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Funding Opportunity for Brampton under the National Trade Corridor Fund

The quality of Canada's transportation infrastructure and the efficiency of the country's trade corridors is key to the success of Canadian firms in the global marketplace.

August 15, 2017 – Brampton, Ontario – Ruby Sahota, Member of Parliament for Brampton North, encourages expressions of interest under the National Trade Corridors Fund for projects addressing transportation bottlenecks, vulnerabilities and congestion along Canada's trade corridors in Ontario. The deadline for submissions is September 5, 2017.

The fund was recently launched by the Honourable Marc Garneau, Minister of Transport, as a core element of the Trade and Transportation Corridors Initiative. The fund will provide \$2 billion over 11 years to strengthen Canada's trade infrastructure.

The Detroit-Windsor-Quebec corridor, the most densely populated and industrialized region in the country, is one of the busiest transportation corridors in North America for moving goods and people. Nearly 40% of all goods sold in Canada flow through Brampton via rail, road and air.

Eligible projects should support the fluidity of Canadian trade around the world, including at ports, airports (including those under Canada's small National Airport System), roads, railways, intermodal facilities, bridges and border crossings. Money from the fund will be allocated based on merit and the project's ability to contribute to Canada's continued success in trade and international commerce.

Quote

“The National Trade Corridors Fund will help governments, community groups and other organizations invest in the critical assets that support economic activity and the physical movement of goods and people in Canada, especially in Brampton. Home to Canadian National Railway's largest rail yard, Brampton would greatly benefit from further investment through this Fund to help the shipment of goods in the region.”

Ruby Sahota, Member of Parliament for Brampton North

“Our government is investing in Canada's economy by making improvements to our trade and transportation corridors. I encourage organizations and communities alike located in Canada's 10 provinces and three territories to apply for funding under the National Trade Corridors Fund. New infrastructure projects can support trade, economic growth, and the creation of good middle-class jobs.”

The Honourable Marc Garneau, Minister of Transport

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