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**MONTRÉAL–TRUDEAU TO BE LINKED TO THE CITY AT LAST AS PART
OF A HIGH-FREQUENCY, RELIABLE LIGHT RAIL TRANSIT SYSTEM**

Montréal, April 22, 2016 – Aéroports de Montréal (ADM) is delighted with today’s announcement by CDPQ Infra of the details of its light rail transit (LRT) project, to include service to Montréal–Pierre Elliott Trudeau International Airport.

“Aéroports de Montréal congratulates CDPQ Infra on its integrated, long-term vision,” said an enthusiastic James C. Cherry, President and Chief Executive Officer, ADM. “The proposed project, which will connect downtown Montréal, the South Shore, the West Island, the North Shore and the airport as part of a unified light rail transit system, far exceeds our expectations.”

“We are also very pleasantly surprised by the very short timetable for completion - 2020,” he added.

ADM also says it is especially pleased with the choice of Central Station as the downtown stop on the network. Central Station is in the centre of Montréal, in the heart of the business district, very close to the Palais des Congrès convention centre and within walking distance of a large number of hotels.

“CDPQ Infra’s great strength is having been able to optimize the capacity of the Mount Royal tunnel by making it wholly LRT-dedicated,” Mr. Cherry noted.

Furthermore—and yet another reason to celebrate—the electric network will provide easy access to the métro and other public transit services. For business customers and tourists, as well as for the thousands of airport workers who live in and around Montréal, the electric network will prove to be by far the best possible transportation option.

“The most important thing for the airport is to have a frequent, reliable, round-the-clock form of access,” Mr Cherry stated. “However, compared with the Système léger sur rail de l’Ouest that we previously developed with the Société de transport de Montréal, the track route suggested by CDPQ Infra is less direct and longer. Still, we think it will be possible to improve the project with departure frequencies that are closer together and with express trains between the airport and downtown at some peak airport rush hours.”

About Aéroports de Montréal

Aéroports de Montréal is the local airport authority that has been responsible for the management, operation and development of Montréal–Trudeau and Montréal–Mirabel international airports since 1992. The Corporation employs 650 people at both airports and at head office. ADM has been ISO 14001 certified since 2000 and BOMA BEST certified since 2008.

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