

## **DEL EQUIPMENT**

A DIVISION OF DIESEL EQUIPMENT LIMITED Over 60 years of service to the North American trucking industry

City of Toronto

May 11, 2015

Public works and Infrastructure Committee

Attn: Jave Robinson Chair

Re PW4.1

DEL Equipment Limited is opposed to the removal of the Gardiner Expressway Eastern portion. DEL Equipment Limited supports the Hybrid option

DEL Equipment is a manufacturer and exporter of truck bodies and equipment. Our head office has been in Leaside for 70 years. We employ up to 70 people in Toronto

The trucks that we complete and the material we use arrives some 20% by means of the present expressway. The congestion and slow down caused by a gap in this limited access highway will be significant. A fatal break in this limited access ring road will drive commerce to seek other already overcrowded alternative, exacerbating existing traffic woes.

While other cities around the world are trying desperately to create a Gardiner equivalent to help congestion, it is ludicrous that we debate destroying one that we have.

Replacing the unrestricted limited access eastern Gardiner with stoplights, intersections, pedestrians and bicycles will seriously affect commerce, increase pollution and hurt the cities attempts to retain and attract good paying jobs.

The creation of new jobs and the free flow of goods and people is essential to a healthy city.

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Sincerely

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