

centres. The urban transportation system is a key component of this dialogue. In this context, the Government of Canada has committed to cooperate with provincial and municipal partners to improve public transit infrastructure.

To raise awareness about the benefits of choosing more sustainable transportation modes for commuting to work, in 2000, Transport Canada launched an internal Green Commute program to promote sustainable commuting behaviour among its employees in the National Capital Region. The Green Commute program is about removing barriers to enable employees to make more sustainable choices about the commute to and from work. Green commuting is broken down into three different transportation categories: active transportation, which encompasses walking, biking, and in-line skating; public transit and carpooling; and telecommuting. Transport Canada is committed to working in partnership to develop and initiate a Green Commute program for implementation at Transport Canada's regional offices and other federal department offices across Canada. The program will be extended to corporate industry in Toronto, Vancouver, and Montreal by 2004.

In addition, two federal programs, the EnerGuide for Vehicles and the Fuel Consumption Guide, provide buyers of new vehicles with information on energy consumption and costs so that they can compare different vehicles and purchase the most fuel-efficient one to suit their needs.

The Climate Change Action Fund (CCAF) was established by the federal government to support Canadians in reaching the targets in the Kyoto Protocol. The public education and outreach part of the fund is aimed at supporting initiatives that increase public awareness and understanding of climate change. The objectives of this component are to provide balanced information to Canadians; explore the barriers to action; motivate positive behaviour change; focus on what Canadians can do at home, at work, and on the road; encourage activities in communities, schools, businesses, and industries; and leverage resources and promote partnerships. Just under one-quarter of the projects are transportation-related.

Transport Canada launched the \$1-million Moving on Sustainable Transportation (MOST) Program in 1999 to encourage organizations to implement projects that stimulate the development of innovative tools, approaches, and practices in increasing the sustainability of