

JOINT STATEMENT:

Unlocking the Active Transportation Fund to meet Canada's nation-building priorities

April 30, 2026

To: The Honourable Gregor Robertson, P.C., M.P., Minister of Housing, Infrastructure and Communities

CC: The Right Honourable Mark Carney, P.C., Prime Minister of Canada,
The Honourable Shafqat Ali, President of the Treasury Board

RE: Urgent approval of the 2025 Active Transportation Fund capital projects

Dear Minister Robertson,

The undersigned organizations, representing a diverse group of Canadian not-for-profit organizations and businesses, are writing to urge the immediate approval and release of the \$500 million in capital funding committed to the Active Transportation Fund (ATF) and to ensure its continuation as a dedicated fund within the Targeted Stream of the Canada Public Transit Fund.

Active transportation is a high-impact, low-cost solution that helps deliver on the government's core priorities by:

- **Improving affordability:** Transportation remains the second-highest cost for Canadian households. Safe walking and cycling networks provide immediate relief to families by offering reliable, zero-cost alternatives to car use.
- **Addressing the housing crisis:** To help solve the housing crisis, we must build complete, walkable communities. Active transportation is the connective tissue that makes new high-density housing developments viable, reducing the need for costly parking infrastructure and ensuring that new housing is integrated with the services people need such as groceries, education and employment.
- **Maximizing transit investments:** Better bike and pedestrian connections solve the "first and last mile" challenge, making it easier for residents to access public transit. This ensures our national investments in major transit projects achieve their full ridership potential and efficiency.

- **Securing our economic future:** Reducing congestion and improving the health of our workforce are essential to building a more resilient national economy. Active transportation infrastructure is a proven driver of local economic activity.
- **Improving health and climate resilience:** Active transportation infrastructure promotes physical activity and reduces emissions leading to healthier, more productive people and communities.

The window for action is closing: Municipalities and First Nations across Canada submitted shovel-ready applications to the Active Transportation Fund nearly a year ago. With the 2026 construction season already underway, any further delay in the approval of this funding risks losing an entire building year and stalling local job creation.

We urge your government to honour the \$500 million commitment made in 2025 and to issue project approvals immediately. By unlocking these funds, the federal government will demonstrate that it is ready to move at the speed required to build a modern, affordable, and productive Canada.

We also ask that the Active Transportation Fund continue within the Targeted Stream of the Canada Public Transit Fund so that the full potential of active transportation infrastructure can be actualized across our country.

We look forward to your prompt action on this file. Should you have any further questions, please reach out to Samuel Benoit at ed@velocanadabikes.org.

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