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City of Toronto Executive Committee
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Dear Mayor Tory and Executive Committee,

Scarborough Transit Action is a grass roots, transit advocacy group. We would like to take this opportunity to comment on agenda items [EX3.1 and EX3.12](#).

We are concerned that the province's plan to take ownership of TTC subways will bring significant and lasting negative changes to transit affordability and governance in Toronto. Despite the major impacts of this provincial plan, there is little understanding or clarity about the long term consequences.

Scarborough residents who commute long distances by transit will be especially impacted by any plan to change the fare structure and governance of our transit system. Online consultations and public meetings with the opportunity to fill in comment cards are insufficient. Robust consultations with the residents who will be impacted, regular updates and meaningful input are essential.

Based on the information that is available, we have serious concerns that the province's plan **will adversely affect fares, maintenance, future expansion** Experts have warned that the province's intention to seek private sector investment to build new stations could [delay](#) new lines.

The TTC requires \$33 billion over the next 15 years just to maintain the current subway system, but the province has not committed to ensuring that these maintenance costs are covered. This raises serious [safety and reliability](#) concerns.

The provincial transit agency is considering a fare-by-speed or fare-by-distance model of fare integration. The Terms of Reference and City Manager's report on subway upload negotiations have so far been silent on whether fare policy will continue to be set

by the TTC. This is a troubling omission in light of Metrolinx's interest in changing local fare structures. There are implications for existing policies including the low income Fair Pass and free transit for kids under 12.

We urge you to make this process transparent by launching meaningful public consultations and a public information campaign to ensure that residents understand the potential risks of this significant proposed change.

Sincerely,

Brenda Thompson
Chairperson