



December 9, 2020

Re: EX 19.5 EELRT Project

Dear Mayor Tory and Executive Committee:

42 Voices is a grassroots civic engagement group based in Malvern, Scarborough. We are writing in support of the proposed Eglinton East LRT from Kennedy Station to Malvern.

Among the various goals of us reaching out, our most important is to see northeast and southeast Scarborough connected to the existing rapid transit network. This is so important for this part of the City as it gives transit riders equal access to jobs, education, amenities, and recreation.

Malvern is home to one of the City's largest youth population. Many spend more than an hour in their commutes. The Eglinton East/Morningside/Meadowvale corridor is one of the city's most heavily traveled bus routes. The Proposed Eglinton East LRT to Malvern would be within walking distance of 49,000 residents and create 4,000+ good jobs if built publicly, bringing much-needed community renewal, redevelopment, and walkability to this corridor and Malvern.

Underinvestment in Transit has been costlier for the City. The pandemic has shed light on the saddest reality of what transit-deprived neighbourhoods are facing. Neighbourhoods in the northeast part of Scarborough like Malvern and Rouge have become COVID hot zones. A rapid transit network is critical as it allows youth and residents in this part of the City to have the much-needed mobility and connectivity to realize their full potential.

42 Voices supports the proposed EELRT and urge the Committee to speed up its implementation. 42 Voices also hopes that the City Council rally behind this much needed transit improvement to help move communities like Malvern.

Thank you for your support!

Sincerely

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cc: Councillor Jennifer McKelvie