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Ulli Watkiss
City Clerk
Toronto City Hall
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Dear Ms. Watkiss,

Administrative Inquiry Re: Scarborough Subway Extension Study Area

I am submitting this administrative inquiry under Municipal Code S27-61 to seek information regarding the study area for the Line 2 Subway extension in Scarborough as depicted on the website www.scarboroughsubwayextension.ca – established by the City of Toronto and the Toronto Transit Commission.

The Agincourt GO Station will soon offer Scarborough residents regional express rail as part of SmartTrack's 15 minute electric train service. This service would appear to duplicate the objectives of the subway extension, though providing an even faster commute downtown.

Page 21 of the *Staff report for action on Scarborough Rapid Transit Options*, part of *CC 37.17 Scarborough Rapid Transit Options*, presented to Council in July of 2013, states: "The LRT line focuses more on local travel needs, and provides opportunities for placemaking– creating complete communities within the city- whereas the subway offers a more express service that increases its appeal to regional riders."

Despite two "regional" transit lines proposed in close proximity, the study area chosen by City Planning and TTC staff does not include the Agincourt GO Station. As shown in Figure 1, the Station is only 2.1 km from McCowan Rd. and Sheppard Ave – the initial proposed site of the last stop for the subway extension.

1. Why isn't the Agincourt Go Station included in the Scarborough subway extension study area?
2. Will the introduction of SmartTrack be considered when calculating the ridership projections for the Scarborough Subway Extension?
3. If the Scarborough Subway Extension were moved further east from McCowan Rd., as suggested in a July 29, 2015 article *Scarborough Subway Plans Complicated by SmartTrack Proximity*, Wouldn't residents in the western part of

the study area be even more likely to take SmartTrack instead of the Subway extension?

Sincerely,

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