the required funds needed to build the transit we need in the GTHA.

Should you require more information, we would be happy to meet with you or your staff.  
Thank you for considering this request.

Sincerely,

**Cherise Burda, Director, Ryerson City Building Institute**  
**Jan De Silva, President & CEO, Toronto Region Board of Trade**  
**Gideon Forman, Climate Change and Transportation Policy Analyst, David Suzuki Foundation**  
**Doris Grinspun, Chief Executive Officer, Registered Nurses' Association of Ontario (RNAO)**  
**Franz Hartmann, Executive Director, Toronto Environmental Alliance**  
**Joe Horneck and Jeannette Chau, Co-chairs, Western GTA Summit MOVE Task Force**  
**Julia Langer, CEO, Toronto Atmospheric Fund**  
**Cameron MacLeod, Executive Director, CodeRedTO**  
**Peter Miasek, President, Transport Action Ontario**  
**Sevaun Palvetzian, CEO, CivicAction**  
**Robert Plitt, Executive Director, Evergreen CityWorks**  
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