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His Worship Fred Eisenberger
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Dear Mr. Mayor:

Thank you for your letter of April 27, 2017, also addressed to the Prime Minister, the Premier of Ontario and the Minister of Transportation, regarding the Public Transit Infrastructure Fund approved project financing.

The Government of Canada has a long history of making strategic investments in a wide range of infrastructure categories. Infrastructure is the foundation of sustainable and inclusive communities—it removes barriers, brings people together and allows all Canadians to be active participants in their community. Moreover, good infrastructure fosters an environment where the best of Canadian innovation can grow.

Under the Public Transit Infrastructure Fund, provinces and territories receive an allocation, prioritize projects, and submit those projects for federal funding. I understand that the Province of Ontario has received the formal request for modifications from the City of Hamilton regarding projects HAM-003, HAM-007, HAM-010, HAM-012 and HAM-013. Once Infrastructure Canada receives the official request to revise the substantial completion dates from the Province, the Department will assess the project modifications.

The Government of Canada remains committed to investing more than \$180 billion in infrastructure. Our priority is to promote infrastructure that will create good, well-paying jobs that can help the middle class grow and prosper today. Key areas for investment include public transit, green and social infrastructure, transportation infrastructure that supports trade, and infrastructure in rural and northern communities.

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Through Budget 2017, the Government has also announced plans to build public transit networks and service extensions that will transform the way Canadians live, move and work—with an investment of \$20.1 billion over 11 years. Green infrastructure projects are another priority that will reduce greenhouse gas emissions, deliver clean water, safely manage wastewater, help communities prepare for challenges that result from climate change, and help build cleaner, better-connected electricity systems—through an investment of \$21.9 billion over 11 years. First Nations and Inuit communities will also receive \$4 billion over 10 years for social and green infrastructure that will build and improve their communities.

Thank you for writing on this important issue.

Yours sincerely,

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