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I want to wish you and your team a safe, healthy and happy start to 2022.

We enter 2022 in the midst of our ongoing battle against COVID-19 and the new Omicron variant. I know how much everyone has sacrificed to keep each other safe, and the Ontario spirit remains strong as people continue to do their part to help build a better future.

As we get into a new year, there's no better time to reflect on our accomplishments over these past twelve months. This past year, our government got shovels in the ground on our historic investments in new transit and highways to get people and goods moving. We also continued to develop our comprehensive transportation plans that address the unique transportation needs of every region across the province. And last spring, we introduced legislation that protects road users against unsafe and aggressive driving. We've taken decisive action to meet the demands of the future by building the transportation network Ontario needs.

The people of Ontario rely on smooth-running transit networks to get where they need to go, especially our frontline and essential workers. That's why early on in this pandemic, our government, working in partnership with our federal colleagues, committed up to \$2.15 billion through the Safe Restart Agreement to help 107 public transit systems address the immediate financial challenges and continue to deliver this critical service.

Under Premier Ford's leadership, all of our government's actions are guided by the understanding that our choices directly impact the future we create. We know that people need safe and reliable transportation and transit networks that connect communities, improve access to jobs, and support businesses. We also know that we cannot do it alone and that we rely on support from our many partners like you.

By working together, we will continue to build the foundation for Ontario's lasting economic growth and prosperity. I look forward to furthering our collaborative relationship while we work to ensure safe, efficient, and innovative transportation into the future. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact Ryan Amato, Director of Stakeholder Relations, at 416-522-3719 or ryan.amato@ontario.ca.

Thank you for your ongoing partnership and support as we build a world-class transportation network that connects people to places faster.

Sincerely,

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