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Toronto City Hall

100 Queen Street West
Toronto, ON M5H 2N2

Subject: MM35.15 - Speeding Up Light Rail Transit and Streetcars - by Mayor Olivia Chow, seconded by Councillor Jamaal Myers

Dear Mayor Chow and Members of Toronto City Council,

On behalf of the East Waterfront Community Association, representing residents of East Bayfront and the emerging Waterfront neighbourhoods, this letter expresses full and enthusiastic support for MM35.15 – Speeding Up Light Rail Transit and Streetcars. Faster, more reliable surface transit is essential for our community’s livability, climate goals, and the success of the future Waterfront East LRT.

Our residents already see the benefits of dedicated bus priority lanes on Queens Quay East, which have improved travel times, reliability, and reduced traffic congestion while moving more people in less space due to construction. These measures show what is possible when transit is prioritized over through car traffic and on-street parking.

MM35.15’s directions—stronger transit signal priority, better intersection management, traffic agents at key hotspots, and removal of parking and left turns where needed—directly align with EWCA’s priorities for safety, reliability, climate action, and equitable access to jobs and services. Applying these measures to current routes and future LRT on the East Waterfront will help ensure that major public investments truly work for residents and visitors.

Please accept our best wishes for a safe and happy holiday season.

Sincerely,



Michael Bethke
President, East Waterfront Community Association

cc. Council Members