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Nasim Norouzi
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Dear Nasim Norouzi:

I am writing with regard to the Part II Order request received by the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks for the proposed Golden Mile Transportation Master Plan: O'Connor Drive Reconfiguration project (the Project) proposed by the City of Toronto (the City).

As part of our government's effort to boost Ontario's economic recovery after COVID-19, we have passed the *COVID-19 Economic Recovery Act, 2020*, including amendments to the *Environmental Assessment Act*.

The changes to the *Environmental Assessment Act* (the Act) will allow us to build a strong environmental assessment program that effectively considers the input of local communities and focuses on projects that have the highest impact to the environment. The Act will continue to consider "the protection, conservation and wise management in Ontario of the environment." A key change made to the Act was to limit Part II Order requests to potential adverse impacts of projects on constitutionally protected Aboriginal or treaty rights. All Part II Order requests that were under review which do not pertain to potential adverse impacts on constitutionally protect Aboriginal or treaty rights have been terminated by the amendments.

As such, I am writing to advise you of the status of the outstanding Part II Order request respecting the Project. As the Part II Order request was not related to a potential adverse impact on constitutionally protected Aboriginal or Treaty rights, the request has

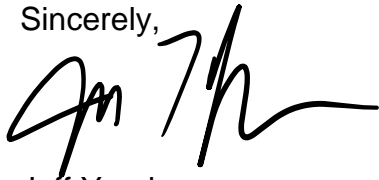
been terminated. If the City decides to proceed with the Project pursuant to the Master Plan, it must ensure that any further applicable requirements under the Act and Municipal Class Environmental Assessment are met before proceeding and that the Project is implemented in the manner it was developed and designed, as set out in the project documentation, and inclusive of all mitigating measures, and environmental and other provisions therein. The City will also need to consider any other permits or approvals required under other legislation in other to proceed.

I would like to ensure that the City understands that failure to comply with the Act, and the provisions of the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment, including failure to implement the project in the manner described in the planning documents, are contraventions of the Act and may result in prosecution under section 38 of the Act.

I am confident that the City recognizes the importance and value of the Act. The City will ensure that its requirements and those of the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment are satisfied.

Should you have any questions about the information provided in this letter, please contact Jordan Hughes directly at 437-770-6953 and Jordan.Hughes@ontario.ca.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jeff Yurek', with a stylized flourish extending to the right.

Jeff Yurek
Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks

c: Requester
Andrew Au, Senior Transportation Planner, City of Toronto
EA File No. 20008 Golden Mile Transportation Master Plan