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City Councillor | Ward 14 Toronto-Danforth

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Re: ITEM EX27.3 Metrolinx Ontario Line – Cosburn Station, Bain Emergency Exit Building and Gerrard Portal Temporary Road Closures and Transportation Impacts

Dear Mayor Chow and Executive Committee Members,

Ward 14 has the largest stand-alone segment of the Ontario Line – 5 km– running above and below ground with 14 construction hubs for the Ontario Line including two portals and an Ontario Line station below Line 2 at Pape Station and 4 new above ground stations. The transportation impacts of the construction of the Ontario Line are enormous for local residents and businesses residents.

Last February, there was a horrific pedestrian accident when an Ontario Line truck deviated from the Metrolinx haul route and critically injured a local East York resident. In response to a request from City Council Metrolinx created back a Truck Safety Plan. Unfortunately, there have been additional incidents which were reported by residents with Ontario Line trucks deviating from designated haul routes - in one case using a local road beside a City Community Centre and School.

It is estimated there will be 400 trucks a day until the end of the year hauling soils and materials for the OL construction from the 14 sites. This number will increase as different phases of the project begin.

My community feels strongly that with the anticipated volume of trucks, more must be done to ensure truck safety and keep Ontario Line trucks on their haul routes. Clearly more needs to be done to keep the volume of large trucks on the prescribed haul routes. It cannot be left up to businesses and residents to police Metrolinx haul routes and contractors. In October, in a well attended online meeting, residents supported measures to ensure accountability **to ensure these trucks stay on the haul routes.**

I am requesting the Executive Committee support the following recommendation:

City Council request that Metrolinx undertake the following measures for truck safety to ensure the safety of local residents during the construction of the Ontario Line at 14 sites in Ward 14:

- **GPS tracking** for all Ontario Line construction vehicles
- **Clear labeling (Magnetic identifiers)** on trucks indicating their affiliation with the Ontario Line project. This is an active measure for downtown trucks at both King-Bathurst and Exhibition Stations
- **Improved communication and response times** by Metrolinx of concerns and complaints about truck safety.

Sincerely,

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