



The Honourable Marc Garneau
Minister of Transport
House of Commons
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A6

April 10, 2018

Dear Minister Garneau,

On behalf of Victoria City Council, I am writing to urge the Federal government to pass and implement Bill C-312 to establish a National Cycling Strategy.

Canada faces many critical challenges in the next few years including soaring health care and infrastructure costs, CAC and GHG emissions, and traffic congestion. Reliable research has shown that increasing cycling mode share delivers significant savings and positive returns unmatched by any other type of government spending. Cycling eliminates pollution and emissions while increasing worker productivity, longevity and well-being, all at a low cost. It is a sustainable solution to transportation that brings substantial benefits for society and across multiple ministries.

If a national cycling strategy, which can include walking and other active modes of transportation, is not specifically identified and implemented, experience has shown that cycling policy and funding remain neglected. A Canadian cycling strategy will guide all levels of government and partners as they work to improve conditions for cycling across the country. The opportunities for improvement are too great for Canada not to embark on a National Cycling Strategy.

The City of Victoria continues to demonstrate regional leadership when it comes to supporting active and multi-modal transportation. I respectfully urge the Federal government to pass and implement Bill C-312, and lead the establishment of a National Cycling Strategy.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Lisa Helps".

Lisa Helps
Victoria Mayor

cc. The Honourable Catherine McKenna, Minister of Environment and Climate Change
Vancouver Island Members of Parliament