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

Attention: Mayor Chow and Members of the Executive Committee

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

First Capital REIT is a leading owner, operator, and developer of grocery-anchored and mixed-use real estate located in Canada's most densely populated cities. In Toronto, our portfolio consists of more than 50 properties, including Dufferin Corners, an open-air shopping centre located at the intersection of Steeles and Dufferin, which is also subject to a Rezoning application to permit a mixed-use development.

We are writing today to ask for your support for improving public transit on Steeles Avenue West. The customers and employees who shop and work at Dufferin Corners depend on good public transportation, and there is a growing need to move more people more effectively across Steeles.

RapidTO identified Steeles Avenue West as a top priority route in 2020, but there has been no progress since. While there are notional plans for a BRT in the next twenty years or more, action needs to be taken now to serve the immediate and pressing transit challenges that riders face on a daily basis. It is our hope that the City will renew its commitment to making progress on Steeles in the near term by working with local stakeholders and undertaking a study on improvements at the earliest opportunity.

Sincerely yours,
Joshua Butcher



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