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Ms. Sheila Birrell
Town Clerk
The Corporation of The Town of Markham
101 Town Centre Boulevard
Markham ON L3R 9W3

Dear Ms. Birrell:

Thank you for your correspondence of February 1, 2006, regarding the Town of Markham's Council meeting held on January 31, 2006. I appreciate receiving the enclosed presentation of the progress and feedback on Phase 1 of the VIVA rapid transit project in the York Region.

The federal government acknowledges the Town of Markham's stated support of the rapid transit initiatives of the Region of York and appreciates the value of these transportation infrastructure projects to the Town's planning.

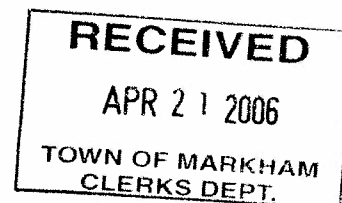
Transport Canada is well aware of the transportation demands faced by municipalities such as the Town of Markham and the Greater Toronto Area (GTA) in general, and recognizes the importance of safe, effective and sustainable urban transit networks in enhancing the quality of life of Canadians.

Transport Canada appreciates the Town of Markham's ongoing commitment to incorporating transit initiatives into its planning, and commends its continued active involvement in working towards providing a transportation infrastructure network that will meet the current and future needs of the citizens of Markham.

Again, thank you for writing.

Yours truly,

The Honourable Lawrence Cannon, P.C., M.P.



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