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Greetings Mayor and Council,

In January of this year, the cities of Vancouver and Surrey teamed up to apply for the top prize of \$50 million in smart cities project funding from Infrastructure Canada as part of the Smart Cities Challenge. The Challenge encourages communities to adopt a smart cities approach to improve the lives of their residents through innovation, data and connected technology. Together, both cities undertook extensive public engagement to ensure the proposal reflected the values and priorities of both communities. Being a digital challenge, an online platform was launched to generate ideas directly from citizens, entrepreneurs, innovators, start-ups and businesses at [smartertogether.ca](http://smartertogether.ca).

After four months of conversations, both communities made it clear that mobility should be the focus. As a result, the final submission to Infrastructure Canada demonstrates how smart transportation, connections and access will make the cities of Surrey and Vancouver, and the rest of Canada, smarter together.

Best,  
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