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The Honourable David Eby
Premier, Province of British Columbia
PO Box 9041 Stn Prov Govt
Victoria, BC V8W 9E1
Via email: Premier@gov.bc.ca

Dear Premier Eby:

RE: PROVINCE-WIDE TRIP REDUCTION PROGRAM

At the March 13, 2024, Capital Regional District (CRD) Board meeting a Resolution was passed to advocate to the provincial government for the creation of, and a timeline for, a province-wide trip reduction program.

Implementing a province-wide trip reduction program would bring benefits to the residents, economy, and environment of the capital region, including enhanced affordability, reduced greenhouse gas emissions and pollution, heightened engagement in cycling, walking and public transit use, decreased operational expenses for businesses, reduced traffic congestion, enhanced safety, and reduced road maintenance costs, among others.

Provincial initiatives have the potential to reach a larger population and cover a wider geographical area than those undertaken by individual local governments. In addition, a province wide approach could align with broader provincial goals and policies related to transportation, environmental sustainability, and public health while providing an opportunity for coordinated action towards achieving these goals. Communities that lack the resources or capacity to develop their own initiatives could benefit from the assistance of a provide-wide program.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Colin Plant
Chair, Capital Regional District Board

cc: CRD Board
Ted Robbins, Chief Administrative Officer, CRD
Kevin Lorette, General Manager, Planning and Protective Services, CRD