



January 29, 2024

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

RE: EX11.8 - RapidTO: Surface Transit Network Plan

Dear Mayor Chow and Members of the Executive Committee,

As a local rental housing provider and land holder along Steeles Avenue West, we are writing today to ask that you expedite studying improvements for bus service for this roadway through RapidTO. Over the last several decades, we have observed traffic becoming increasingly more congested, resulting in transit delays and impacting the quality of life of our tenants. Improvements are needed now.

When RapidTO was originally announced, we looked forward to engaging with the City to discuss quick actions that could be undertaken to improve travel times on the Steeles Ave West bus. Unfortunately those conversations never happened and no commitment has been made to a timeline for this work in the Surface Transit Network Plan report that was released last week.

Many of our residents, along with other area residents, depend on public transport to move about the City on a daily basis. For many, transit is the essential link between affordable housing, work, school and family. We want to see that link strengthened and hope that this committee will act with urgency and prioritize Steeles Ave. West again.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Howard Paskowitz".

Howard Paskowitz
Vice President, Development

