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Ulli S. Watkiss City Clerk, City of Toronto Toronto City Hall 100 Queen Street West Toronto, ON M5H 2N2

Re: 2019.EX9.1 City Council meeting of October 29, 2019 Toronto-Ontario Transit Update

The Scarborough Community Renewal Organization would like to make the following comments on this agenda item:

**1. We strongly support the three-stop Scarborough subway**, which is mandated by provincial legislation. Let's finally bring subway service to an underserviced area of Scarborough and bring more vitality to the Scarborough Civic Centre area. Scarborough's most prominent commercial centre would benefit greatly from a top tier public transit service. This would significantly enhance the prosperity of a vibrant economic node outside of the downtown core.

2. We support the agreement between the City of Toronto and the Province of Ontario that commits the Province to full financing and construction responsibility for the Scarborough subway and the Ontario line. This will free up funds originally committed by the City of Toronto toward these projects.

3. We urge the City to redeploy some of these freed-up funds to extend the Eglinton East LRT to University of Toronto Scarborough and to Malvern. Many of UTSC's 13,000 students are commuters. Hundreds of buses arrive at UTSC daily. An LRT service would significantly improve transit service to one of Scarborough's most important flagship institutions. Meanwhile, Malvern is very poorly served by public transit. Many Malvern residents commute to work by public transit, sometimes for an hour or more. Malvern needs and deserves better public transit. Let's use this opportunity to help Malvern become more vibrant and better connected to the rest of Scarborough and to the City as a whole.

Let's <u>take action</u> now with a powerful investment in public transit infrastructure that will help us to **renew Scarborough**.

Sincerely,

Larry Whatmore Chair, Economic Development Committee <u>Scarborough Community Renewal Organization</u>