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John Elvidge
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Re: New Linear Park for Scarborough in Review

Dear Mr. Elvidge,

I am submitting this Administrative Inquiry under Municipal Code § 27-7.11. to seek information regarding the request for staff to report back to Council on the feasibility of a new linear park for Scarborough.

On February 2, 2022, City Council adopted [MM39.24](#), Potential Adaptive Reuse - Scarborough Rapid Transit Elevated Track. The item was considered urgent as it asked staff: to explore the potential for the adaptive reuse of the elevated track currently utilized by the Scarborough Rapid Transit line as a new linear park and active transportation corridor and to report back to a future meeting of City Council on the feasibility, including potential funding options.

In 2024, City Council directed the Toronto Transit Commission to design a busway within the at-grade sections of the Scarborough RT corridor to function until the Scarborough Subway is operational. As this work will include the removal of the tracks, surface paving, and the installation of a safety wall, the corridor will be open for a natural next step for pedestrian accessibility in the form of a linear park connection, from Kennedy station to the Scarborough Town Centre.

Please provide information on the following points:

1. What work has been completed to date regarding the feasibility study and funding options for the pedestrian accessibility transformation into a linear park?
2. Which division or department is leading the feasibility study and project?
3. When can we expect a detailed report back to the Council with the feasibility and funding options to transform the supported busway for pedestrian accessibility?

Thank you for your attention to this matter. I look forward to receiving your response and continuing the dialogue on this important issue.

2022.MM39.24 - Potential Adaptive Reuse - Scarborough Rapid Transit Elevated Track - by Councillor Paul Ainslie, seconded by Councillor Jennifer McKelvie: <https://secure.toronto.ca/council/agenda-item.do?item=2022.MM39.24>

Sincerely,

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