



March 12, 2021

By Email

The Hon. Caroline Mulroney
Ministry of Transportation
5th Floor, 777 Bay Street
Toronto, ON M7A 1Z8

Dear Minister Mulroney,

On behalf of transit systems across the province, we write to thank you for the government's ongoing support of public transit and the people who rely on it every day. Transit systems are grateful for both the elongated timeframe over which funds can be used, as well as for the additional \$150 million the government allocated. They were also grateful for the technical briefings provided by your officials last week, in which concerns were raised that despite the enhancements to the program, funds may be insufficient for the remainder of 2021.

Accordingly, we write to request that unused (provincial) funds currently slated to expire on March 31, 2021 remain within the transit program and be allocated as needs arise later this year to help keep systems whole and able to serve the Ontarians who depend on them each day.

We would be happy to discuss this in greater detail with you or any of your officials at your convenience.

Sincerely,

Kelly Paleczny,
Chair, OPTA

Karen Cameron,
CEO, OPTA