



## RESPONSE TO PETITION

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PETITION No.: **421-02201**

BY: **MR. JOHNS (COURTENAY-ALBERNI)**

DATE: **MARCH 29, 2018**

PRINT NAME OF SIGNATORY: **THE HONOURABLE AMARJEET SOHI**

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Response by the Minister of Infrastructure and Communities

SIGNATURE

Minister or Parliamentary Secretary

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SUBJECT

**Road transportation**

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**ORIGINAL TEXT**

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**REPLY**

The Government of Canada is pleased to respond to this petition.

The Government recognizes the importance of active transportation infrastructure, such as cycling infrastructure, as it plays a key role in creating healthier and more inclusive communities. Our built environment can provide a foundation for healthy living. That is why this Government has ensured that active transportation infrastructure has and will be consistently eligible for funding under previous, current, and future infrastructure funding programs.

The Government is proud to note that many cycling infrastructure projects have benefitted from federal infrastructure funding. These have included the construction of bicycle lanes to support rapid transit extensions, the installation of bicycle racks on city buses in order to promote the use of sustainable transportation, and the construction and renovation of bicycle paths in many regions across Canada. Infrastructure Canada's funding programs have provided flexibility to provinces and territories so that they can move forward with priority infrastructure projects, including active transportation projects, that make a difference in their respective regions.

In Budget 2017, the Government announced an historic plan to invest more than \$180 billion in infrastructure over 12 years. Key areas of investment include public transit infrastructure, green infrastructure, social infrastructure, and

infrastructure in rural and northern communities. Active transportation infrastructure connecting Canadians to public transit networks would be eligible to receive funding through several of the funding streams under Integrated Bilateral Agreements being signed with provinces and territories, provided that such a project is prioritized by the provincial or territorial government.

The Government of Canada does work closely with provincial, territorial and municipal partners to fund infrastructure projects. These orders of government are well-placed to know their infrastructure needs; as such, they alone are responsible for the planning, prioritization, design, and operation of their infrastructure assets, including cycling infrastructure. Going forward, the Government will continue to work with its partners to advance the Government of Canada's infrastructure plan. Investments made under the next phase of the Government's infrastructure, including active transportation infrastructure, will remove barriers, bring people together, and foster liveable communities across Canada.