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EX13.3 Developing Toronto's Transit Network Plan: Phase 1

Dear Chair and Committee Members,

I am writing to request that the Committee consider the accompanying recommendations to help ensure that residents and Councillors are able to better consider and decide on the transit reports requested for the June 28, 2016 meeting of Executive Committee and, ultimately, voted on at the July 12, 2016 meeting of City Council.

Too often, the public and Council is not provided adequate time to fully consider complex reports. Two weeks, the duration between the June 2016 Executive Committee meeting and the following meeting of City Council, is not enough time to properly assess the major transit initiatives that will be recommended by Staff. An additional two weeks will allow residents and Councillors more time to consider the reports while also providing City Planning more opportunity to consult with our residents to ensure they are informed before a decision is reached.

I am also requesting the Chief Planner to study the feasibility of an at-grade option for the Scarborough Subway Extension. Given the potential cost savings of not tunneling the route, the City owes it to our residents to explore the possibility of an above ground subway, which is common throughout the TTC network.

Recommendations:

1. Amend 2d to add "including a feasibility study of an at-grade option" so that the item now reads: report to the June 28, 2016 Executive Committee on part c above, along with a recommended preferred corridor and alignment, **including a feasibility study of an at-grade option**, and number and location of stations for the Scarborough Subway Extension.

2. City Council request the Chief Planner and Executive Director, City Planning, release all reports identified for the June 28, 2016 Executive Committee on or before June 14, 2016.

3. City Council request the Chief Planner and Executive Director, City Planning, to hold four (4) public consultation meetings between June 14, 2016 and June 27, 2016 regarding all reports identified for the June 28, 2016 Executive Committee. One (1) consultation meeting in each of the following locations: City Hall, Etobicoke, North York, and Scarborough.