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Dear Mr. Albanese:

**RE: Expansion of the Ontario LCV Program – 2012 LCV Season**

I am pleased to advise you that the Ministry of Transportation (MTO) will be expanding the LCV Program in Ontario. Beginning in March 2012, an additional 20 carriers will be eligible to receive LCV permits resulting in a maximum of 100 carriers and 400 permits.

All carriers within the program will be eligible for 2 permits each for their first year of operations. On the one year anniversary of receiving LCV permits, a carrier will be eligible for up to 4 permits. Carriers that have not performed well during their first year of LCV operations will not be eligible for additional permits until their performance improves.

Current program participants that have successfully completed at least one year of LCV operations are eligible for up to 4 permits. Similarly, if a carrier entered the LCV Program at some point during the 2011 operating season, they will be eligible for up to 4 permits on the anniversary of receipt of their initial allotment.

This expansion of the LCV Program is based on a record of safe and successful operations. Since August 2009, participating carriers have completed over 42,000 one-way LCV trips, totalling over 13 million kilometres of travel. Carriers and shippers have benefited from savings in both fuel and driver costs. There are also positive environmental impacts with reduced greenhouse gas emissions and congestion relief on GTA highways by shifting truck movements from peak to non-peak hours.

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MTO appreciates the contribution our municipal partners have had in the continued success of the LCV Program. Through active cooperation, the province and municipalities have introduced LCVs on provincial highways and municipal roadways in a safe and efficient manner. As the program grows, MTO wishes to maintain this high level of interaction and is very interested in any opportunity to discuss approaches to improve the LCV Program.

During the upcoming year, MTO will be working with our various partners on matters related to Program Conditions and administration as we consider the future direction of the LCV Program beyond 2012.

MTO's top priority is to ensure Ontario roads and highways remain among the safest in North America. The current standards for LCV operations are achieving this goal, and we will continue careful monitoring to determine if adjustments are necessary in the future. A modest expansion to the program will ensure that growth can be carefully monitored to ensure safety and capacity on Ontario highways and at rest/emergency stops.

Our ministry continues to work with other ministries, police, municipalities, trucking and shipper stakeholders as well as other provinces to ensure the LCV Program is appropriately monitored and controlled. We believe that this approach has significantly contributed to the success of the program, and will ensure the success of future LCV operations. We have attached Minister's Chiarelli's letter to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) for your reference.

The LCV Program is part of the government's effort to build a stronger, greener economy that promotes the efficient flow of goods within the province and beyond. MTO appreciates our collaboration with the municipalities in helping make the LCV Program a success and we look forward to an ongoing partnership in the next phase of the program.

Sincerely,

  
Bill Hughes  
Director

Attach.

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Mr. Gary McNamara  
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Dear Mr. McNamara:

I am pleased to advise you that the Ministry of Transportation (MTO) will be making a modest and controlled expansion of the Long Combination Vehicle (LCV) program in Ontario. MTO has worked in close partnership with municipalities in the development and management of this program. I value the contribution of municipalities to its success and we will continue this close partnership.

Beginning in March 2012, an additional 20 carriers will be eligible to receive LCV permits resulting in a maximum of 100 carriers in the program. We will also allow a staged introduction of an additional two permits to some of the carriers currently involved in the program. This program expansion will be managed in the same controlled manner we have followed since LCV operations were introduced in Ontario.

This expansion of the LCV program is based on a record of safe and successful operations. Since August 2009, participating carriers have completed over 42,000 one-way LCV trips, totalling over 13 million kilometres of travel. Carriers and shippers have seen significant cost savings. There are also positive environmental impacts with reduced greenhouse gas emissions and congestion relief on GTA highways by shifting truck movements from peak to non-peak hours.

The LCV program is part of the government's effort to build a stronger, greener economy that promotes the efficient flow of goods within the province and beyond. Through active cooperation, the province and municipalities have introduced LCVs on provincial highways and municipal roadways in a safe and efficient manner. A modest expansion to the program will ensure that growth can be carefully monitored to ensure continued safe operations on our roadways.

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MTO's top priority is to ensure Ontario roads and highways remain among the safest in North America. The current standards for LCV operations are achieving this goal, and we will continue careful monitoring to determine if adjustments are necessary in the future. Over the coming year, we will work with our municipal and industry partners to determine a longer term approach for the LCV program.

I appreciate the successful partnership with municipalities that has made the LCV program a success and we look forward to an ongoing partnership in the next phase of the program.

Sincerely,



Bob Chiarelli  
Minister