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New public transit funding available for transformative infrastructure projects in Hamilton

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Supporting new projects that build prosperous communities and transition to a clean growth economy

Hamilton, Ontario, March 16, 2018—The governments of Canada and Ontario are working together to make long-term infrastructure investments to create economic growth, build inclusive communities and support a low carbon, green economy—leading to a higher quality of life for all Canadians.

On March 14, 2018, the Honourable Amarjeet Sohi, Minister of Infrastructure and Communities, and the Honourable Bob Chiarelli, Ontario Minister of Infrastructure, announced the signing of a bilateral agreement that will provide more than \$11.8 billion through the *Investing in Canada* plan over the next decade in federal funding dedicated to infrastructure projects. The projects supported through this agreement will have a total value of over \$31 billion, including \$10 billion committed by the Ontario government. These projects will be cost-shared with the Ontario government, municipalities and other partners.

Through this agreement, the governments of Canada and Ontario will be making unprecedented investments in public transit, green infrastructure, and recreational and cultural infrastructure.

Under the public transit stream, Hamilton will receive more than \$204 million in federal funding and over \$168 million in provincial funding to build new urban transit networks and service extensions that will transform the way residents live, move and work.

These investments will make a positive difference in communities, resulting in the better movement of people and goods, providing clean air and water, and enabling smarter and more efficient cities.

Quotes

"Efficient and sustainable public transit plays an important role in keeping our communities among the best places in the world to live, while contributing to clean economic growth. By working with our provincial and municipal partners, we will deliver real support through transformative projects that will benefit the residents of Hamilton."

Filomena Tassi, Member of Parliament for Hamilton West–Ancaster–Dundas

"These federal-provincial investments support the growth and maintenance of our Hamilton region. I am pleased that Ontario has committed \$10 billion to infrastructure in partnership with the federal government. Hamilton Region will receive \$510 million (Federal \$204M; Provincial \$168M; Municipal \$137M) in public transit funding that will help keep our community moving. These partnerships ensure strong healthy communities, complete with modern transit and infrastructure, green business practices and quality community culture sport and tourism. Working together makes our Hamilton area stronger and more successful. Congratulations!"

*Ted McMeekin, Member of Provincial Parliament for Ancaster–Dundas
–Flamborough–Westdale*

Quick facts

- Under the *Investing in Canada* plan, the Government of Canada is investing more than \$180 billion over 12 years in public transit projects, green infrastructure, social infrastructure, trade and transportation routes, and Canada's rural and northern communities.
- Under the first phase of the plan, Infrastructure Canada has approved nearly 3,500 projects across Canada worth a combined investment of more than \$8.4 billion, including more than 2,000 projects worth more than \$1.6 billion in Ontario.

- As part of the Plan, Infrastructure Canada will deliver \$33 billion over the next decade through new bilateral agreements with provinces and territories under four funding streams:
 - \$20.1 billion for public transit;
 - \$9.2 billion for green infrastructure;
 - \$1.3 billion for community, cultural and recreational infrastructure; and
 - \$2.4 billion for wide-ranging infrastructure needs in rural and northern communities
- The funding provided under the bilateral agreement also includes up to \$660 million committed to the Scarborough Subway Extension project in Toronto, which will be reviewed when formally submitted by the province. The Government of Ontario will continue to work closely with the City of Toronto on this project. The province has already committed to supporting it through previously approved public transit investment funding.
- This funding provided to Ontario under the bilateral agreement includes almost \$1.5 billion that has been committed through the *Investing in Canada* plan for the Ottawa Light Rail Transit Stage 2 project and the Port Lands Flood Protection and Enabling Infrastructure project in Toronto.
- Ontario is investing \$190 billion in public infrastructure over 13 years, starting in 2014–15. This represents the largest infrastructure investment in the province's history to support priority projects such as hospitals, schools, roads, bridges and public transit.

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