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Re: Toronto-Ontario Transit Update EX9.1

Dear Worship,

Toronto Pearson is Canada's largest airport and North America's busiest airport for international traffic, making it one of the most significant economic assets for the province and entire country. Last year Toronto Pearson welcomed approximately 49.5 million passengers. The airport directly employs 50,000 people and facilitates 332,000 jobs across Ontario. It connects companies and exports with international markets, serves as a gateway for tourists, business travellers and students and connects residents with friends and family abroad.

It is forecasted that Toronto Pearson could grow to serve 85 million passengers annually by 2037. This provides tremendous economic opportunity for Ontario. Yet, as our region and economy continue to grow, road congestion has emerged as one of our most significant challenges; impacting our economic competitiveness and the quality of life for our people.

Home to about 300,000 jobs, Toronto Pearson's Airport Employment Zone (AEZ) is the second largest cluster of jobs in Canada, second only to downtown Toronto. Despite its economic significance, the AEZ is not well connected to the region around us through higher-order transit, which has resulted in significant traffic congestion on the surrounding 400 series highways.

The GTAA has a vision for a new Regional Transit Centre ("RTC") at Toronto Pearson, which would facilitate the better movement of people and goods. This facility, dubbed "Union Station West," would serve as a major transit hub for the broader region, unlocking further economic growth and job creation across the GTHA.

The GTAA, therefore, was excited to hear that the City of Toronto and the Government of Ontario had tentatively reached an agreement about transit priorities for the Greater Toronto Area. We were





particularly thrilled to see a continued commitment to an extension of the Eglinton Crosstown West from Mount Dennis to Renforth, with the Province committing to a connection to Toronto Pearson.

The Eglinton West Project is a key component of the RTC transit program. Extending the line to Toronto Pearson will directly connect the airport and the surrounding AEZ to a broad catchment area of high-density, high-ridership areas through central Toronto. Preliminary analysis indicates the line is a strong performer in terms of ridership

The Toronto-Ontario transit agreement is an important step forward in improving access to Toronto Pearson, supporting the movement of people and goods around the globe and benefitting GTHA residents, workers in the AEZ and businesses across Ontario. We are hopeful that this agreement will receive the support of council.

The GTAA looks forward to continuing working with the City of Toronto and the Government of Ontario to unlock the economic benefits of Toronto Pearson and the Airport Employment Zone.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "H. Marshall". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letter 'H' being particularly large and stylized.

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