



July 21, 2020

City Hall
100 Queen St. W.
Toronto, ON
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Re: Item EX 15.1 Eglinton East Corridor - Priority Bus Lanes

Dear Mayor Tory and members of Council,

We are writing in support of item EX 15.1 to create priority bus lanes along Eglinton East Ave., Kingston Rd. and Morningside Ave. This public transit enhancement will support the more than 14,000 students, faculty and staff at the University of Toronto Scarborough Campus (UTSC), many of whom rely on transit infrastructure to rapidly access employment, research, and education services.

Through a collaborative research initiative that studied student travel patterns entitled Student Move TO, we know that approximately 64% of our students travel to the Scarborough Campus via public transit. Additionally, we learned that the average one-way commute time is roughly 41 minutes. The numbers clearly demonstrate the need for effective and efficient rapid public transit to the educational, social, and economic hub that is UTSC.

This is an important measure and we look forward to working with Council on further transit enhancements to the Scarborough transit network.

Sincerely,

Andrew Thomson
Chief of Government Relations