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His Worship John Tory  
Mayor  
City of Toronto  
100 Queen Street West  
City Hall, Second Floor, West  
Toronto, ON M5H 2N2

Dear Mayor Tory:

Pursuant to the letter from the “Special Advisor to Cabinet – Transit Upload” and the Deputy Minister of Transportation, dated October 9, 2019, to the Toronto City Manager, I wanted to follow-up with you to confirm the outcomes associated with the year-long, Province of Ontario-City of Toronto engagement process. Appreciating the significant progress made to date thanks to the collaborative efforts of senior provincial and City officials, we now find ourselves on the cusp of finalizing the foundations of an historic arrangement between our governments. We believe that such an arrangement allows us to partner with the City to deliver a significant expansion of, and enhancements to, the current transit network, which the public and transit riders deserve.

Through the extensive and ongoing Province-City engagement, we have determined that our mutual objectives could be achieved without the transfer in ownership of the existing subway system, as previously proposed by the Province.

Therefore, I am offering a provincial commitment of intent, outlined below, under which the existing Toronto Transit Commission (TTC) subway system would remain the responsibility of the City.

In order to mutually agree to this new provincial proposal and move forward together in lockstep to formalize the overarching arrangement between our respective governments, the Province is seeking that the City consent to the following terms at the City Council meeting of **October 29-30, 2019**:


- 1) Endorsement of the priority subway projects and the core principles/parameters discussed amongst senior provincial and City officials, which are articulated in the aforementioned letter to the Toronto City Manager from the “Special Advisor to Cabinet – Transit Upload” and the Deputy Minister of Transportation.

- 2) A City commitment to grant the Province the necessary levels of access to, and control over, the interface stations and other intersecting assets, following engagement between senior provincial and City officials to explore and define such levels.
  - o This approach is premised upon the shared acknowledgement that, as the Government of Ontario implements its “New Subway Transit Plan for the Greater Toronto and Hamilton Area (GTHA),” we must afford careful and due consideration to the treatment of the points of intersection between the priority subway projects and the existing subway network.
  - o Working collaboratively with the City, the Province will focus on identifying how best to manage key interface stations and other assets that will intersect between the existing and future expanded networks. This arrangement shall benefit all TTC riders by ensuring the new subway lines are seamlessly integrated with the existing TTC system, while further ensuring the Province can efficiently facilitate new construction and deliver the expanded subway network.
- 3) A City commitment, to work with the Province to identify opportunities to advance and accelerate, where possible, the implementation of priority transit projects, including through the streamlining of current processes and leveraging the powers and authorities available to expedite priority project delivery.
- 4) A City commitment to partner with the Province to solicit and secure much-needed federal funding commitments, to support transit capital expansion, modernization/ upgrades and state of good repair of the existing subway system.

Reducing gridlock and building new transit is an urgent priority for the people and businesses of Toronto and the broader region. In recognition of the urgency and in order to achieve the implementation timelines set out for the priority subway projects, the Province intends to get on with the process of delivery, beginning in November 2019. Building upon the productive conversations between the Province and the City over the past year, I look forward to confirming our collective concurrence with the proposed framework, and confidently signalling to the market and our key stakeholders that our respective governments are aligned in moving apace with our plans to deliver an enhanced transit system for the Toronto and the region.

In closing, I trust that you will find my proposal extremely reasonable, while offering a workable path forward to finalize the landmark transit partnership that our two governments have long been seeking. Furthermore, I look forward to continuing to work with you to transform transit in Toronto and beyond.

Sincerely,



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Minister of Transportation

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