

Submission to Major Projects Office

In support of Robert Banks Terminal 2

Potential Listing under Schedule I of the Building Canada Act

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Written Submission: In support of Robert Banks Terminal 2 - Potential Listing under Schedule I of the Building Canada Act

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Dear Esteemed Officials,

[CIFFA Corp.](#) represents over 14,000 member employees of freight forwarders, customs brokers, freight brokers, drayage truckers, and warehousing firms across Canada. Our association's members manage approximately 80% of the country's import and export trade. Our associate members include air, marine, rail and truck carriers, transportation law firms, technology companies and cargo insurance companies. In short, we represent the full spectrum of Canada's supply chain and logistics sectors.

We thank the Privy Council Office and specifically the Major Projects Office for the prioritization of projects that will further strengthen Canada's trade diversification strategy being enacted under Prime Minister Carney. CIFFA strongly supports these initiatives and would like to provide context towards ensuring that the major transportation infrastructure project involving the Robert Banks Terminal 2 (RBT2) proceeds under the listing of Schedule I for the Building Canada Act.

Given the extensive delays the project has faced up until now, it is essential that this project be expedited. CIFFA's first submission to the Government of Canada in support of the RBT2 project was in 2017, in which CIFFA declared the RBT2 project "as a key element of the plan to increase the capacity of the Pacific Gateway, and where the strategy will see the project operational in time to help meet trade growth." Further to this, in April 2019 [CIFFA again expressed its support of the RBT2 project](#), stating at the time "our intermodal transportation system is extremely stressed, which is damaging Canada's reputation as a trading nation at home, in the United States, in Asia and around the world."

While we respect the permitting and assessment processes in place federally and provincially, as well as the need for full dialogue with First Nations groups and local communities on large projects, delays in approving the building of RBT2 represent the precise type of systemic delays that Canada's government, under Prime Minister Mark Carney, aims to address through the Major Projects Office, and through important legislation like C-5 (An Act to enact the Free Trade and Labour Mobility in Canada Act and the Building Canada Act) and C-39 (the Building Canada Strong Act.) Given our longstanding support of RBT2, CIFFA supports strong governmental action in finally getting RBT2 across the finish line and built.

RBT2 is essential in achieving the federal government's objective of doubling non-U.S. exports by 2035. Upon completion, it will create 2.4 million TEU's (twenty-foot equivalent units) of container capacity and is estimated to create over one hundred billion dollars in annual trade capacity, and upwards of three billion dollars to Canada's gross domestic product annually. It will allow the Port of Vancouver to fully implement its Gateway Strategy and would strongly advance Canada's trade and economic development objectives in Asia and India, among other regions. The successful completion of the RBT2 project will ultimately ensure that Canada continues to compete for increased container cargo capacity on the Pacific coast while driving its export markets to new heights.

At this point, officials within the federal government understand the importance of this. The time for continued consultations in support of the project is over – it is time for strong action to finalize the RBT2 project in its entirety. Canada's future prosperity as a trading nation depends on this.

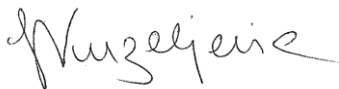
In closing, CIFFA again thanks the MPO for this opportunity to share input about the urgency required in placing the RBT2 project under Schedule I of the Building Canada Act. CIFFA welcomes the opportunity to work with government, industry, and other partners to ensure Canada's advancement of trade diversification interests and strengthening of our global competitiveness is properly prioritized moving forward.

Sincerely,



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