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CPWA Commends Government's Commitment to Public Transit Funding

OTTAWA, ONTARIO --The Canadian Public Works Association (CPWA) commends the Government's commitment to invest in public transit infrastructure through the new Public Transit Fund announced yesterday. The initial investment of \$750 million over two years beginning in 2017-18, followed by an additional \$1 billion per year, was announced in yesterday's Economic Action Plan 2015.

"Public transit is a key component and driver for the strength and competitiveness of Canada's economy, and it is also essential in improving our daily lives and the livability of our communities," said CPWA President Kealy Dedman, City of Guelph, ON. "CPWA is pleased with the 2015 Budget announcement with regard to public transit funding and the ongoing commitment by the federal government that it implies. We encourage the government to continue working with municipal stakeholders and others in further defining the financing parameters of the Public Transit Fund."

Dedman also commented on the importance of infrastructure, "It is clear that investment in public infrastructure continues to be a necessity for healthy, livable communities to thrive across the country. CPWA looks forward to continuing our positive dialogue with the Government of Canada as we review initiatives aimed at maintaining vital assets such as roads, bridges, water, wastewater and public park facilities, as well as investing in municipal capacity building in areas such as asset management and improving resiliency and sustainability to ensure that government gets the best return on its infrastructure investments."

ABOUT CPWA:

The Canadian Public Works Association (CPWA) is an organization of public works professionals in Canada active in chapters in each province and members of the American Public Works Association, which has more than 29,000 members in the U.S. and Canada. Founded in 1986, the Canadian Public Works Association (www.cpwa.net) is the voice of public works in Canada, promoting professional excellence and public awareness through education, advocacy and the exchange of knowledge.

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