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Dear Ms Regan,

On behalf of the CD Farquharson Community Association, we would like to express our full support for the motion to include public parking at the Sheppard-McCowan subway station. In our view, planned public parking is critical to making this station a convenient and welcoming environment for both TTC riders and the surrounding community. In fact, our association representatives have spoken to Councillor Myers on several occasions about this concern as well as Councillor Thompson from an adjacent Municipal riding. A lack of planned public parking would be a grave oversight and a dreadful mistake resulting in increased complaints from local businesses and residents, and potential resentment and discord in the community. After a decades long wait for improved TTC subway access in Scarborough don't miss this opportunity to make it the best possible rider experience.

Our community is adjacent to the Sheppard-McCowan station. A terminus station like Sheppard-McCowan is sure to attract riders from across the north east end of Scarborough, as well as Durham and Markham, especially since this station will be minutes north of Hwy 401. It should be expected that riders will drive to this station to access the subway. A lack of parking will result in riders parking in inappropriate locations like the adjacent Canadian Tire and other surrounding businesses as well as residential side streets like ours within a walkable distance. It should also be noted that there has been a recent reduction of 800 public parking spaces at the Kennedy subway station. No parking is planned at the Scarborough Centre station either. This makes the Sheppard-McCowan station even more of a destination for drivers in this area of Scarborough.

While the goal of getting people out of their cars onto transit is worthwhile, we need to be realistic about the distance between subway stations in Scarborough and the need to get riders off of buses. If the subway is difficult to access ridership will suffer. Let's make the Scarborough subway line a planned success, especially at the end of the line at the Sheppard-McCowan station.

Sincerely,

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President of the CD Farquharson Community Association

