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Mr. Bill Fisch
Chair
The Regional Municipality of York
17250 Yonge Street, PO Box 147
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Dear Chair Fisch:

I am pleased to advise you that the Ontario government is delivering on our commitment to support public transit in Ontario.

In the 2007 Ontario Economic Outlook and Fiscal Review (Fall Economic Statement), the Province committed substantial one-time funding to improve and expand public transit across Ontario. I am pleased to inform you that the Regional Municipality of York is a recipient of funding to address their immediate state of good repair needs.

Renewing and expanding municipal transit infrastructure is vital to achieving our common goal of increasing transit ridership. It is expected that these funds will also help to improve accessibility for people with disabilities, manage congestion, support the environment and improve the movement of both people and goods.

To this end, a payment of \$7,852,638 to the Regional Municipality of York will be made prior to March 31, 2008.

In order to proceed with the processing of these funds, the Province requires that an authorizing by-law be received no later than March 21, 2008. The by-law should reference that the funding amount, as indicated above, has been committed through the Province's Fall Economic Statement and will be:

- Used for municipal transit capital expenditures;
- Audited by the municipality's external auditor and reported to the Ministry on an annual basis; 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.

If you have any questions regarding the program, please contact Chris Burke, Director, Transit Policy Branch at 416-235-3670. For any other questions, please contact Steve Naylor, Director, Finance Branch, at 905-704-2702.

Yours sincerely,



Jim Bradley
Minister of Transportation

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