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Open letter to the Public Works and Infrastructure Committee

THORNHILL, ON, June 22, 2011 /CNW/ - On behalf of CAA South Central Ontario's (CAA SCO) members, I am writing in support of Councillor Paul Ainslie's request for the creation of an on-line "Pothole" counter. This proposed transportation policy initiative would help improve safety on Toronto's streets as well as open up the lines of communication between government and its residents.

CAA has long advocated for increased funding and improved road repairs. In fact, for two years in a row Toronto's streets dominated CAA's Worst Roads List with eight roads making our Top 20 in 2010. According to our voters, potholes are one of their main criteria for identifying a "worst road".

CAA also supports the recommendation for a website that could include the geographic locations of future road repairs. By being informed of road repair, Toronto residents could plan their routes more appropriately helping to reduce congestion and frustration.

In fact, recent results from a CAA SCO questionnaire of its members showed the following:

- 80% of respondents said that road maintenance is the most important transportation improvement
- 52% of respondents said that roads in need of repair is the most important transportation issue
- 52% of respondents said that they would be most satisfied if gas taxes went towards roads while 40% said they would be most satisfied if gas taxes went towards roads and public transit

Sincerely,

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