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To the Head and Members of Council:

RE: Harmonized Sales Tax (H.S.T.) Revenue and a New Funding Mechanism for Transportation Infrastructure

This will confirm that the Council of the Regional Municipality of Halton, at its meeting held Wednesday, March 30, 2011, adopted the following resolution:

WHEREAS the introduction of the Harmonized Sales Tax (H.S.T.) on July 1, 2010, and its application to gasoline and diesel sales will result in new revenue for the Government of Ontario; and

WHEREAS based on 2010 average price levels of gasoline and diesel, and 2009 average consumption levels in Ontario, the Government of Ontario's projected new revenue will be approximately \$1.53 billion annually; and

WHEREAS the Provincial-Municipal Fiscal and Service Delivery Review identified a transportation infrastructure investment gap between the Government of Ontario and Ontario's municipalities of approximately \$3.8 billion; and

WHEREAS a lack of sufficient funding for essential transportation infrastructure construction, maintenance and rehabilitation has created a situation where many of Ontario's municipalities do not have the financial capacity to construct new transportation infrastructure and conduct the maintenance and rehabilitation needed to sustain existing transportation infrastructure; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Regional Municipality of Halton requests that the Government of Ontario consider directing a portion of the revenue derived from HST charged on gasoline and diesel sales to a new predictable funding mechanism that will allow Ontario's municipalities to make the critical investments needed to be effective stewards of transportation infrastructure; and

FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Premier Dalton McGuinty, Hon. Dwight Duncan, Minister of Finance, Hon. Kathleen Wynne, Minister of Transportation, Hon. Bob Chiarelli, Minister of Infrastructure, the Ontario Good Roads Association and to CAA South Central Ontario; and

The Regional Municipality of Halton

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FURTHER THAT this resolution be circulated to all municipalities in Ontario requesting their support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kathy Kiehl".

Kathy Kiehl
Acting Deputy Clerk and Supervisor of
Council & Committee Services

- c. John Ennis, Government Relations Specialist, CAA South Central Ontario
Scott R. Butler, Manager, Policy and Research, Ontario Good Roads Association