

January 24, 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 Executive Committee Members,

Regenesis is a York University campus and community-based grassroots environmental organization that aims to empower students in shaping the communities where they live, study, and work. Few changes to the local built environment would be as impactful as improving transit on Steeles and we have been waiting since 2019 to realize the many benefits to the environment and communities that depend on public transportation in the area. **We are writing today to ask that you get RapidTO back up to speed and begin consultation for Steeles Ave West in 2024.**

It is our hope that the terms of reference for consultation can be established with the input of local stakeholders, including the. Service frequency, stop spacing, and roadway allocations are all important considerations that we would like to contribute to in a timely manner to prevent unnecessary delays or disappointment. many students and staff who rely on public transportation to get to and from the York University campus

Toronto can, and should, be committed to providing effective and reliable services to all parts of the city. Steeles may not be part of the public consciousness to the same extent as other roadways or transit lines, but it is of vital importance to communities that depend upon public transit here every day. We ask that you please act with urgency and follow-through on the City of Toronto's clear promise from 2019, engaging with the community, and finding the best way to improve bus services for all of us.

Sincerely,

Ersan Ozon
Director of Cycling Programs
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