

# Letter to Toronto Executive Committee

April 14, 2025

Re: EX22.8 Community Parking at Terminus Transit Stations at Sheppard and McCowan Station

From: Jim Faught, Scarborough Community Renewal Organization (SCRO)

Dear Members of the Toronto Executive Committee,

I am writing to express my concerns and suggestions regarding community parking at the Scarborough terminus subway transit station located at Sheppard and McCowan station.

I am a board member of the Scarborough Community Renewal Organization (SCRO) taking the lead in transit matters in Scarborough. I am here today to support Councillor Myers motion to “explore the need and opportunities for commuter parking at Sheppard-McCowan Station, and report back on the findings of this review by Q2 2026, including potential strategies to accommodate commuter parking in alignment with broader City and transit planning objectives.”

Firstly, the planned non-existent parking facilities at this terminus station are inadequate to meet the expected commuter demand. With the continuous expansion of nearby residential areas, the planned Sheppard East extension and the close proximity of Highway 401, the number of commuters relying on this station will significantly increase.

To address this issue, I propose the following recommendations:

- **Increase the Number of Planned Parking Spaces:** Plan to build an adequate parking facility to accommodate the rising number of commuters expected. This can be achieved by constructing a multi-level parking structure not unlike the GO Transit multi-level parking structures. This may require negotiations and a long term deal with adjacent property owners such as Canadian Tire to the west of this station.
- **Introduce Affordable Parking Fees:** Offer affordable parking rates to encourage the use of parking facilities by commuters. Implement a tiered pricing structure based on the duration of parking to accommodate both short-term and long-term parking needs.
- **Promote Sustainable Transportation Options:** Encourage the use of alternative transportation methods such as cycling and carpooling by providing dedicated spaces for bicycles and implementing carpool incentives. Once the Eginton East LRT is completed to this station the associated cycle path will have many hundreds

of bicycles enter this station and adequate cycle parking should be included in the plans.

By implementing these recommendations, we could significantly improve the community parking experience at Scarborough Subway Extension – Bloor/Danforth subway terminus Sheppard and McCowan station. This will not only enhance the convenience for residents and commuters but also contribute to reducing traffic congestion and promoting sustainable transportation options throughout Scarborough and Toronto.

I trust that the Toronto Executive Committee will consider these proposals and take necessary actions to address the parking challenges at this terminus transit station in Scarborough. Thank you for your attention to this matter, and I look forward to your positive response.

Yours sincerely,

Jim Faught

SCRO Board Member

