



The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, P.C. M.P.  
Prime Minister of Canada  
Office of the Prime Minister  
80 Wellington Street  
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A2

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Dear Prime Minister Trudeau,

I would first like to thank the Government of Canada for the recently announced grant program allocating \$30 million over four years to support demonstrations of next-generation and innovative electric vehicle charging infrastructure projects. This exciting announcement will undoubtedly spur sustainable progress across our city, region and nation.

As such, I write to you today in that same spirit of sustainable progress to request that the Government of Canada fully implement their commitment in the Pan-Canadian Framework on Clean Growth and Climate Change in the transportation sector, to help shift investments “from higher to lower-emitting types of transportation.”

In December 2016 you met with the former Premier of British Columbia, and most of Canada’s other provincial Premiers to sign the Pan-Canadian Framework on Clean Growth and Climate Change. This Framework proposes a policy shift that could substantially reduce greenhouse gas pollution from the transportation sector.

In the Capital Regional District, 56% of inventoried climate pollution in 2010 was from transportation, making transportation by far the largest opportunity for improvement in reducing carbon emissions. Between 1990 and 2014 climate pollution from road transportation increased by 43% in British Columbia, demonstrating the need for action.

The Pan-Canadian Framework commits the federal and provincial governments to “shift from higher to lower-emitting types of transportation, including through investing in infrastructure.” Examples of this shift include shifting from private motor-vehicles to transit and cycling as well as shifting freight from trucks to rail. This shift in investment is complementary to many City of Victoria and regional policies and priorities, including the Victoria Transit Future Plan, which states that "Major investments in expanding the road network to accommodate the private automobile do not align with local, regional and provincial planning aspirations."

Therefore, on behalf of Victoria City Council, we request the prompt and complete implementation of the commitments under the Pan-Canadian Framework on Clean Growth and Climate Change to help shift investments “from higher to lower-emitting types of transportation” within the Capital Regional District, and across the country.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'LH', is written over the printed name 'Lisa Helps'.

Lisa Helps  
Victoria Mayor

cc: Honourable John Horgan, Premier of BC  
Honourable Marc Garneau, Federal Minister of Transport  
Honourable Amarjeet Sohi, Federal Minister of Infrastructure and Communities  
Honourable Catherine McKenna, Federal Minister of Environment and Climate Change  
Honourable George Heyman, Provincial Minister of Environment and Climate Change Strategy  
Honourable Claire Trevena, Provincial Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure  
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