



Tuesday, December 9, 2025

Dear Mayor Olivia Chow and members of the Executive Committee,

TTCriders is a membership-based grassroots organization of transit riders from across Toronto. We are writing in support of the proposal to raise funding from taxing luxury home purchases to fund the important public services that Torontonians rely on, including public transit.

TTCriders held a number of transit workshops over the summer in Scarborough and North York, and a top concern for riders was the cost of taking transit. While grappling with the ongoing affordability crisis, the cost of transit should not be a barrier to getting to work, to school, to pick-up groceries, or go to medical appointments. Nearly all workshop attendees were supportive of fare capping as an affordability measure, as many riders cannot afford to buy a \$156 monthly pass despite using the TTC for more than 47 trips in a month.

We are happy to support a motion that shifts the tax burden on those who can afford it, to pay for a more affordable, reliable, and frequent transit system. With potential to raise \$152 million annually, this tax increase could support important initiatives to improve transit:

- Addressing TTC's \$6.1 billion repair backlog, to keep commutes safe, reliable and bring the number of subway slow zones to zero
- Keeping the TTC affordable with no fare increase in 2026
- Expanding affordability by implementing fare capping
- Lowering wait times for transit riders
- Making transit safer by expanding Community Crisis Workers across the transit system

We urge you to approve this increase in the Municipal Land Transfer Tax rates for luxury home purchases to fund better transit and an affordable city for all.

Thank you,

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