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March 27, 2013

Mr. Chin Lee
Councillor
Ward 41

**RE: GO Transit Stouffville Railway Corridor Expansion
Class Environmental Assessment**

Dear Mr. Lee,

I am writing to inform you that GO Transit will be initiating an Environmental Assessment (EA) to evaluate the potential for service expansion and improvements to GO Transit's Stouffville line.

Expanding GO Train service across the region is a commitment identified in *The Big Move*, Metrolinx's Regional Transportation Plan for the Greater Toronto and Hamilton Area. In November 2012 Metrolinx announced that we had selected expansion of GO's Stouffville line as part of the next wave of Big Move projects with funded to be proposed in our forthcoming Investment Strategy. Such an expansion would permit two-way, all-day service between Union Station and Mount Joy, and improve rush hour service for all Stouffville line customers. We are now moving forward with the necessary steps to prepare this important project for implementation once funding has been identified.

The enclosed Notice of Study Commencement will appear in these community newspapers:

- Scarborough Mirror
- Markham Economist & Sun

Following the release of the Notice of Study Commencement, GO Transit will be hosting a Public Information Centre (PIC) to allow input from interested community members and stakeholders. This PIC has yet to be scheduled and we will be in touch with further information when it is available.

The project team will continue to keep you and your colleagues informed and maintain an ongoing, open dialogue as we progress with the project. If you have any questions or comments, please contact Georgina Collymore, Communications Specialist, at (416) 869-3600 ext. 5719 or by email at Georgina.Collymore@metrolinx.com. The project team is happy to discuss the proposed project with you in more detail.

We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

Elise Croll
Director, Programs & Assessments

Encl. Notice of Study Commencement

cc Trevor Anderson, Manager, Environmental Assessments
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