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## **EX28:14 Ontario Line Downtown Stations – Temporary Road Closures and Community Impacts**

A city survives and thrives on its ability to move people, goods and services effectively and in safety.

Unprecedented numbers of planned private construction projects, municipal works and provincial transit initiatives are about to overwhelm Toronto, particularly, but not exclusively, in the Esplanade, Longboat Area. If not soon coordinated to mitigate impacts, such activities will cause unparalleled levels of congestion, chaos, and disruption of access to the public realm, compromising the economy and public safety for at least the next decade.

Businesses are struggling to recover from COVID-related disruption of normal commerce. In a city already saturated with uncoordinated construction projects, their severe economic impact may prove insurmountable to those whose survival is already tenuous.

Instead of continuing to allow a proliferation of individual, isolated ventures and relying on provincial and municipal departments that do not communicate with each other, FoSTRA, a federation of 25 south Toronto residents' associations, believes the only practical way forward is to commission a multi-stakeholder working group to look at the City of Toronto landscape as a whole.

Provincial and municipal governments, in meaningful consultation with communities and stakeholders, must convene to develop comprehensive and collaborative strategies that will allow this city to function effectively and safely during this period of massive change.  
Respectfully submitted,

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