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Dear Mr. Giroux:

I am writing in follow up to my June 8, 2020 response to your May 21, 2020 request (IR0488) for information related to measures in response to COVID-19. At that time, I committed to provide you with this information when it became available, which I am pleased to do so now.

In response to the public health crisis brought on by COVID-19, Infrastructure Canada launched the COVID-19 Resilience Stream to support communities with their infrastructure priorities as a part of the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program.

Under this stream, provinces and territories have been provided flexibility to transfer up to 10 percent of their original stream allocations under the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program to the new COVID-19 Resilience stream to help mobilize their remaining funds. For the dates of the signed agreement amendments and the total amounts transferred to the COVID-19 Stream, please see Annex A.

Additional features of the COVID-19 Resilience stream include an accelerated approvals process that enables provinces and territories to submit multiple projects at a time, with a single simplified application that streamlines program requirements and reduces upfront administrative burdens, to ensure that communities can start work on their projects as soon as possible.

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Since the launch of the COVID-19 Resilience Stream in August 2020, Infrastructure Canada has been publicly reporting weekly on the projects approved through this stream. This information is available here: <https://www.infrastructure.gc.ca/plan/community-infra-collectivite-eng.html>. The data are grouped by province or territory; within the “Funding Breakdown” section for each jurisdiction, there is a COVID tab which lists project numbers and the total number of applications received, approved and announced.

In addition, Infrastructure Canada provides weekly updates to the Open Data portal: <https://open.canada.ca/data/en/dataset/beee0771-dab9-4be8-9b80-f8e8b3fd9d>. This project list can be sorted to view the *approved and announced* projects specifically under the new COVID-19 Resilience Stream.

We invite your office to refer to these websites for weekly data on the number of projects funded and their associated dollar amounts, as requested.

Sincerely,



Kelly Gillis
Deputy Minister

Annex A: Integrated Bilateral Agreements Amendment Tracker – as of February 1, 2021

Integrated Bilateral Agreement (IBA) Amendment Signed by both Parties		
PT	Date of Signatures	Amount transferred to the COVID-19 Stream (% of the original allocations it represents)
SK	IBA Amendment No. 2 signed by all parties as of September 25, 2020	\$25,206,000 (2.8%)
NS	IBA Amendment No. 2 signed by all parties as of October 13, 2020	\$82,849,316 (10%)
NL	IBA Amendment No. 2 signed by all parties as of October 14, 2020	\$55,842,845 (10%)
NU	IBA Amendment No. 2 was signed by both parties as of October 30, 2020	\$0 (0%)
ON	IBA Amendment No. 1 signed by all parties as of November 18, 2020	\$840,000,000 (7.1%)
BC	IBA Agreement No. 1 signed by all parties as of November 26, 2020	\$109,230,000 (3%)
QC	IBA Amendment No. 1 signed by both parties on January 12, 2021	\$432,900,000 (5.7%)
AB	IBA Amendment No. 3 signed by all parties as of January 21, 2021	\$199,883,511 (5.49%)
PEI	IBA Amendment No. 2 signed by all parties as of January 26, 2021.	\$36,697,732 (10%)
NB	IBA Amendment No. 4 signed by all parties as of January 28, 2021	\$67,321,756 (10%)