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Re / Objet : Alto High Speed Rail project

Moved by / Motion de : Councillor L. Dudas

WHEREAS the Alto High-Speed Rail project is a transformative infrastructure project, aiming to connect Toronto, Peterborough, Ottawa, Montréal, Laval, Trois-Rivières, and Québec City via nearly 1,000 km of dedicated, electrified track; and

WHEREAS the project will operate trains at speeds of up to 300 km/h, dramatically reducing travel times (e.g., Ottawa–Montréal in under one hour, Ottawa–Toronto in just over two hours), and enabling a real modal shift in intercity travel; and

WHEREAS the project is expected to generate \$24.5 billion in annual GDP impact, driven by increased productivity, labour mobility, tourism, and workforce participation, and create over 51,000 construction jobs; and

WHEREAS the City of Ottawa stands to benefit significantly from improved connectivity, economic growth, and enhanced accessibility, further positioning our capital city as a globally competitive destination; and

WHEREAS the federal government has identified this as a project of national significance, awarded a \$3.9 billion development contract, and committed to accelerating its timeline through the newly established Major Projects Office; and

WHEREAS Ottawa Unlimited — a partnership between Ottawa Tourism, Invest Ottawa, and the Ottawa Board of Trade — publicly endorsed the Alto High-Speed Rail project recognizing it as a “once-in-a-generation opportunity” to position

Ottawa as a globally competitive, accessible, and attractive destination for visitors, talent, and investment;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Mayor, on behalf of Council, write to the Prime Minister, the Minister of Transport, and the Minister of Infrastructure to express the City of Ottawa's strong support for the Alto High-Speed Rail project, and to urge the Federal Government to maintain momentum and prioritize Alto High-Speed Rail project through the Major Projects Office; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT City staff be directed to continue engagement with Alto technical teams and report back to Council on opportunities for local integration, community benefits, and with major project updates.