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Submission for council on MM54.9

To City Clerk: please include this message in the documents provided to councillors on MM54.9.

Councillors,

We are writing to you to encourage you to support motion MM54.9, Fostering Transit Innovation. Public Transit is an investment and also a challenge common to all metropolitan areas, and both the costs and the seeming permanence of decisions can be quite daunting. It can only benefit the City of Toronto to learn from experiences in other cities and regions, and thereby reduce the amount of misinformation and the number of retreats.

CodeRedTO fights for better transit, for more residents, sooner, and one of the best ways to achieve better transit is merely by helping residents become informed about widely misunderstood facts:

- over 80 cities worldwide use light rail in combination with subways, regional rail, and buses, but Toronto does not yet.
- most major centres have multiple forms of taxation power to fund transit infrastructure and operating costs, but Toronto does not yet.

We ask you to support this motion and help Toronto use other cities' experiences to help us build an efficient and effective transit network.

Sincerely,

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