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Dear Mayor,

To help the Ministry of Transportation develop a transportation plan for eastern Ontario, the Ministry recently launched an [online survey](https://www.ontario.ca/page/consultation-eastern-ontario-transportation-plan) (<https://www.ontario.ca/page/consultation-eastern-ontario-transportation-plan>) to gather input on the regional needs and priorities of people and communities.

The province recognizes that municipalities are important partners in planning and delivering the transportation system. I am writing today to invite you, and citizens and municipal leadership, to provide input on our survey. The survey will be available until September 23, 2021 and asks:

- how people and business move and what modes they use
- top transportation-related concerns as Ontario has reopened post-COVID-19
- actions Ontario can take to better support travel
- current and future priorities for the transportation system.

Your responses will help us to understand what you or your community need to move across the region, transportation concerns as Ontario reopens, and how the Ministry can support better travel and priorities for the transportation network.

Further engagement is also being planned. Input from the survey will help inform the province's vision for transportation in eastern Ontario.

If you have any questions about the survey, please contact the project team at: [EasternTransportationPlan@ontario.ca](mailto:EasternTransportationPlan@ontario.ca).

This eastern Ontario survey is the latest in our program of regional transportation planning work. Ontario is developing regional plans that will help build a better transportation system across the province. In June 2021, Ontario released a [discussion paper](#) for public feedback that will inform the province's first transportation plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe. In January 2020, Ontario released [Connecting the Southwest: A Draft Transportation Plan for Southwestern Ontario](#). In December 2020, the province released [Connecting the North: A Draft Transportation Plan for Northern Ontario](#).

Sincerely,

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