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Letter to City of Toronto, Executive Committee – June 7, 2022

Re: EX33.2 – Advancing City Priority Transit Expansion Projects – Eglinton East Light Rail Transit

From: Larry Whatmore, President, Scarborough Community Renewal Organization

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Dear Mayor Tory and Members of the Executive Committee:

The Scarborough Community Renewal Organization is pleased to support the recommendations in the staff report regarding the Eglinton East LRT project.

All things considered, we believe the staff recommendation would be a good outcome for Scarborough generally and for the Malvern community in particular.

The absence of a seamless connection at Kennedy station is unfortunate, as it means that transit passengers will need to walk from one LRT to the other to continue their journey. This isn't ideal, but we appreciate the technical impediments imposed by the Scarborough Subway Extension. This should be manageable from a transit user's perspective as long as the walk is covered (to be protected from adverse weather conditions), accessible, and short (ideally no more than three minutes; about the time it now takes to walk between the subway and the Scarborough RT).

The staff proposal brings some important benefits: being able to complete the work faster and freeing up sufficient budget room to build an LRT connection along Sheppard, connecting the northern end of the EELRT with the northern end of the Scarborough Subway Extension. This would "close the loop" between the two transit lines and significantly improve transit infrastructure in Malvern, which is very much needed.

We recognize that the technical review is still in progress. We look forward to reviewing the results of the Initial Business Case in the third quarter of 2023.

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