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Hello ICIP Public Transit Stream Recipients,

We are writing to inform you of changes to the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP) that were highlighted in the Government of Canada's Budget 2022, released on April 7, 2022. As you may be aware, the Federal Budget contained two changes made to the ICIP. The Ontario Ministry of Transportation (MTO) continues to work with Infrastructure Canada to clarify details and impacts of these changes but would like to share the following information:

## **Accelerated Timelines to Submit Applications**

Budget 2022 accelerates the deadline for provinces to fully commit the remaining ICIP funding allocations to projects to March 31, 2023. The budget further notes that funds left uncommitted after this date will be reallocated by Canada to other key priorities. This means that the previously communicated application deadline of March 28, 2024, has been cancelled and that final applications to utilize remaining ICIP funding must be submitted to the Ministry by **November 30, 2022**, to allow time for provincial approvals and nomination to Infrastructure Canada (INFC).

## **Program Extension**

Recognizing that many projects are facing construction delays due to the pandemic, the Government of Canada has extended the allowable construction end date from October 2027 to **October 2033**. The extended timeline applies to new or existing projects as well as all project types (e.g., construction, planning and procurement). This extension will provide Ontario with additional runway to finish construction and submit financial claims for approved projects. MTO will provide further details on a process to submit project extension requests.

MTO is committed to implementing these changes as quickly as possible and in a way that optimizes Ontario's Public Transit stream allocations.

To gain a better understanding of municipal timelines and priorities for remaining allocations, MTO is seeking clarification from recipients on whether or not you are anticipating to submit projects under the Public Transit stream before the end of the calendar year.

If you are seeking to submit a project, please respond to this email with a Yes and, if available, the category for the project(s) that will be submitted for funding (e.g. rolling stock, active transportation, construction, planning, etc.). If you will not be utilizing your remaining ICIP allocation, please advise by responding to this email.

Given the limited timing to implement these changes, we ask that your response is provided no later than **July 29, 2022**.

MTO will share additional information as details are confirmed. In the meantime, please contact <u>ICIPTRANSIT@ontario.ca</u> should you have any questions.

Thank you for your ongoing support and collaboration.

Sincerely,

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