

Canada's Big City Mayors Call for Permanent Transit Funding

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TORONTO -- The mayors of Canada's largest cities are calling for a permanent revenue sharing plan with Ottawa and **a national transit program** as part of a new action plan aimed at better government co-operation to address urban needs.

The mayors will be looking for specific co-ordinated action from the federal government on six key issues - public transit, revenue sharing, environmental protection, affordable housing, immigrant settlement and public safety.

"We have said at an absolute minimum the current five cents, and one cent should be made permanent," Toronto mayor David Miller said referring to the current arrangement where municipalities get part of the gas tax to fund transit.

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