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Bill Fisch, Chair
Regional Municipality of York
17250 Yonge Street
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Dear Chair *Bill* Fisch:

We accept your request for bicycle related infrastructure funding. I am pleased to advise you that the Regional Municipality of York has been approved by Metrolinx to receive \$693,872 through the Metrolinx BikeLinx Program to enhance the links between active transportation and public transit. Specifically, the funds are to be used to purchase and install bicycle racks on buses (\$480,000) as well as secure and safe bicycle parking (\$213,872).

Metrolinx requests that a municipal by-law be enacted and received no later than April 30, 2008 to reaffirm the funding amount noted above will be:

- Used to purchase and install bicycle racks on buses as well as secure and safe bicycle parking as defined by Metrolinx (please see Appendix A for definitions of eligible expenses); and
- Deducted, in full or in part, from future provincial transit funding allocations, if the municipality is found to not be in compliance with the terms set out above.

The funds are required to be placed in a dedicated, interest-bearing account until they are to be used.

After the funds have been expended, Metrolinx requests that a final report be produced and delivered to Metrolinx on how the funds were used, including the number of racks and storage spaces installed.

Please note that the province reserves the right to verify any information submitted, to audit that information for completeness and accuracy, and to ensure that funds were used for the purposes intended.

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Metrolinx requests the right to develop joint communications products and collaborative branding for the bicycle infrastructure funded under this program. We will be in contact with you in the near future to discuss these opportunities.

Please note GO Transit has indicated a willingness to assist municipalities in identifying locations for installation of municipal bicycle parking infrastructure in the vicinity of their stations. To pursue this further, I recommend your staff contact Jennifer Niece of GO Transit (416-869-3600 ext. 5460).

Please acknowledge your receipt of this letter by signing and returning the enclosed duplicate copy of this letter to:

Director of Corporate Services
Metrolinx
20 Bay Street, Suite 901
Toronto, Ontario
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We wish York Region much success in its endeavours. If you have any questions regarding the Metrolinx BikeLinx Program, please contact Mark Ciavarro at (416) 874-5929 or Mark.Ciavarro@metrolinx.com.

Yours truly,



Rob MacIsaac
Chair

Encl.

c: W. Michael Fenn – CEO, Metrolinx
Jim Bradley – Minister, Ministry of Transportation
Bruce McCuaig - Deputy Minister, Ministry of Transportation
Mary Frances Turner – Vice President, York Region Rapid Transit
Don Gordon – General Manager, York Region Transit
Ann Marie Carroll – Assistant Manager of Operations, York Region Transit

ACKNOWLEDGED BY
Bill Fisch:

Title

Date

APPENDIX A – DEFINITIONS / ELIGIBLE EXPENSES

BICYCLE RACKS ON BUSES:

Bicycle carrying rack to be installed on municipal transit vehicles. Devices typically carry two bicycles and are front mounted.

SECURE AND SHELTERED BICYCLE PARKING:

Permanent, sheltered, safe and secure parking for bicycles, integrated with municipal and regional transit. Lockers should be placed at strategic locations such as major municipal and inter-regional transit facilities, and/or mobility hubs. Storage spaces may include lockers, (which should have the provision to be operated in the future by a forthcoming smart card system), or other permanently-affixed storage which provides safe (either highly visible, in line of sight of attendant, or monitored by CCTV) and sheltered parking for bicycles.

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