Canada left behind on transit

OBSERVED ELEMENTS OF NATIONAL TRANSIT POLICY FRAMEWORKS	Canada	United States	New Zealand	United Kingdom	France	Germany	Japan	Korea
CAPITAL FUNDING								
Predictable capital funding		•	•	•	•	•		
Capital funding for physical accessibility improvements		•	•	•			•	•
Transit-related research and development funding		•	•			•	•	•
OPERATING FUNDING								
Predictable operating funding		•	•	•		•	•	•
Clear means of operating funding allocation		•	•	•		•		
LEVEL OF POLICY INTEGRATION								
Public transit policy embedded within a broader national policy (e.g. environmental, urban, industrial, health, safety) in place or in development		•	•	•	•	•		•
Supports supranational regulations (e.g. EU regulations, Kyoto Protocol)	•		•	•	•	•	•	•
ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT								
Federal body for urban policy development	•	•		•	•	•		•
PLANNING REQUIREMENTS								
Requirement to have long-term regional transportation plans		•	•	•	•		•	
PARTNERSHIP								
Allowance for transit service to be defined by local/regional government	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
FARE SUBSIDIES/TAX EXEMPTIONS								
Free/subsidized fares for elderly persons			•	•			•	•
Free/subsidized fares for disabled persons			•	•		•		
Free/subsidized fares for youth/students							•	•