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Dear Secretary of State,

Subject: Integrated National Transport Strategy

Ahead of the impending publication of the Integrated National Transport Strategy (INTS), the Chartered Institution of Highways and Transportation (CIHT) would like to reiterate what we believe should be included in the strategy.

CIHT believes that the INTS should establish four major strategic goals, and the success of the strategy should be judged against the delivery of these:

- To deliver a sustained modal shift in line with the sustainable transport hierarchy subsequently reducing CO2 emissions - contributing to the UK's net zero mission.
- To significantly improve resilience and access to reliable and affordable connectivity to economic opportunity for people and business – contributing to the UK's growth mission.
- To deliver a safer, cleaner, and more inclusive transport network – contributing to the UK's health mission.
- To improve customer choice and experience – contributing to the UK's breaking down barriers to opportunity mission.

Transport is integral to the UK Government's Plan for Change and CIHT believes in delivering the Labour Government's five missions to rebuild Britain.

The INTS provides an opportunity for improving the integration of transport and planning. CIHT advocates for closer integration of transport and planning to ensure new housing developments are accessible by sustainable transport modes such as walking, cycling, and public transport. Additionally, the INTS needs to embed tackling climate change within its policies. To aid the UK in its reduction of emissions by 68% in 2030, sustainable transport and active travel must be promoted.

INTS provides an opportunity to support improved integration between transport modes to reduce transport inequality that disproportionately affects people with disabilities, those without access to a car, and those on the lowest incomes.

We look forward to the publication of the INTS and to working with your office and the Department for Transport on the delivery of the strategy.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Sue', with a horizontal line underneath.

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