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Marilyn Toft - BILD Letter re: CC: 20.1 Report from the Expert Advisory Panel Regarding Transit on Sheppard Avenue East - March 21st Meeting

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Attachments: BILD Letter to Mayor Ford - March 2012-Final.pdf

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Good morning Marilyn,

Please refer to the attached letter from BILD with respect to the *CC: 20.1 Report from the Expert Advisory Panel Regarding Transit on Sheppard Avenue East*, which is scheduled to be heard at the March 21st City Council meeting.

Please note that this letter has been sent to Council directly (as seen below).

Please let me know if you have any questions,
Danielle

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Subject: BILD Letter - Mayor of Toronto - Sheppard Subway - March 21st Council Mtng

From the Desk of Joe Vaccaro,

Mayor Rob Ford and Members of City of Toronto Council,

In anticipation of the upcoming March 21st City Council meeting, please find attached BILD correspondence as it relates to item CC20.1 "Report for the Expert Advisory Panel Regarding Transit on Sheppard Ave. E."

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BUILDING A GREATER GTA
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March 19, 2012

Mayor Rob Ford
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Dear Mayor Ford,

The Building Industry and Land Development Association (BILD) appreciates the opportunity to join the discussion on planning for transit and transportation systems in the City of Toronto. This discussion should centre on the creation of a vision for a liveable, affordable and sustainable world-class City.

We understand that Toronto Council will discuss a number of options regarding expanding the current transit network in Scarborough through the allocation of existing available funding. In the short-term, BILD recognizes and supports allocation of the existing available funding to expand subway service into Scarborough as a positive step in the city-building process.

In the long-term, and recognizing that over the next 20 years we will welcome two million future residents to the Greater Toronto Area, BILD supports a transportation master plan for Toronto that is designed to support the transit needs of existing residents and businesses while planning and preparing to support the anticipated growth of Toronto.

This is the city-building challenge and opportunity we share. The best outcomes will be achieved when we align city and community planning with a comprehensive transportation system with subway expansion as the key and central part of this discussion.

The City should take the appropriate time to study any future transportation master plan and must consider the economic feasibility required to support transit infrastructure across the city while respecting the principles of fairness, accountability and affordability for all existing and future residents of Toronto. The opportunity for high-order transit-supported communities around mobility hubs must be supported and incented by the necessary planning tools with updated zoning and densities prior to construction as part of the overall approvals process. The resulting high-order transit-oriented communities will provide the ridership necessary to support the overall transportation network.

Decisions that affect the existing and future residents of our city require a full and comprehensive review and examination of all financial mechanisms and tools to develop a sustainable financing method that will support a successful transportation master plan. As interested and affected stakeholders, and as partners in city-building we are prepared to lend our expertise to this ongoing dialogue as we work together to build a world-class City.

Sincerely,

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