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May 17, 2018

His Worship Fred Eisenberger
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Dear Mayor Eisenberger:

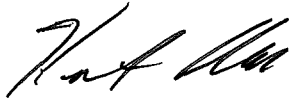
Thank you for your April 3, 2018 letter concerning the recent resolution by the City of Hamilton to position itself as a potential test site for autonomous buses. I am pleased to respond on behalf of the minister during the current Ontario election period. I always appreciate being informed of transportation initiatives taking place in Ontario municipalities.

My ministry recognizes the importance of new vehicle technologies, especially those that can expand mobility options, create economic opportunities and enhance safety for Ontarians. We are committed to working with our municipal partners, including the City of Hamilton, to ensure that our transportation network is safe while allowing new technology to thrive.

As you know, the province is investing \$80 million over five years in the Autonomous Vehicle Innovation Network (AVIN), delivered in partnership with Ontario Centres of Excellence (OCE). AVIN capitalizes on the economic potential of connected and autonomous vehicles and helps the province's transportation systems and infrastructure adapt to new technologies. On May 2, 2018 OCE announced funding to six Regional Technology Development sites across the province as part of AVIN, including Hamilton. Each site will support the development of new CV/AV technologies and will have a unique focus area for research and testing. I am pleased to know that the Hamilton Region – of which you are a partner – will specifically focus on multimodal and integrated mobility. I look forward to hearing about your group's activities over the coming months.

Thank you again for informing me of the Council's resolution.

Sincerely,

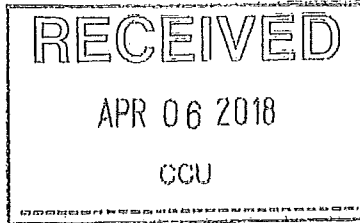
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April 3, 2018

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Dear Minister McGarry and Mr. Kadri,

At its meeting of March 28, 2018, Hamilton City Council approved Item 10 of the Public Works Committee Report 18-004 which reads as follows:

Self-Driving Buses

WHEREAS, technology is advancing rapidly in the field of driverless/autonomous buses,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That the City of Hamilton inform the Province, and the industry, that the City is prepared to be considered as a test site for the emerging technology of driverless/ autonomous buses, and;
- (b) That staff be directed to report back to the Public Works Committee about the feasibility of using driverless/autonomous buses in the City of Hamilton.

We respectfully request your timely consideration to this matter and look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

Mayor Fred Eisenberger