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His Worship Amarjeet Sohi
Mayor
City of Edmonton
3rd. Floor City Hall
1 Sir Winston Churchill Square
Edmonton, AB T5J 2R7

Dear Mayor Sohi:

The Government of Alberta is pleased to introduce the new Alberta Relief for Shortfalls for Transit Operators (RESTOR) program for municipalities. This new program encompasses the federal funding announced on February 17, 2022 by the Government of Canada and provides matching provincial funding.

Under this new program, the City of Edmonton is approved for up to \$33,484,225.69 in provincial funding, as well as \$33,484,225.69 in federal funding, for a total of \$66,968,451.38. This funding is available to be used toward transit operating revenue shortfalls associated with the lingering impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic or transit capital.

The RESTOR program is designed to be a simple and streamlined program. Municipalities will receive their funding shortly after the execution of the funding agreement, barring any questions from the federal government on our approach. No application is required. These agreements will require commitments from municipalities to utilize all funds on transit operating shortfalls or transit capital, and to meet reporting requirements. My department will be reaching out to execute the agreement in the coming days, as required by March 31, 2022.

I appreciate the challenge of the tight timelines to implement this program. My department will work collaboratively with you to respond to questions as needed so that we can meet this compressed schedule and ensure this important funding flows to your municipality as soon as possible.

I want to thank you for your leadership during these difficult times. I trust that this support from the Government of Alberta and the Government of Canada will help as we navigate our shared economic challenges and look forward to economic recovery.

Sincerely,

Rajan Sawhney
Minister of Transportation

*Thank you
Amarjeet for
your advocacy!*

cc: Honourable Ric McIver, Minister of Municipal Affairs
Honourable Josephine Pon, Minister of Seniors and Housing