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Advancing the Gatineau–Ottawa Tramway

I believe people deserve transportation options that are efficient, reliable, and sustainable. Investing in green public transit is necessary for reducing emissions, improving quality of life, and building connected communities that are ready for the future.

As our region continues to grow, investing in modern and sustainable public transit is essential. The 24-kilometre Gatineau–Ottawa Tramway will connect western Gatineau to downtown Ottawa, helping meet the mobility needs of our growing population while improving quality of life. In Gatineau, 44% of greenhouse gas emissions come from the transportation sector. That means the tramway is also a key tool for reducing emissions in the region.

To help move this important project forward, I have worked closely with municipal, provincial, and federal partners over the years. Here are some of the key steps I have taken to advance the Gatineau–Ottawa Tramway.



2021-2022

At the beginning of my mandate, alongside my Outaouais colleagues, I committed to supporting transportation infrastructure investments that would improve mobility, reduce emissions, and better connect our communities.

The Gatineau–Ottawa Tramway quickly became a key priority because of its potential to transform mobility in the National Capital Region and support long-term sustainable growth.

In this early phase, I began working with partners to better understand the project's objectives, the needs it was designed to meet, and the steps required to help move it forward.



2023 – 2024

As Chair of the Outaouais Caucus, I made the Gatineau–Ottawa Tramway a key advocacy priority with our government. I raised the project directly with Hon. **Jean-Yves Duclos, then Minister of Public Services and Procurement**, and other federal partners, emphasizing its importance for improving mobility, reducing congestion, and helping Gatineau meet its climate goals.

I met regularly with key local allies and leaders who were helping build momentum behind the project, including Mayor Maude Marquis-Bissonnette, Paul Turpin, Benoit Delage of CREDDO, and Patrick Robert-Meunier, General Manager of Mobi-O and spokesperson for the S'allier pour le tramway coalition.

A major milestone for the tramway project was reached in June 2024, when our work helped secure **\$163.5 million** from Canada and Quebec for pre-project studies on the Quebec portion of the tramway, including **\$65.4 million in federal funding**.

With that important step completed, I turned my attention to securing federal support for the Ottawa portion of the project. In October 2024, I presented in the House of Commons a petition initiated by Patrick Robert-Meunier and the S'allier pour le tramway coalition calling for federal funding for the preliminary studies on the Ottawa portion of the tramway.

Our sustained collective effort helped build important momentum, and on December 16, 2024, our government announced in the Fall Economic Statement its intention to provide **\$31 million** for preliminary studies on the Ottawa portion of the project.



2025 - 2026

On March 10, 2025, on behalf of the Hon. Jean-Yves Duclos, then Minister of Public Services and Procurement, I was proud to announce that the Government of Canada was officially funding the feasibility studies for the federal and Ottawa portions of the tramway, with an investment of **\$31.6 million**.

With this announcement, funding for the federal and Ottawa portions of the project became official, bringing the total federal contribution to the Gatineau–Ottawa Tramway to **\$97 million**.

The Quebec government's decision to step back from the Gatineau tramway project is deeply disappointing for our region. Despite this setback, I remain fully committed to advocating for the tramway and to ensuring that the Outaouais is not left behind.

I have already met with Mobilité Infra Québec (MIQ), the new organization responsible for the Quebec side of the project, to discuss the path forward and continue pressing for progress. I will keep working with partners at every level to support this essential project.