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TO: Infrastructure and Environment <iec@toronto.ca>

RE: Give Transit the Green Light - Re: IE20.3

Dear members of the Infrastructure and Environment Committee and my City Councillor,

Fast, reliable, and accessible public transit is the key to tackling congestion. When the $12.6 billion Eglinton Crosstown and $2.5+ billion Finch West LRTs finally open after years of delay, transit riders expect them to be as fast and reliable as possible.

That's why I was surprised to learn that these rapid transit lines will be stuck waiting at red lights in traffic. Waiting at red lights will be built into their schedules, because Toronto is not using Active Transit Signal Priority.

Please give transit the green light by implementing active signal priority on the Eglinton Crosstown and Finch West LRTs. This means that when a transit vehicle approaches an intersection, a green light will get extended or a red light will be shortened, so that waiting times at traffic lights are minimized. For example, when active transit signal priority was added to the METRO Green Line in Minneapolis, only 5% of trains stopped at signalized intersections.

I was pleased to read Mayor Chow's letter to this committee, urging enforcement and towing of vehicles that block streetcars. Why should one or two drivers hold up hundreds of transit riders?

Please apply this same principle to the LRT projects that have cost the public billions of dollars. Let's tackle congestion by making transit the better way to get around with more frequent service and priority measures for buses, streetcars, and LRTs.

I was also encouraged to learn in the report before you that Toronto continues to expand its transit signal priority system, with 50 additional locations being upgraded or equipped by the end of this year. Yet despite the technology being available, transit signal priority is not being used to its fullest potential: a limited form of priority is activated only when vehicles fall behind schedule.

I await your response and thanks in advance for your consideration of this issue.

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P.S. Note to the clerk: Please consider this as correspondence about Item 2025.IE20.3: Congestion Management Plan - 2025 Update.

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