

May 28, 2013

Councillor Peter Milczyn
Planning and Growth Management Committee
100 Queen Street West, Suite C51
Toronto, ON M5H 2N2

Dear Councillor Milczyn:

RE: PG33.12 RELIEF LINE PROJECT ASSESSMENT: FINALIZED TERMS OF REFERENCE AND PUBLIC CONSULTATION PLAN


The Toronto Financial District BIA encourages the Planning and Growth Management Committee to support staff recommendations to approve the final terms of reference and public consultation plan and to proceed with the Relief Line project assessment.

The BIA has appreciated the high level of engagement between staff and our organization throughout the study process. Further, the BIA commends staff for amending the study scope to include an evaluation of future potential alignments in the western and northern expansion areas for the Relief Line. Understanding these alignments are important to planning a highly integrated and accessible transportation network.

Access into the central business district is becoming increasingly difficult. With approximately 33% of all Toronto's jobs located in the downtown core, 15% of which are located in the Financial District, the City needs to promptly progress options to improve access to such a vital employment hub to support existing jobs and ensure Toronto remains competitive in the future.

The Toronto Financial District BIA looks forward to working with staff and the TTC as they proceed with public consultations and the Relief Line Project Assessment. Should you have any questions, please contact me at ghumes@torontofinancialdistrict.com.

Best regards,



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