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Alun Woolliams Chair of the Board of Directors Transportation Choices Sunshine Coast Sunshine Coast, BC

RE: Funding to support transportation infrastructure

The Sunshine Coast Regional Economic Development Organization (SCREDO) is an arms-length non-profit society contracted by local government in the Lower Sunshine Coast to undertake community and economic development services. Through dedicated programming, consumer campaigns and public policy interventions, SCREDO seeks to build a sustainable, thriving and diverse regional economy that is aligned with community values, expands opportunities for all residents and improves overall community wellbeing.

Transportation is an issue that impacts all Coast residents. SCREDO recognizes the importance of access to safe, affordable, accessible, and sustainable transportation, and is committed to supporting expanded transportation infrastructure that meets the needs of those in vulnerable situations, women, children, persons with diverse abilities, and older persons; and we are aware of the challenges in establishing a local transport system that is resilient, sustainable, and economically viable.

Transportation Choices Sunshine Coast (TraC) is a member-based organization that works to support healthy communities and reduce the Sunshine Coast's carbon footprint by promoting more active and sustainable transportation alternatives to private vehicles, including cycling, walking, and transit. Their work to improve our local transport system is strengthening the economic position of existing businesses and providing the impetus for the creation of new ones, it is bolstering our visitor economy by attracting cycle tourists and other adventure travellers, and it has the potential to ease the Sunshine Coast's worker shortage through increased economic participation.

SCREDO is committed to working alongside TraC in pursuit of our shared vision for a safe and efficient network of sustainable and active transportation options for Sunshine coast residents and visitors, and we urge community members and all levels of government to join us in supporting TraC's initiatives.

Sincerely,

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