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Ms. Stephanie Rice, PMP, MCIP, RPP
Project Manager
Transit City Department
Toronto Transit Commission
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Dear Ms. Rice:

Thank you for submitting your August 4, 2010 Notice of Completion of the Environmental Project Report (EPR) for the Scarborough Rapid Transit Conversion and Extension (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 of the Environment (ministry) received five objections to the Project that included concerns about noise, dust and vehicular traffic access impacts, both during and after construction, as well as impacts from property acquisition which is required, either temporary or permanent. 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 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 have amended the EPR to address certain concerns, I also expect you will be providing either revised complete copies of the EPR or revised individual pages of the EPR to all government agencies, individuals and public viewing locations which were

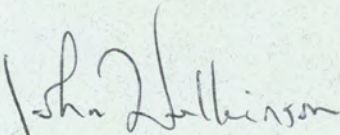
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provided with copies of the EPR previously. Please ensure this is done within 30 days of this notice and please also post a revised version of the EPR on your Project web site.

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 Mr. Kevin Plautz, Project Officer of the Environmental Assessment and Approvals Branch, at 416-314-7184 or by e-mail at kevin.plautz@ontario.ca.

Sincerely,



John Wilkinson
Minister of the Environment

Attachment(s)

c: Rod McPhail
Director
Transportation Planning
City of Toronto

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

Ontario Regulation 231/08

SUBSECTION 12(1)(a)

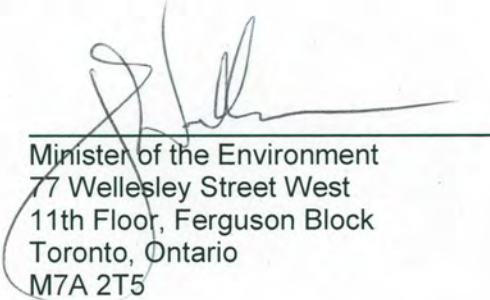
RE: Proponents: City of Toronto and Toronto Transit Commission

Project Description: Conversion of existing Scarborough Rapid Transit line to a grade-separated Light Rail Transit (LRT) line, including lengthening existing stations, and extending the LRT, partly underground, 5 kilometres from McCowan Station to Malvern Town Centre; making modifications to Kennedy Station to accommodate the LRT as well as the termini of the Eglinton Crosstown and Scarborough-Malvern LRTs; constructing tunnels for the Eglinton Crosstown and Scarborough Malvern LRTs to access Kennedy Station; and, constructing of a maintenance and storage facility alongside the line just east of Bellamy Road.

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 Scarborough Rapid Transit Conversion and Extension 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 6th day of October, 2010 at TORONTO.


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