



Attention: Executive Committee

RE: EX 4.1.10 Toronto's Transit Expansion Program, April 9, 2019

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Dear Members of the Executive Committee:

On behalf of the Scarborough Civic Action Network or SCAN, I am writing to urge you to ensure the Eglinton East LRT (EELRT) project is deemed a priority transit project and that you call on city council to vote in favour of funding the EELRT and ensure the line extends to Malvern.

SCAN is a non-partisan, community-driven network whose aim is to help mobilize a civic voice for Scarborough, one that is inclusive of marginalized and underrepresented communities and reflective of the diversity of its community members. SCAN is made up of community-serving agencies along with neighbourhood groups and resident leaders from across Scarborough. SCAN is governed by its issue-focused action mandate which is shaped by broad community input. For 2018-19, nearly 1000 Scarborough residents identified affordable housing, public transit and community safety as its three priority areas.

We have heard from Scarborough residents that the City of Toronto needs to invest in rapid public transit infrastructure that is responsive to the needs of all regions that make up the City of Toronto including Scarborough which is home to more than 630,000 of Toronto's residents.

The 24-stop EELRT would be an investment in city building and ensuring that thousands of Scarborough residents including those living in a number of underserved neighbourhoods along with students attending two post-secondary institutions could be connected to the city's rapid transit network.

In addition to investing in city building, the construction of the EELRT would help to address the transport poverty that exists in Scarborough especially in neighbourhoods like Malvern, Scarborough Village and Kingston-Galloway. Improving transit services in the inner suburbs has been identified as a priority in the City of Toronto's Poverty Reduction Strategy. We know that access to rapid transit significantly shapes people's socioeconomic opportunities. The EELRT would enable Scarborough residents to access to more employment opportunities and encourage local socioeconomic development.

Investing in the EELRT means investing in residents in Scarborough. We urge you to ensure that the EELRT is a priority transit project for the City of Toronto and that it is fully funded so we can see construction begin on this line as soon as possible to support our communities and our city's future.

Sincerely,

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