March 4, 2013

Mr. Pat Thornback
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Dear Mr. Thornback:

Re: Sidewalk Vending Application B202135 - Wellesley Subway Station/Bus Terminal

Thank you for notifying the Toronto Transit Commission of the application for the placement of a hot dog vending cart at the sole entrance to the Wellesley subway station/bus terminal.

The application has been reviewed by various TTC operating staff and we would like to comment as follows:

The location proposed for the cart is adjacent to the sole bus exit from the terminal. Buses turn both east and westbound, and operators have reported difficulty breaking into traffic due to both vehicular and pedestrian traffic at this location. We are concerned about patrons of the hot dog cart focused on eating being unaware of bus movements as they wait by the bus exit. In addition, the daily pickup and drop off of the vending cart will again take place in close proximity to the bus exit and represents a potential conflict with buses and passengers.

Pigeons at bus terminals are also somewhat problematic. Despite any cleaning obligations associated with the vending cart, we believe that additional food waste will result as a consequence of placing a cart in front of the station and attract pigeons. This will result additional bird droppings and increase the chances of birds entering the station.

In conclusion, the TTC does not support the issuance of a vending permit in front of the Wellesley station entrance and request that the application at this location be refused.

Sincerely,