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The Honourable Greg Selinger Premier of Manitoba

Dear Premier Selinger;

We wrote to you in October requesting a meeting to discuss the implementation of the "Greater Strides" recommendations by the Active Transportation Advisory Group.

Thank you for asking Hon. Steve Ashton to meet with us. We had a good talk with him, but were reminded that the Minister of Infrastructure and Transportation does not have the mandate to lead policy and program initiatives related to active transportation. In fact, there is no contact person within the Government of Manitoba for active transportation issues.

• We therefore ask that you designate a Minister responsible for active transportation at the earliest opportunity, to ensure that there is a Minister in your Cabinet with the mandate to lead on active transportation issues that involve various departments and agencies.

We need a lead Minister who will provide a point of contact within your Government, will launch the processes to deliver long term policy changes, and will start immediately to coordinate various government departments, agencies and external organizations to deliver an effective road safety campaign for drivers and cyclists this coming spring.

Sincerely,

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For: Bike to the Future Board of Directors

cc Hon. Steve Ashton