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Via e-mail: chantalle.aubertin@canada.ca

RE: March 12, 2021 Press Release Canada's First National Active Transportation Strategy

Dear Chantalle,

As an advocacy group in support of safe cycling, Durham Region Cycling Coalition (DRCC) is a Durham Region based not-for-profit volunteer organization representing the six cycle clubs as well as local cycling enthusiasts.

March of this year, our organization took note of the press release from your office providing details of the new Federal Active Transportation Strategy which included a funding model of \$400 million investment over the next five years. The news was very exciting to hear and we were pleased to see the Federal Government recognizing the benefits of Active Transportation.

Press Release: <https://www.canada.ca/en/office-infrastructure/news/2021/03/government-of-canada-announces-first-federal-fund-for-cycling-paths-and-trails-across-the-country.html>

Infrastructure Canada: <https://www.infrastructure.gc.ca/trans/active-actif-eng.html>

Referencing your press release – and with the 2021 Federal Budget now approved- we have completed a review of the Federal Budget specific to Chapter 5 “*A Healthy Environment for a Healthy Economy*”. It was our understanding this would be the funding avenue of choice for the new program however we have been unable to locate commentary support. Searching additional chapters has also produced no references to this new program.

Federal Budget 2021: <https://www.budget.gc.ca/2021/report-rapport/toc-tdm-en.html>



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As such, we are now looking for help regarding the future of this new Active Transportation Strategy and have the following questions.

- How will this new program be funded?
 - Current 2021 Federal Budget?
- When will the program be available for local municipalities?
 - Application availability 2021?
 - Intake application process?

Not having a direct contact within the National Active Transportation Strategy supporting office we are asking for your help with our questions as press secretary for Minister McKenna.

On behalf of every-one at DRCC, thank you for taking time to review our comments. We look forward to the inherent benefits of this new program and learning more.

Respectfully,

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