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Mr. Wayne Emmerson
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The Regional Municipality of York
17250 Yonge Street
Newmarket ON L3Y 6Z1

Dear Mr. Emmerson:

Thank you for your letter regarding funding allocation in the new Federal and Provincial Integrated Bilateral Agreements for Phase Two of the Public Transit Infrastructure Fund (PTIF). I apologize for the delay in responding.

The province is committed to improving and expanding public transit across Ontario to meet transportation needs, improve the environment, and support economic growth. The Ministry of Transportation recognizes the importance of working with all levels of government to strengthen and enhance transit systems across the province, including York Region. The province is providing $55 million to Metrolinx to work with York Region, the City of Toronto, TTC and the York Region Rapid Transit Corporation for the advance planning, engineering and design work of the Yonge Subway Extension.

Ontario is being represented by the Ministry of Infrastructure (MOI) in the PTIF Phase Two Bilateral Agreement negotiations. The province has heard directly from people who are frustrated by their daily commute and from regions and municipalities that are struggling to meet their transit needs. In these negotiations, the province entrusts MOI to advocate for Ontario's interests, while keeping in mind the challenges some regions are facing now, and in the future.

Thank you again for taking the time to share your thoughts and concerns with both myself and the Honourable Bob Chiarelli, Minister of Infrastructure.

Sincerely,

Kathryn McGarry
Minister

c.   The Honourable Bob Chiarelli, Minister of Infrastructure