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Councillor Toronto-Danforth

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Ulli Watkiss
City Clerk
Toronto City Hall, 100 Queen St. W.
Toronto, ON M5H 2N2

Dear Ms. Watkiss,

Re: Administrative Inquiry Regarding Union Station Rail Corridor/Signal System Improvements

The Union Station Rail Corridor and its signal system is a critical piece of infrastructure serving this city, with, for example, some 210,000 GO passenger trips on it every weekday.

A May 18, 2006, City Staff Report on the Union Station District Plan noted that "Commencing this year, GO Transit will be undertaking a significant repair and improvement program to the rail corridor including track improvements, signals." There is a July 31, 2006 media release from the Ontario Ministry of Transportation and GO Transit announcing that work had started. However, a November 3, 2014 media release from the Ontario Minister of Transportation and Metrolinx says the work will start in 2015. Currently, on the Metrolinx website that work is noted as having an expected completion date of 2021.

Through preliminary, informal inquiries I have been advised of the following regarding the contract for a new signal system for the Union Station Rail Corridor:

- Originally awarded by Metrolinx to Siemens in 2006
- Original contract completion date 2012
- Siemens removed from contract
- Awarded by Metrolinx to Alstom in 2014 with a completion date for 2019
- Current projected completion date by Alstom 2021

I request a status update on the improvements to the Union Station Rail Corridor, including confirmation of the above schedule/delays for the new signal system and if this project is 9 years behind its originally scheduled completion date.

Sincerely,

Paula Fletcher
City Councillor
Ward 14, Toronto – Danforth