

March 4, 2014

Attention: Andrea Horwath, Leader of the Ontario New Democratic Party

Re: an Invitation to Join a Virtual Town Hall on Transportation Investment

Dear Ms. Horwath,

The critical importance of transportation investment to our region's prosperity, health and livability has spurred action among multi-sectoral groups who are co-operating to ensure that the public has clear information about how this problem will be resolved. Ahead of the upcoming provincial budget we are hosting a series of Virtual (Telephone) Town Halls, giving residents from across the region the opportunity to hear from – and speak with – elected leaders on this issue.

We are reaching out to offer you an opportunity to speak directly with the residents of the Greater Toronto and Hamilton Area (GTHA) about your views on regional transportation investment. Please note that we have sent this invitation to the Leader of each Ontario political party with elected representation in the Legislature. If desired, each Party leader will have the opportunity to participate in their own telephone town hall – this is not a panel discussion.

The Virtual Town Hall will be administered and facilitated by phone – no in-person component is required. Up to 200,000 GTHA residents will be invited to listen in on their telephones and have the option of asking live questions, as well as answering survey questions posed during the call. The invitations for GTHA residents to participate in the call will be sent randomly and distributed evenly across the region. The call format will allow for a short opening statement from the Party Leader, followed by live questions moderated by a neutral third party host.

The one-hour Virtual Town Halls will take place in March and April of 2014 during a weekday evening between 6 and 9pm.

Please respond by **Monday, March 17** so we can arrange a time for this event. Due to lead time in arranging these Virtual Town Halls, confirmation must be received by the date above. Please contact Taylor Stone at tstone@evergreen.ca or 416-596-1495 x260 to confirm your participation.

Thank you in advance for helping to lead this important conversation.

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