



Councillor Toronto-Danforth Ward 30

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Councillor John Filion, Chair Board of Health, City of Toronto

Dear Chair & Members of the Board:

A Transit Project Assessment Process (TPAP) will soon be underway for the site and route associated with the new Ashbridges Bay Light Rail Vehicle (LRV) Maintenance and Storage Facility. The facility situated on the southeast corner of Lake Shore Boulevard East and Leslie Street, adjacent to the Ashbridges Bay Wastewater Treatment Facility will house, paint and repair the new streetcars being purchased to replace the city's current fleet of (CLRV) streetcars.

The TTC's Draft Environmental Project Report Executive Summary for the Ashbridges Bay LRV Maintenance and Storage Facility indicates that in certain circumstances the noise effects from the from the facility at night exceed the legal limit. (See Table 5 and 6) An acoustic barrier is suggested as a mitigating measure.

There is also a substantial exceedence of the sound level limit at night along Leslie Street. The preferred route up Leslie Street shows the "predicted night time effect of the LRVS ... exceeds the sound limits by 8 dBs". (See Table 8). The exceedance is for the period between 11 p.m. and 7 a.m. This is of significance because over half of the 230 trains that will daily travel the route will be concentrated in a two and half hour period, specifically 5:00 am to 7 am (85 trains) and 1 a.m. and 2 a.m (40 trains). Over half of the LRVS traveling on Leslie will exceed legal noise levels in a concentrated two and a half hour period.

I ask the Board of Health to request the MOH to : " comment as part of TPAP on the requirement for mitigation measures to protect human health and well being and to suggest measures or alternatives that would realize the best possible transit impact for the city and least impact on the surrounding neighbourhood " and forward his findings to the Board of Health.

Sincerely,

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