



April 8, 2014

To: The Chair & Members of the Public Works & Infrastructure Committee

Re: Eglinton Connects - Environmental Assessment Study
(Ward 11, 12, 15, 16, 17, 21, 22, 25, 26)

Our BIA represents merchants on Eglinton Avenue within Wards 16 and 22, who want to see Eglinton thrive. We strongly believe that the recommendations produced as part of the Eglinton Connects project will result in a more vibrant, efficient and prosperous street. We endorse the streetscape recommendations, including creating a complete street, wider sidewalks, protected bicycle lanes, great trees, street furniture, parking and patio spaces.

We urge the members of this committee to ensure the funding necessary for the City to implement all recommendations for the entire streetscape, including the sections in between stations, as close as possible to the scheduled opening of the LRT line in 2020.

Further, we appreciate the process of consultation the Eglinton Connects team undertook, and believe the community and stakeholder engagement has resulted in a better plan for everyone who lives, works and travels on Eglinton.

Sincerely,

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Coordinator