



March 24, 2017

Mayor John Tory & Members of City Council  
Toronto City Hall  
100 Queen Street West  
Toronto, ON M5H 2N2

Dear Mayor Tory and Members of City Council,

**Re:Scarborough Subway Extension (Item EX23.1 on March 28<sup>th</sup>)**

Your office supports a controversial plan to build a one-stop Scarborough Subway Extension, which goes to a Council vote on March 28th. The ABC Residents Association (ABCRA), a group representing the Yorkville/North Midtown community, would like to express our concerns with this proposed extension as it does not serve the long-term needs of Toronto. Instead, we feel that now is the time for a twenty four stop, comprehensive LRT network that truly moves the city.

**Recommendation Overview:**

- Do not pursue the \$3.45B one-stop Scarborough Subway Extension
- Adopt a twenty four stop LRT network including the seven-stop Scarborough LRT and the seventeen-stop Eglinton East LRT

Not only will a one-stop subway put more Scarborough residents on buses, the rapidly growing cost eliminates potential funding for a seventeen-stop Eglinton East LRT- situated in an area badly underserved by rapid transit. This is not in the best long-term interests for a city intensifying density at an unprecedented rate. We need transit in these areas to take cars off the road and reduce congestion throughout the city.

Moving ahead with a Scarborough LRT and the Eglinton East LRT creates a strategic connection to the provincially-funded Sheppard East LRT, truly maximizing transit utility for residents. It allows for development in more areas of the city, without catering to the development interests of one particular builder (namely the owners of Scarborough Town Centre).

In the face of dropping usage figures, rising costs, and reduced city-wide support the time for a long-term LRT network is now.

Thank you,

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