

February 3, 2009

Mr. Jeremy Hull
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Dear Mr. Hull:

Thank you very much for your pre-budget submission on behalf of Bike to the Future. Public consultation is one of the most effective ways to understand the priorities of Manitobans and organizations like yours. The additional policy statement prepared by the U.S. Department of Transportation that you included was indeed interesting and informative.

As you indicated in your letter, our Government is supportive of and recognizes the environmental, health, transportation and infrastructure benefits that cycling can provide. In the 2008 Manitoba Budget, we announced that Manitoba would receive \$17.9 million from the federal transit trust and pledged to develop projects that would not only increase transit ridership but also provide alternative active transportation options including bicycle paths. This has the potential benefit of reducing road traffic for cyclists and also develops pathways dedicated to cycling. We will continue to work with all stakeholders to move forward on this issue.

I would like to assure you that our Government remains committed to healthy living and supporting our municipalities in improving infrastructure needs for not only the citizens of Winnipeg, but for all Manitobans.

I once again thank you for your thoughtful comments and your organization's ongoing collaboration with our Government. We will keep your concerns in mind as we prepare for the 2009 Manitoba Budget.

Sincerely,

'Original signed by'

Greg Selinger