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Dear Mayor John Tory,

The following letter is addressed to you because of decisions made by the Toronto Transit Commission Board.

As President of Agincourt Village Community Association and resident of Ward 22 we are writing to you out of concern for the process leading to Sheppard Avenue between the Sheppard Subway and Agincourt GO Station being included in the list of possible dedicated bus lanes. AVCA members and Ward 22 residents question how the decision was made.

Having read and followed the TTC Board Meetings it appears in the minutes of the February 25, 2020 TTC Board Meeting which Councillor Karygiannis attended, it was recommended “that the Board direct staff to confirm with Metrolinx and study the impact of lack of higher order transit on Sheppard East in the medium term and report back by the end of Q4 2020.”

At the TTC Board Meeting July 14, 2020 which Councillor Karygiannis was unable to attend, it was recommended, “that the Sheppard Avenue East study for bus enhancements, including the possibility of dedicated bus lanes between Sheppard Subway and Agincourt Station (requested by the Board in its February 2020 meeting) be brought into alignment with the projects referred to as Priority C ...”

Our Concerns are as follows:

- It is not evident in the February 25, 2020 TTC Board Meeting Minutes that the possibility of dedicated bus lanes between Sheppard Subway and Agincourt GO Station was brought forward. There is no recommendation in the minutes.
- There is no indication that confirmation with Metrolinx and study of the impact of higher order transit as requested on February 25, 2020, was brought forward before the decision of July 14, 2020 to include the possibility of dedicated Sheppard East bus lanes.
- It is evident to AVCA that the TTC Board made a decision prior to the Q4 2020 deadline (1 October- 31 December 2020) as indicated in the February 25, 2020 TTC Board Minutes recommendation.
- Decisions that highly impact residents of Ward 22 are being made without Ward 22 representation.
- It has been public knowledge that five Toronto streets were being considered for dedicated bus lanes, however there has been no public information or input regarding the possible inclusion of Sheppard Avenue East in the list of possible dedicated bus lanes.

Please feel free to contact Agincourt Village Community Association for further discussion as failing to presently have Councillor representation, we are following City of Toronto Executive decisions very closely. Decisions that are made now by City of Toronto Councillors without Ward 22 representation, will impact the lives of Ward 22 residents now and in the future.

A response of clarification and next steps is requested.

Respectfully Submitted,

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