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The Right Honourable Mark Carney, P.C., M.P.
Prime Minister of Canada
House of Commons
Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0A6

RE: Letter of Support – ALTO High-Speed Rail Initiative

Dear Prime Minister Carney:

On behalf of County of Renfrew Council, I am pleased to provide this letter of support for the ALTO High-Speed Rail Project, identified by the Government of Canada as a nation-building initiative within the Quebec City – Toronto corridor. The County of Renfrew recognizes the importance of modern, efficient, and sustainable transportation infrastructure in strengthening economic growth, environmental responsibility, and national connectivity.

County Council, on April 22, 2026, formally endorsed this position through the following resolution:

RESOLUTION

Moved by: Councillor Glenn Doncaster, Town of Deep River

Seconded by: Councillor Peter Emon, Town of Renfrew

WHEREAS the Canadian Government has identified the ALTO High-Speed Rail Project in the Quebec City to Toronto corridor as a Nation Building Project, and that creating an efficient, reliable, and sustainable transportation infrastructure is essential to economic growth, environmental responsibility, and national connectivity; and

WHEREAS the ALTO High-Speed Rail project proposes to significantly reduce travel times between major urban centers, improving mobility for residents, workers, and businesses; and

WHEREAS high-speed rail offers a cleaner alternative to car and air travel, contributing to the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions and supporting climate goals; and

WHEREAS the development of high-speed rail infrastructure will create jobs in construction, engineering, technology, and long-term operations; and

WHEREAS improved transportation networks enhance regional integration, increase access to opportunities, and promote equitable economic development; and

WHEREAS investment in modern rail systems strengthens national competitiveness and aligns with global advancements in transportation innovation;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the County of Renfrew expresses its strong support for the economic and environmentally responsible development and implementation of Canadian nation-building projects, such as ALTO, that create employment for thousands of Canadians, prioritize the use of Canadian materials, and strengthen our country's capacity to extract, process, manufacture, and transport resources, goods, services, and people more efficiently to provincial, national, and international markets.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County of Renfrew strongly encourages the federal government and ALTO project leaders to evaluate very carefully, consider, and minimize the impact of this project to the greatest extent possible on existing Canadian residents and landowners and on wildlife and the environment while still achieving greatly enhanced transportation services for all Canadians.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County of Renfrew encourages all relevant levels of government to prioritize funding, planning, and timely implementation of the project; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County of Renfrew supports continued community engagement and transparent decision-making to ensure the project reflects public needs and concerns; and

THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to the Right Honourable Mark Carney, Prime Minister of Canada; The Honourable Steve MacKinnon, Minister of Transportation; Martin Imbleau, President and CEO of ALTO; Premier Doug Ford; EOWC Members of Provincial Parliament; the Federation of Canadian Municipalities; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario; the Rural Ontario Municipal Association; the Ontario Federation of Agriculture; the Eastern Ontario Mayors' Caucus; all EOWC municipalities; and Eastern Ontario First Nations partners and relevant stakeholders to demonstrate broad support for the ALTO High-Speed Rail initiative.

The County of Renfrew is pleased to support this transformative national project and looks forward to the economic, environmental, and mobility benefits it may bring to our region and to Canadians across the country.

Respectfully,



Jennifer Murphy

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