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Mr. Anson Yuen
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City of Toronto
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Dear Mr. Yuen:

Between March 14 and April 6, 2017, I received two Part II Order requests asking that the City of Toronto (City) be required to prepare an individual environmental assessment for the proposed grade separation of Steeles Avenue East and the GO Transit Stouffville Line (Project).

I am taking this opportunity to inform you that I have decided that an individual environmental assessment is not required. This decision was made after giving careful consideration to the issues raised in the request, the Project documentation, the provisions of the Municipal Engineers Association's Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (Class Environmental Assessment), and other relevant matters required to be considered under subsection 16(4) of the *Environmental Assessment Act* (Act).

The reasons for my decision may be found in the attached table. In the interest of transparency, I encourage you to make this letter available to the greater public on the City's website.

With this decision having been made, the City can now proceed with the Project, subject to the conditions I have imposed. The City must ensure the Project is implemented in the manner it was developed and designed, as set out in the Project documentation, and inclusive of all mitigating measures, commitments and environmental and other provisions therein.

Lastly, I would like to ensure that the City understands that failure to comply with the Act, the provisions of the Class Environmental Assessment, and failure to implement

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the Project in the manner described in the planning documents, are contraventions of the Act and may result in prosecution under section 38 of the Act.

I am confident that the City recognizes the importance and value of the Act and will ensure that its requirements and those of the Class Environmental Assessment are satisfied.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a large, stylized loop followed by a horizontal line extending to the right.

Glen Murray
Minister of the Environment and Climate Change

Attachment

c: Requesters

EA File No. 17028
Steeles Avenue East Grade Separation (Toronto)