

West Don Lands Committee

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By email: exc@toronto.ca

Mayor Chow, Executive Committee, Councillors,

RE.: EX9:14 – Advancing Waterfront East Light Rail Transit

The West Don Lands Committee has consistently encouraged Toronto, Ontario and Canada to invest in transit, as well as other active transportation modes, to build our city equitably and sustainably. Today we are asking Executive Committee and Council to continue towards completion the job of providing higher-order transit to the burgeoning new communities of the Eastern Waterfront by endorsing the recommendations of the above-noted report.

Our letter of June 7, 2022, to Council (addressing EX33.2) pointed to the great economic, social and sustainability benefits of providing certainty to new communities regarding higher order transit. Since that time, nothing has changed except that the flood protection of the Don River Mouth has proceeded according to plan, while the Eastern Waterfront is developing at an unprecedented pace. New residents, workers, entrepreneurs and scholars are streaming into East Bayfront. Quayside, Keating and Villiers precincts will be close behind and will only add to the mobility needs of thousands who will populate and animate the Eastern Waterfront.

Since 2006 our coalition's members have worked with city staff, Waterfront Toronto staff, transit planners and other community leaders to design and press for the completion of the Waterfront East LRT. Each new phase carries the risk of faint-hearted failure to press forward on this essential project. We urge Council to take up the task that multiple city administrations have advanced to this critical decision.

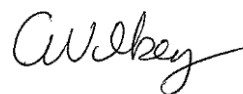
Please endorse all of the recommendations in this report to approve the alignment, advance design to 60%, complete and coordinate technical work, and authorize the funding for these activities.

Thank you.

Yours truly,



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