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HUMAN SERVICES

Office of the Minister

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His Worship Naheed Nenshi, Mayor
City of Calgary
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Dear Mayor Nenshi:

I am pleased to confirm the Government of Alberta's support to share the costs for your Fair Entry Low-Income Transit Pass program. This is a tremendous opportunity to build a new partnership between the province and cities, as part of the work on establishing the Big City Charters.

The Ministry of Human Services is committing funding of \$4.5 million per year for the calendar years 2017, 2018, and 2019. In addition, we are also able to offer contingency funding of up to 5 per cent in each of the above calendar years, should program costs run higher than expected.

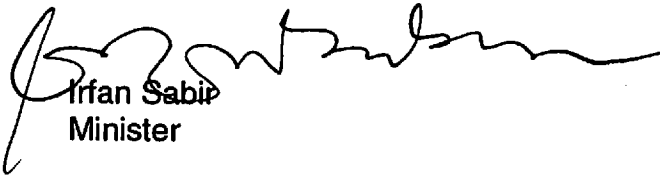
I am very proud to help support this new initiative. Affordable transit is often a critical barrier for Albertans living on low income. Ensuring reliable, safe and cost-effective means of transportation improves quality of life for Albertans in countless ways. This includes assisting those who face challenges attaching to the labour market, ensuring families can access child care, supporting those who are pursuing education and contributing to community building by enabling people to move around their cities. Calgary has been a leader in ensuring city programs are accessible to all Calgarians, and I am encouraged by your efforts to further enhance this program.

In the coming weeks, Human Services and City of Calgary staff will work together to complete an agreement outlining the details of the funding arrangement, including reporting mechanisms.

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Thank you for your continued efforts to improve quality of life for Calgarians living on low income. I look forward to our ongoing collaboration.

Sincerely,



Irfan Sabir
Minister

cc: Honourable Brian Mason
Minister of Transportation

Honourable Danielle Larivee
Minister of Municipal Affairs