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Châteauguay, February 19, 2021 – Ville de Châteauguay is delighted by the announcement by the Prime Minister François Legault regarding the creation of a link on the Réseau express métropolitain (REM), which will connect Châteauguay and Boucherville.

The extension project of the REM to Châteauguay was initially raised in October 2020 by the Minister of Transport, François Bonnardel. Confirmation of the project review by Caisse de dépôt et placement du Québec has consolidated the importance of the project and confirms Châteauguay's role as a major hub on the South Shore.

This development stage of the REM will also meet clear mobility needs observed not only between cities in MRC de Roussillon, but also with other large cities, such as Longueuil and its university campus.

The mayor of Châteauguay, Pierre-Paul Routhier, is very favourable for the project both in terms of regional mobility and the development of other activities: "With the development of public transportation, the extension of the REM will provide improved access to education services such as the university campus at Université de Sherbrooke in Longueuil. For the cities, this will enable us to pool our resources."

In the near future, Mayor Routhier is also ready to provide any help needed to move such projects forward: "We have been promoting the essential presence of Châteauguay for many years in relation to public transportation on the South Shore. As Mayor of Châteauguay, I will provide the support needed to include our city in all mobility plans". The Mayor alluded to the planned extension of the REM from the airport to Dorval train station, located at a distance of 700 metres, to create an intermodal station. "Projects such as this are beneficial for all Châteauguay residents", summed up Mr Routhier.

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