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Subject: Rail Safety Improvement Program Awareness/Sensibilisation Programme d'amélioration des passage à niveau

Good Morning,

As you may be aware, the Minister of Transport Canada announced, on October 12th, the Rail Safety Improvement Program, an investment of more than $55 million over a period of 3 years to improve rail safety across Canada.

The new program provides federal funding, in the form of grants and contributions, to improve rail safety and reduce injuries and fatalities related to rail transportation.

The program builds on Transport Canada's Grade Crossing Improvement Program (GCIP), Grade Crossing Closure Program (GCCP), and the Operation Lifesaver Program with increased overall funding, expanded list of eligible recipients and broader scope of projects that could be funded to enhance rail safety.

There are two key components under the new Program:
1. Infrastructure, Technology and Research;
2. Education and Awareness.

A call for proposals is now open for both components for projects to be considered for funding in fiscal year 2017-2018. Deadlines to apply is **December 23rd, 2016** for the Infrastructure, Technology and Research component and **January 31, 2017** for the Education and Awareness component.

You will find* enclosed a backgrounder on the new program. For further information and details on the application process, you can also visit the Rail Safety Improvement Program website.

Please note that those applications already submitted under the previous GCIP and GCCP for funding in 2017-2018 (previous deadline of August 1, 2016) remain valid and will be evaluated with new applications. Should additional information be required under the new program, Transport Canada officials with be in contact with the applicants. However, applications submitted prior to September 1, 2015, must be submitted again under the new program to update project information.

As the deadlines for the proposals are quickly approaching, we are asking for your help spreading the news about the launch of the new program. Your collaboration will assist in improving rail safety across the country.

Best Regards,

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