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SUBJECT

Public transit

ORIGINAL TEXT

REPLY

From Canada's small towns to its largest urban centres, efficient public transit is vital to the functioning of communities, and it is a priority for the Government of Canada. Public transit helps to reduce traffic congestion on roads in order to better accommodate other economic activity. It is the primary means of mobility for many Canadians, allowing them to access jobs, education, health care and social activities. With increasing urbanization and an aging population, transit systems in both urban and rural areas will need to adapt their services. To support ambitious public transit projects, the Government of Canada is investing \$28.7 billion over 12 years. This funding will make it possible for Canadian communities to transform the way people live, move and work.

Through the Investing in Canada Plan, the Government of Canada has made ambitious commitments to support provinces, territories, and communities in delivering enhanced transit options for residents. These commitments include promoting a behavioural shift toward the use of public transit and active transportation and increasing the safety and accessibility of public transit options for residents. By supporting public transit investments that encourage more transit ridership, the Government of Canada is helping millions of Canadians to more fully access the opportunities of their community. It is also supporting the efficient movement of people with reduced congestion and decreased emissions

that would otherwise be created from more carbon-intensive forms of transportation. Investments in greener forms of transit, which the Government of Canada supports, will also reduce overall emissions from the public transit sector.

The Government of Canada works closely with provincial, territorial and municipal partners to fund infrastructure projects. These orders of government are well-placed to know their infrastructure needs. Going forward, the Government will continue to work with its partners to ensure its historic investments in public transit make Canada's public transit systems an attractive choice for everyone, especially youth, students and seniors.