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Via E-Mail Only

Toronto Executive Committee
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Dear Executive Committee Members:

Re: EX 33.2 – Advancing City Priority Transit Expansion Projects – Eglinton East Light Rail Transit and Waterfront East Light Rail Transit

As the representative of the women and men who operate and maintain the TTC, Amalgamated Transit Union Local 113 applauds the City for moving forward with both the Eglinton East and Waterfront East Light Rail Transit projects. We understand TTC will operate and maintain both as parts of the TTC network. The TTC's greatest strength is the ability to move freely between modes and our riders appreciate the high level of service integration.

We have some concerns, however, about concurrent plans to dis-integrate the TTC network as part of the cross-border project. The Durham-Scarborough BRT, also covered in this report, proposes to put local service on Ellesmere in the hands of an outside operator. On a total of 50 routes in 24 corridors, TTC is proposing to have 905 operators run local service within Toronto. The proposals will cause TTC to lose control of services levels and is practically extremely difficult to implement. They have not yet, for example, developed a plan for assessing and allocating revenue between operators. TTC riders might have to pay a second fare within the city for the first time in 100 years.

Prior to the election Premier Ford proposed to enact legislation to change the City of Toronto Act to enable these outside operators to deliver TTC services. We can expect a bill to come forward at the first sitting of the new legislature. Fortunately, we have Mayor Tory's personal assurance that new legislation will not affect TTC's service monopoly on transit service in Toronto.

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To support the Mayor's position and confirm its commitment to the integrity of the TTC, Local 113 asks committee to move that:

1. Toronto City Council affirm its position that:
 - The TTC monopoly and fare-free transfers for all local Toronto service be maintained,
 - The Eglinton East and Waterfront East LRT projects will be operated and maintained by TTC,
2. The City Manager report to Executive Committee on any proposed bills that would amend the City of Toronto Act, and include an assessment of any impact on the integrity of the TTC, and
3. That future staff reports on the Durham-Scarborough Bus Rapid Transit project include an approach to free transfers between it and the TTC network and a framework for TTC to set service levels on the corridor.

As always, we look forward to working with you to provide the best possible service to Toronto transit riders.

Yours truly,



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