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Member of Parliament – Brampton North Députée - Brampton Nord

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We're Electrifying Brampton: 450 New Zero-Emission Buses for Brampton

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Office of MP Ruby Sahota

Member of Parliament Ruby Sahota, alongside Minister Catherine McKenna, her Liberal Brampton MP colleagues, and The Canada Infrastructure Bank (CIB) are proud to announce the agreement in principle with the City of Brampton, which would see the CIB provide up to \$400 million, supporting Brampton Transit's purchase of up to 450 zero-emission buses (ZEBs) by 2027.

Our investment will contribute towards the upfront capital cost of the ZEBs and related charging infrastructure. This is the CIB's third ZEB investment commitment with a municipality and supports one of the largest conversions of public transit vehicles in Canada to date.

"Investing in ZEBs will help our Brampton residents have cleaner air, quieter streets, and put us on a greener path to leave a healthier planet for our future generations. Transportation accounts for 25% of our greenhouse gas emissions. Once the 450 buses are deployed, ZEBs are estimated to save approximately 57,000 tonnes of greenhouse gases per year," said MP Sahota, "Our plan tackles the root causes of Canada's emissions."

With these new buses, we're not only reducing pollution from transportation and moving forward on our goal to achieve net-zero emissions by 2050, we're also creating even more good, well-paying jobs for Canadians. "Canada is home to innovative and competitive companies that are global leaders in clean technology and more environmentally friendly public transit. Today's announcement builds on that leadership and provides opportunities for Canadian industry to grow," MP Sahota said.

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Launching this project in Brampton is only the first step in our climate plan. This funding, which will help the government deliver on its commitment to help purchase 5,000 zeroemission school and transit buses, is part of the of the eight year, \$14.9 billion public transit investment recently outlined by Prime Minister Justin Trudeau.

To date, Infrastructure Canada's funding programs have already supported the purchase of over 300 new zero emission buses towards the goal of helping communities transition to zero-emission transit options. This investment marks another step forward for smart public transit funding that delivers triple bottom line results: jobs and economic growth, a cleaner environment, and more inclusive communities.

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MP Sahota will be taking interviews on this announcement For media inquiries, please contact: Hadeel Aziz, Legislative Assistant Ruby.Sahota@parl.gc.ca

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