



June 7, 2022

Executive Committee
Toronto City Hall
100 Queen Street West
Toronto, ON M5H 2N2

Re: EX33.2 Advancing City Priority Transit Expansion Projects - Eglinton East Light Rail Transit and Waterfront East Light Rail Transit (Ward All)

Dear Mayor Tory and Executive Committee:

Thank you for prioritizing the Eglinton East LRT as the City is starting to return to normal and increasing congestion has been taking a toll on the quality of life for commuters.

42 Voices is a resident-driven, grassroots civic engagement group based in Malvern, Scarborough. Malvern is home to one of the City's largest youth populations. Many residents spend more than an hour on their commute because of a lack of integrated rapid transit. 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.

42 Voices supports the proposed EELRT and requests the Committee to speed up its implementation. However, we urge the Committee to ensure the provisions are put in place to allow for infrastructure growth in the coming decades. It is important the city plans for the future with the Eglinton East LRT, so we do not end up repeating the same mistakes as Line 3 (Scarborough RT), a major rapid transit service that will shut down in 2023, forcing thousands of commuters onto slow, congested buses.

When discussing access and mobility in Malvern, our group advocates for universal design, environmental sustainability, evidence-based decisions, and congruent policy. Now is the time to take action, and bring equitable, accessible, and affordable transit to Scarborough. 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