



**Canadian Vehicle
Manufacturers' Association**
Association canadienne
des constructeurs de véhicules

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Re: Greater Golden Horseshoe Transportation Plan Consultation

Dear Ms. Downard:

The members of the Canadian Vehicle Manufacturers' Association, including Ford Motor Company of Canada, Limited, General Motors of Canada Company and Stellantis (FCA Canada Inc.), greatly appreciate this opportunity to provide further input to the Ontario Greater Golden Horseshoe (GGH) Transportation consultation. The CVMA was very pleased to participate at the July 15th roundtable with the Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Transportation, Vijay Thanigasalam, to discuss important actions for the future of transportation in the GGH.

Automotive manufacturing is a leading Ontario economic driver and relies on the efficient movement of goods to support the integrated supply chain, assembly, and final vehicle delivery. Automotive operates, and is competitive, as part of the highly integrated North American market. The industry directly employs 135,000, represents approximately 20% of Ontario's manufacturing GDP and motor vehicles and parts were the lead Ontario trade export at 27.9% of all exports in 2020 and was the lead import at 17.6%.

In 2020/21, CVMA members announced \$5.7 billion in new investment in Canada. Improved efficient movement of goods to support these investments is critical. As a follow-up to the roundtable, the CVMA submits the following recommendations to support the development of a GGH transportation plan that will improve mobility throughout the GGH and that will contribute to the competitiveness of Ontario's automotive manufacturing sector.

1. Increase Support for Introduction of Road Technologies

- Ontario's automotive sector is a leader in the development of automotive technologies including automated vehicles, electrification, and alternate fuels.
- Measures to support road technologies, including markings and infrastructure support for EV charging and hydrogen fuel technologies would support the industry in the immediate term.
- We recognize some infrastructure projects will take many years to complete. As such, these types of transportation enhancements would provide benefit to Ontario automotive manufacturers and consumers in the shorter term.

2. Enhance Road Capacity and Reduce Congestion

- One of the most vital aspects for the Greater Golden Horseshoe Transportation plan is the trade corridors that service the area.
- The vehicle manufacturing industry is heavily concentrated in southern Ontario, stretching from Oshawa in the east to Windsor in the west, with the majority of vehicle assembly facilities located in the greater GTA. These facilities rely heavily on the transportation

network to deliver production parts from across southern Ontario as well as from various American states, primarily through the Windsor, Sarnia and Niagara border gateways.

- Our industry has long identified both domestic and international trade corridors as a top priority for existing operations and future growth.
- We rely heavy on the infrastructure system not only in the greater GTA but across the province.
- Given the investments announced by our members, there will be increased importance for the efficient movement of goods to support competitiveness. An efficient and reliable road and transportation network is a critical enabler for new investments as the auto industry transitions to electric vehicles (EVs) and the potential new supply chain opportunities to support North America's emerging EV sector.
- In heavily congested areas near automotive manufacturing facilities, we recommend the upgrading of county roads and alternate routes, including the widening of corners, to improve truck accessibility to those alternatives and to alleviate volume on main corridors, including Highway 401.

3. Improved Government Collaboration

- Ongoing coordination between the provincial and federal governments will be critical to facilitate the transition to electric vehicles.
- Canada has announced that it will pursue a combination of investments and regulations to help Canadians and industry transition to achieve the 100 percent zero-emission vehicle sales by 2035.
- Supporting innovation including connected vehicles and electric vehicles as part of the transportation plan will be key and the CVMA would be pleased to provide an opportunity to discuss this further with our members.

The CVMA would appreciate careful consideration of these recommendations and would be pleased to provide any further information helpful to support the development of an ambitious GGH transportation plan that will improve this important corridor. Please do not hesitate to contact me directly at 613-513-9626 to discuss further.

Yours sincerely,



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