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Mandate letter updates new infrastructure minister's priorities

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau released mandate letters for all new ministers in his cabinet earlier this summer. In the letter addressed to the Minister of Infrastructure and Communities, Mr. Trudeau outlined his priorities for the implementation of his government's long-term infrastructure program.

According to his [mandate letter](#), Minister Champagne will have to focus on the "timely delivery" of the Investing in Canada plan and "address the timeliness of the flow of funds." The prime minister also requests that Infrastructure Canada "flow infrastructure investment as construction work takes place."

CUTA stressed the need to streamline existing transit funding in our recent [pre-budget submission](#) as well as in our [testimony](#) before the House of Commons Standing Committee on Transport, Infrastructure and Communities on April 18. In June, the committee released 5 [recommendations](#) to the government, including "optimizing funding delivery."

We are pleased to see the government prioritizing this issue, and we will continue to advocate on behalf of the transit industry to streamline existing infrastructure funding.

For more information, please contact [Jeff Mackey](#), Public Policy Coordinator, at 613-782-2454.

New parliamentary secretary for the Minister of Infrastructure and Communities

On August 31 Prime Minister Trudeau announced changes to the parliamentary secretaries who support the ministers in his government. Marco Mendicino was appointed parliamentary secretary to the Minister of Infrastructure and Communities, replacing Marc Miller who is now the parliamentary secretary to the Minister of Crown-Indigenous Relations.

On behalf of our members we extend our sincere congratulations to Mr. Mendicino on his new role, and we thank Mr. Miller for his accomplishments and support for integrated urban mobility during his time at Infrastructure Canada. We also welcome Terry Beech as parliamentary secretary to the Minister of Transport and Sean Fraser as parliamentary secretary to the Minister of Environment and Climate Change.

Our public affairs team will remain engaged with the government to ensure that federal decision-makers have the expert advice, world-class data and industry insights they need to invest \$28 billion in transit through the Investing in Canada plan. For a complete list of changes to the parliamentary secretaries, please refer to the following [news release](#) from the Canadian government.

For more information please contact [Chad Jeudy-Hugo](#), Director, Public Affairs and Communications, at 514-207-7072.

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