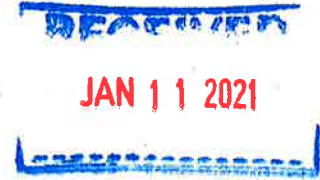




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Mr. Barry Morishita  
President  
AUMA  
300 - 8616 - 51 Avenue  
Edmonton, AB T6E 6E6

Dear Mr. Morishita:

Thank you for your November 9, 2020 letter regarding the AUMA's 2020 resolution for permanent transit funding. As Minister of Alberta Transportation, I am able to provide the following information.

The Government of Alberta understands the importance of public transportation for Albertans, and we continue to commit capital funding for municipal projects as our budget allows. Current capital grant funding commitments consist of \$3 billion for LRT expansion, \$17 million for the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program's Public Transit stream, and previously \$2 billion for GreenTRIP. We have also partnered with the federal government to provide \$140 million in operating funding as part of the Safe Restart Agreement to help rebuild Alberta's economy.

I have consulted with my colleague Honourable Tracy Allard, Minister of Municipal Affairs, who provided the following information. Under the current Municipal Sustainability Initiative (MSI), municipalities can choose to dedicate funding to public transit. As the funding is not restricted to public transit, this respects municipalities' autonomy to make decisions and use the funding to address local priorities. Currently, the Government of Alberta does not have plans to introduce a permanent transit-funding stream or to require a portion of MSI to be used for transit.

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If you have further questions or concerns, please contact Mr. Matt Buffett, Manager, Transit Funding Programs. Mr. Buffett can be reached toll-free at 310-0000, then 780-644-5074, or at [matt.buffett@gov.ab.ca](mailto:matt.buffett@gov.ab.ca).

Thank you for writing.

Sincerely,



Ric McIver  
Minister

cc: Honourable Tracy Allard, Minister of Municipal Affairs  
Honourable Prasad Panda, Minister of Infrastructure  
Honourable Travis Toews, President of Treasury Board and Minister of Finance  
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