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The Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities

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Hon. Steven Del Duca  
Ministry of Transportation  
Ferguson Block  
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Dear Minister Del Duca,

The Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) extends its support for the Manitoulin Island Cycling Advocates (MICA) efforts to undertake way-finding signage on Ministry of Transportation (MTO) roads.

We appreciate the province's clear commitment to enhancing cycling routes and infrastructure through the #CycleON strategy. The strategy, which included \$15 million for cycling route improvements such as paved shoulders and \$10 million to the Ontario Municipal Cycling Infrastructure Program will have a significant impact on cycling across the province. It will not only enhance cyclist safety but will help municipalities expand local cycling routes, connect to provincial cycling routes and undertake pilot projects.

As mentioned, FONOM supports MICA's efforts to have the Ministry allow way-finding signs on MTO road sections of cycling routes. In Northern Ontario, cyclists utilize provincial highways as they are often the only route that will link communities together. However, due to the current policy of no way finding signs on MTO roads, it hinders the growth of cycling in the region and thus opportunities in the tourism sector.

We look forward to continuing to work with you and hope that your Ministry will make the appropriate changes to the current policy.

Sincerely,



Alan Spacek  
President

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cc: Premier of Ontario, Hon. Kathleen Wynne  
Minister of Environment and Climate Change, Hon. Glen Murray  
MICA Chair, Maja Mielonen