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Dear partners and stakeholders,

We are pleased to announce the launch of the Ontario Municipal Commuter Cycling Program (OMCC) on May 29, 2017. OMCC is a four year, cost-shared, direct funding program for infrastructure projects, with the goal to support and develop commuter cycling. OMCC is a key component of Ontario's Climate Change Action Plan, through which, Ontario is committing to increase funding to advance commuter cycling improvements. On behalf of the Ontario government, we are pleased to invite you to participate in the program.

The purpose of OMCC is to provide direct, dedicated and annual funding to Ontario municipalities to support the implementation of commuter cycling infrastructure. As OMCC is supported by proceeds from Ontario's cap and trade program, use of OMCC funding is directed to capital investments in creating or enhancing commuter cycling infrastructure. The goal is to encourage people to get out of their cars and onto bikes for their daily commute or other frequent trips. This investment will also support Ontario's Cycling Tourism Plan by providing funding to commuter cycling infrastructure at major destinations and tourist sites.

Every municipality in Ontario, large and small, will be eligible to apply for OMCC funding in any or all of its four years. Participating municipalities will be required to declare their interest and identify their eligible projects on an annual basis. The funding for any given participating municipality will be based upon the number of participating municipalities, and is anticipated to vary from year to year.

Municipalities interested in participating in OMCC for the 2017 Fiscal Year have until **August 18, 2017** to submit a Participation Declaration. OMCC funding for the 2017 Fiscal Year will be announced by September 25, 2017.

You can learn more about OMCC on the Ontario cycling web hub at <http://www.grants.gov.on.ca/GrantsPortal/en/OntarioGrants/GrantOpportunities/PRDR017150> . Application and program information is located at Grants Ontario at GrantsOntarioCS@Ontario.ca. You can also learn more by contacting the Ministry of Transportation about the program by phone: 416-325-6691 or 1-855-216-3090 or by email: cycling@ontario.ca.

Further information about Ontario's Climate Change Action Plan can be accessed at <https://www.ontario.ca/page/climate-change-action-plan>.

Sincerely,



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