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Ms. Stephanie Rice, PMP, MCIP, RPP
Project Manager
Transit City Department
Toronto Transit Commission
5160 Yonge St, 3rd Floor
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Dear Ms. Rice:

Thank you for submitting your March 11, 2010 Notice of Completion of the Environmental Project Report (EPR) for the Eglinton Crosstown Light Rapid Transit (LRT) project (Project) which is following the transit project assessment process under *Ontario Regulation 231/08 – Transit Projects and Greater Toronto Transportation Authority Undertakings* (Transit Regulation).

The ministry received eight objections to the Project that included concerns about turn restrictions, pedestrian safety, traffic congestion, the preferred transit technology, the vertical alignment of the LRT route, and property, air quality and noise impacts. You were given an opportunity to comment on the objections and the ministry considered the responses provided. The ministry has completed its review and I wish to inform you that I am of the opinion that the Project will not have a negative impact on matters of provincial importance related to the natural environment or to a cultural heritage value or interest or have a negative impact on a constitutionally protected Aboriginal or treaty right. As such, you may now issue a Statement of Completion to complete the transit assessment process and proceed with the transit Project.

Attached is a signed copy of the Notice to Proceed with the Transit Project issued in accordance with the Transit Regulation.

You are responsible for implementing the Project in accordance with the EPR. Given that you indicated you would amend the EPR to address certain concerns, I also expect you will be providing revised individual pages of the EPR to all government agencies, individuals and public viewing locations which were provided with copies of the EPR

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previously within 30 days of this notice and post a revised version of the EPR on your Project web site.

Lastly, I would like to ensure that you understand that failure to comply with the provisions of the *Environmental Assessment Act* (EAA) or its regulations is an offence and may result in prosecution under section 38 of the EAA. I am confident that you recognize the importance and value of the EAA and will ensure that the requirements of the EAA and the Transit Regulation are satisfied.

Should you require further assistance please contact D. Jeffrey Dea, Project Officer of the Environmental Assessment and Approvals Branch, at 416-314-7213 or by e-mail at jeffrey.dea@ontario.ca

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John Gerretsen', written over a large, stylized, circular flourish.

John Gerretsen
Minister of the Environment

Attachment(s)

c: EA-07-03-02

**MINISTER'S NOTICE TO
PROCEED WITH TRANSIT PROJECT**

Ontario Regulation 231/08

SUBSECTION 12(1)(a)

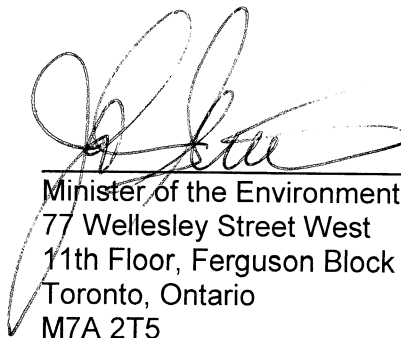
RE: Proponent: City of Toronto and the Toronto Transit Commission

Project Description: Light rail transit route on Eglinton Avenue from Ionview Road westerly to Renforth Drive, northwesterly to Silver Dart Drive via Commerce Boulevard and a new bridge crossing of Highway 401 and Convair Drive.

In accordance with subsection 12(1)(a) of Ontario Regulation 231/08, I hereby give notice allowing the City of Toronto and the Toronto Transit Commission to proceed with the Eglinton Crosstown Light Rail Transit project in accordance with the applicable environmental project report.

The City of Toronto and the Toronto Transit Commission are now permitted to issue a statement of completion of the transit project assessment process. A statement of completion is the final part of the transit project assessment process. The process must be completed prior to the start of the construction phase of the project.

Dated the 17th day of MAY, 2010 at TORONTO.



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