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Re: 2019.EX9.1 on October 23, 2019 Executive Committee

This letter is being sent regarding agenda item 2019.EX9.1 appearing on the October 23, 2019 agenda of the Executive Committee.

The West Rouge Community Association supports the construction of the 3-stop Scarborough subway extension from Kennedy Station to McCowan Station. Further, the Community Association supports the agreement between the City of Toronto and the Province of Ontario that commits the Province to financing and constructing the Scarborough subway extension and the proposed Ontario line.

The Scarborough subway extension is long overdue. Scarborough is home to some 650,000 residents, or roughly one-quarter of the population of the City of Toronto. Despite the size of the community and the fact that Scarborough is part of the City of Toronto, transit investment in the area has been non-existent over the past 35 years. Meanwhile, other municipalities in the Greater Toronto Area have benefited from TTC subway extensions, namely the City of Vaughan and in the future, the City of Richmond Hill. These two municipalities are both less than half the population of Scarborough. The historic lack of investment in higher-order transit in Scarborough is an economic and social barrier to the gentrification of eastern Toronto.

The commitment for financing and construction responsibility from the Province for the Scarborough subway extension is the first step in the development of an overall transit network for eastern Toronto. The City funds allocated to this project are now freed up and should be immediately invested in construction of the Eglinton East LRT extension to Centennial College, the University of Toronto Scarborough, and onwards to the community of Malvern. An overall transit network that provides service to the 250,000 residents, 35,000 Centennial College students, and 15,000 University of Toronto Scarborough students living east of Scarborough Centre is long overdue. The commitments made by the Province now provide the City with the opportunity to rectify 35 years of transit neglect in eastern Toronto.

I trust that Members of the City's Executive Committee and all Members of Council will recognize the need for investment in transit for eastern Toronto and will work together to move the 3-stop Scarborough subway extension and the Eglinton East LRT forward as quickly as possible.

Respectfully,



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