Dear Mayor Eisenberger:

Thank you for your letter of January 29, 2007, regarding provincial funding for the Red Hill Valley Parkway. It was forwarded to me by the Honourable Dalton McGuinty, Premier of Ontario, and I am pleased to respond.

The Ministry of Transportation has demonstrated its support for the Red Hill Valley Parkway (RHVP) with a substantial financial commitment of $106.75 million towards its design and construction. This is in addition to the approximately $80 million previously provided for the Lincoln M. Alexander Parkway.

To further support the RHVP project, the ministry designed and is building the interchange connecting the RHVP to the QEW, along with associated QEW improvements. We are also contributing toward environmental monitoring and landscape restoration. The cost to the ministry is about $110 million, which directly supports the RHVP. Therefore, the total ministry contribution amounts to over $296 million.

Regarding municipal transportation infrastructure, provincial participation varies — it is project-specific and determined on a case-by-case basis. However, in all cases, the work is carried out within the ministry’s right-of-way, such as an interchange. The City of Mississauga examples you refer to are provincial transportation projects. The municipality contributed a small portion to accelerate or fund improvements above and beyond those being proposed by the ministry, such as adding a lane on the municipal road or bridge crossing the highway. The province did not contribute to the cost of the project’s municipal component.

I trust that the province’s significant investment towards the RHVP shows our commitment to improving transportation in Hamilton. I have asked ministry staff to continue working closely with the city toward the timely completion of the Red Hill Valley Parkway.
Thank you for your continued cooperation. I look forward to the opening of this important project.

Sincerely,

Donna Cansfield
Minister

c: The Honourable Dalton McGuinty, Premier of Ontario