

October 22, 2019



Mayor John Tory
Executive Committee, Chair

Councillor Jaye Robinson
Toronto Transit Commission, Chair

RE: Support for Ontario Line and Waterfront East LRT acceleration

Mayor Tory, Councillor Robinson, Executive Committee and TTC Board

We are pleased to see fundamentals of an Ontario Line plan coming together with support at all three levels of government. This crucial infrastructure is needed to relieve congestion at the Yonge-Bloor interchange, Union Station, and open up access to downtown Toronto and the waterfront from diverse parts of the City and the region.

With funding anticipated for City of Toronto-led projects being available for both state-of-good-repair improvements and additional transit investment within the City, the **Waterfront East LRT should be accelerated along with the Ontario Line to maximize development where it can immediately lead to new jobs, housing and tax revenue** – the eastern waterfront and Port Lands (*see at right*). 53.5% of current waterfront commuters indicate they would be more likely to use public transit if additional subway and LRT connections were built connecting downtown and the waterfront, according to our [2019 Waterfront Commuter Survey](#).

Thank you for all your hard work to accelerate transit investment for the City of Toronto and its workers, residents and visitors. Please contact me at tkocur@waterfrontbia.com if you have any questions.

An accelerated build of the **Waterfront East LRT** through the Port Lands by 2025 would lead to the following in 20 years along the corridor:

- \$22.8 billion in new tax revenue
- 132,000 new jobs
- 67,000 new residents

[Economic impact study](#) prepared by Hatch for the Waterfront BIA.

Sincerely,

Tim Kocur, Executive Director
The Waterfront BIA

cc: Executive Committee
Toronto Transit Commission Board