

December 29, 2014

The Honourable David L. Emerson P.C.
Canada Transportation Act Review Secretariat
350 Albert Street, Suite 330
Ottawa, ON K1A 0N5

Dear Mr. Emerson,

Re: Canada Transportation Act Review Submission

Please accept this letter and attachment as our submission in response to the review of the Canada Transportation Act, initiated June 25, 2014.

We applaud the initiation of this review of the Canada Transportation Act (the Act) to address changing conditions and challenges facing transportation in Canada today and into the future.

We have attached the Peel Goods Movement Strategic Plan 2012-2016 for your consideration as part of this review and we offer the following high level comments in relation to the Region of Peel's transportation planning goals:

- The safe and efficient movement of goods is integral to the Region of Peel's economy and the Ontario and Canadian economies.
- Long-term vision and planning at a strategic level is required to facilitate the ongoing and increased movement of goods.
- Particular attention should be given to the Canada/United States border crossings and international border crossings to ensure delays are minimized and technological and infrastructure improvements are implemented. (Peel has developed a discussion paper on this topic which can be found here: <http://www.peelregion.ca/pw/transportation/goodsmovement/art/border-crossing-may8-2014.pdf>).
- The Act should support the development of a long-term vision for transportation in Canada.
- The Act should support funding of infrastructure improvements that will positively impact goods movement.
- The Act should support access improvements to Intermodal facilities and Airports.

- The Act should support the development of key Freight Hubs, economic centres and business parks in Canada.
- The Act should include the importance of implementing high speed rail in Canada.
- The Act should address the importance of a strong national highway network for the movement of people and goods, as well as for strategic military actions.
- The Act should address the importance and special considerations in the movement of dangerous goods to address mitigating impacts on residential land uses.
- The Act should support improvements to reduce commute/travel times and reduce impacts to climate change.
- The Act should support sustainable, healthy, active transportation.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this submission under the review of the Canada Transportation Act.

Please contact the undersigned should you have any questions.

Sincerely,



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