

TO THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF MANITOBA:

The background to this petition is as follows:

1. Bill 36, The Budget Implementation and Statutes Amendment Act, 2017, section 88(8) repeals the portion of the Municipal Taxation and Funding Act which states “The municipal grants for a fiscal year must include for each municipality that operates a regular or rapid public transit system a transit operating grant in an amount that is not less than 50% of the annual operating cost of the transit system in excess of its annual operating revenue.”
2. Public transit is critical to Manitoba’s economy, to preserving its infrastructure and to reducing the carbon footprint.
3. Eliminating the grant guarantees for municipal transit agencies will be detrimental to transit services and be harmful to provincial objectives of connecting Manitobans to employment, improving aging road infrastructure and addressing climate change.

We petition the Legislative Assembly of Manitoba as follows:

To urge the Provincial Government to withdraw its plan to repeal the annual operating grant for municipal transit agencies and remove section 88(8) of Bill 36, The Budget Implementation and Statutes Amendment Act, 2017.

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