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**SCARBOROUGH TRANSIT ACTION**  
*Scarborough residents for better transit*

## **SUBMISSION on 2012 TTC Budget Cuts** December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2011

Scarborough Transit Action is a group of residents concerned about the lack of public transit infrastructure and service in Scarborough. We want fast, reliable, affordable transit within Scarborough and to and from anywhere else in the GTA.

Canada is the only country in the G8 that does not have a National Public Transit Strategy to ensure a steady flow of funding for transit infrastructure. Cuts by the Harris government and continued lack of funding by the McGuinty government forces the TTC to obtain 70% of its operating costs from fares. It is the least funded public transit system in all of North America!

Many Scarborough residents depend on transit to get to work, shop and socialize. Compared with subway users downtown, however, our lack of public transit infrastructure makes getting anywhere inconvenient, expensive and slow. Even when we look to future capital projects, Scarborough, an area with high transit needs, is excluded. The proposed subway along Eglinton does nothing for Scarborough residents who need to go east of Kennedy subway station. The Sheppard Line extension is of no help to students attending Scarborough U of T campus. It is hard to understand why, when crime is going down, more money is going toward the police budget and while ridership is increasing, TTC service is being cut and fares are going up. This is not right. Of the 56 buses that are to receive service cuts 24, almost half, are in Scarborough. You are punishing the people who can least afford to pay and who are already under serviced.

It's time to stop cutting TTC funding and start lobbying the federal and provincial government to pay their fair share. Scarborough transit users should have the benefit of fast, affordable service just like any other resident living in a "world class" city. Stop treating us like the poor relation of Toronto and start making public transit work for Scarborough.

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