

Councillor Request for Information

✓ **Included on Agenda**

(Submitted to Municipal Clerk's Office
by Noon Thursday)

Added Item

(Submitted to Municipal Clerk's Office
by Noon Monday)

Date of Council Meeting: **May 16, 2006**

Subject: Transit Funding – Canadian Urban Transportation Assoc. Resolution Re Bill C-66

Request: Please add the above item to the agenda for the next Regional Council meeting.

Reason: I am seeking Halifax Regional Council support for the following Resolution, (attached), prepared for national municipal endorsement by CUTA.

I would like this response as:

- Email to Mayor and/or Councillor/Municipal Clerk's Office
 Memo to Mayor and/or Councillor/Municipal Clerk's Office
✓ Information Report to Community Council ✓ Regional Council
 Recommendation Report to Community Council Regional Council

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District Number

FEDERAL INVESTMENT IN PUBLIC TRANSIT DRAFT MUNICIPAL COUNCIL RESOLUTION

WHEREAS public transit provides essential and universal mobility to residents within Canada's urban areas;

AND WHEREAS public transit increases roadway capacity by offering people a transportation choice other than the automobile;

AND WHEREAS public transit reduces greenhouse gas emissions and air pollution;

AND WHEREAS transit infrastructure investment needs for Canadian transit systems in the period 2006-2010 stand at \$20.7-billion, with over \$5-billion of this amount not fundable under current programs;

AND WHEREAS municipalities have inadequate revenue tools to finance the full cost of transit infrastructure;

THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED THAT THIS COUNCIL CALLS ON THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO:

- MAKE PERMANENT THE FEDERAL INVESTMENT IN PUBLIC TRANSIT PROVIDED UNDER THE PUBLIC TRANSIT CAPITAL TRUST ANNOUNCED IN BUDGET 2006;
- ENSURE THAT THIS INVESTMENT IS DISTRIBUTED EQUITABLY TO ALL TRANSIT SYSTEMS ACROSS CANADA;
- ENSURE THAT THIS INVESTMENT IS OVER AND ABOVE ANY EXISTING FEDERAL OR PROVINCIAL FUNDING ALREADY IN PLACE.