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Tramway: Quebec and Canada invest in further studies for the Québec portion of the project

Gatineau, June 27, 2024 - I'm proud to announce that the Government of Canada and the Government of Quebec are making significant investments in the pre-project studies for the Quebec portion of the tramway project. Quebec will contribute \$98.1 million, while Canada will contribute \$65.4 million, bringing the total investment to \$163.5 million.

This investment marks a decisive step forward for the tramway project, which is seen as a sustainable and efficient transportation solution for the citizens of the City of Gatineau. The project, which aims to improve urban mobility, reduce traffic congestion and offer an environmentally-friendly alternative to car travel, remains a priority for me as an MP for Pontiac-Kitigan-Zibi, as well as for my colleagues in the Outaouais region.

"On behalf of all Outaouais MPs, and as Chair of the Outaouais caucus, I would like to express our great satisfaction with this announcement. The tramway represents an immense potential for transforming not only mobility in Gatineau, but also regional development. We have invested a great deal of effort in making our city a model of sustainable and prosperous development. The pre-project study is a key milestone. We are committed to working together to secure funding for the Ottawa side of the river as well. Once this study is completed, we'll be ready to put shovels in the ground and turn this ambitious vision of structuring transportation for the city of Gatineau into reality." - Sophie Chatel, MP for Pontiac-Kitigan Zibi

"We enthusiastically welcome the federal government's announcement of its support for the tramway project and funding for the next phases of studies for the Quebec portion. This interprovincial transportation project is essential to meeting our territory's mobility needs, promoting more sustainable travel in the Gatineau-Ottawa region, and creating better-connected, more inclusive communities. This commitment marks an important first step, and we hope it will lead to full funding for the project, including the Ontario portion. The tramway represents not only a significant advance in sustainable transportation, but also an opportunity to strengthen the links between our communities and improve the quality of life of our residents. We thank the federal government for its support and look forward to working with all stakeholders to make this project a reality." - Benoit Delage, CREDDO General Manager

The funds allocated will be used to continue the technical, environmental and economic studies required to guarantee the viability and success of the project. These studies will specify the route, costs, environmental and social impacts of the tramway.

The tramway project is part of a broader vision of sustainable urban development and modernization of public transport infrastructures. It aims not only to meet current mobility needs, but also to anticipate future challenges linked to urban growth and the ecological transition.

The collaboration between the Government of Quebec and the Government of Canada testifies to the importance attached to this strategic project for the future of the Outaouais region. Authorities continue to work closely with municipal partners and local communities to ensure the success of this initiative.

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