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To: [Executive Committee](#)
Cc: [Councillor Fletcher](#); [Mayor Tory](#)
Subject: Executive Committee consideration on October 23, 2019 : Toronto-Ontario Transit Update
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Dear Council Members,

The Leslieville Historical Society recognizes the pressing need to invest in higher order transit infrastructure in the City of Toronto and the Greater Toronto Region.

The construction of the Relief Line (aka Ontario Line) is a key component of the transit masterplan and will not only ensure that the whole system works more efficiently but will also contribute to the continued dynamism of Leslieville, a community designated by the Official Plan as having large components of stable established Neighbourhoods as well as an Avenue corridor adjacent to the proposed transit enhancements. We ask that Council also be mindful of the City Council initiated 2013 study of Queen Street East and the resulting [Leslieville Urban Design Guidelines](#).

The Leslieville Historical Society was founded with the objective to preserve the integrity of Leslieville heritage while strengthening sense of place, community which contribute to livability.

The Ontario Line tracks and portals will extend through sensitive historic neighbourhoods within Leslieville. It is anticipated and welcome that higher order transit will launch a new phase of development in this community ushering in even higher density that will need to be integrated with the scale and character of the existing historic fabric. To this end we ask that the Transit Expansion Office include the Leslieville Historical Society throughout the design process as a valued and cooperative stakeholder to ensure that the project incorporates suitable buffers and design solutions that integrate it with the existing community.

Sincerely,

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