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Her Worship Jackie Clayton
Mayor
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Dear Mayor Clayton:

The Government of Canada formally launched the Canada Public Transit Fund (PTF) on July 17, 2024, with \$3 billion allocated annually starting in 2026-27. The funds are intended to increase the use of public transit, improve transportation options, and increase housing supply and affordability. These are shared objectives that align with provincial priorities to improve public transit in Alberta.

The PTF has three streams: Metro Region Agreements (MRA), Targeted Funding, and Baseline Funding. MRA will support the long-term development of public transit infrastructure in large urban areas. Targeted funding will provide flexible, call-specific funding to address federal priorities that meet local needs. The Baseline Funding stream is intended to provide predictable funding focusing on routine growth and rehabilitation of transit projects. Funding will be available to communities with a public transit system that includes fixed route service that meet the minimum eligibility criteria related to ridership, population, and capital investment. For more information, please visit the PTF webpage at <https://housing-infrastructure.canada.ca/cptf-ftcc/index-eng.html>.

The federal government advised that transit agencies and municipalities would first need to complete an expression-of-interest (EOI) for Baseline Funding via the Housing, Infrastructure and Communities Canada (HICC) funding portal at <https://housing-infrastructure.canada.ca/cptf-ftcc/index-eng.html>. Eligible applicants would then receive an invitation from HICC to submit a capital plan application. The deadline for the EOI intake is **September 30, 2024, 3:00 p.m. EDT**.

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With Bill 18, the *Provincial Priorities Act* in force in Alberta, the Government of Canada will need to partner with the province to ensure that Alberta's priorities in the areas of public transit, transportation, green technologies and water and wastewater infrastructure upgrades are funded by all orders of government.

If the City of Grande Prairie applies for Baseline Funding this year, I request the city provide the province with a copy of its EOI submission after submission to HICC **no later than October 18, 2024**. This requirement will also apply if your City decides to participate in future intakes. Dates for these future intakes have not been set yet. Should your City be deemed eligible and invited to apply for the Baseline Funding, the province would appreciate receiving a copy of your proposed capital plan before it is submitted to HICC. This line of sight on local priorities will allow the province and the City to ensure alignment between individual capital projects and shared goals for improving public transportation in Alberta.

If you or your staff have any questions regarding this process, please contact Ms. Lorraine Jonasi, Manager of Transit Funding Programs. Ms. Jonasi can be reached toll-free by first dialling 310-0000, then 825-993-2667, or at lorraine.jonasi@gov.ab.ca.

I look forward to our teams collaborating further as the PTF program progresses.

Sincerely,



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Minister of Transportation and Economic Corridors

cc: Honourable Pete Guthrie, ECA, Minister of Infrastructure
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