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Mr. Wayne Emmerson
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Dear Mr. Emmerson:

As you are aware, over the past year, the Government of Ontario has been developing a plan to assume responsibility for Toronto Transit Commission (TTC) subway infrastructure from the City of Toronto. This plan, which is being shaped through ongoing formal engagement and collaboration with officials from the City of Toronto and the TTC, is focused on delivering a more efficient and modern regional transit network, with due recognition of the TTC subway system as a key component of that broader network.

Consistent with the commitment made in the 2019 Ontario Budget to “upload” Toronto subway infrastructure in two phases, our government introduced the *Getting Ontario Moving Act*, which enables the transfer of responsibility for new subway projects – including the priority projects featured in Ontario’s “New Subway Transit Plan for the Greater Toronto and Hamilton Area (GTHA)” – from the City of Toronto to the Province of Ontario. Receiving Royal Assent on June 6, 2019, the *Getting Ontario Moving Act* amends the *Metrolinx Act, 2006*, and grants the Province the ability to prescribe – by regulation – a rapid transit project to be designated as Metrolinx’s “sole responsibility” and part of Metrolinx’s regional transit system.

Effective July 23, 2019, the Ontario Regulation under the *Metrolinx Act, 2006*, titled, “*Interim Measures – Upload of Rapid Transit Projects*” (O. Reg. 248/19), prescribes three landmark initiatives – that is, the Relief Line/Ontario Line, the Scarborough Subway Extension and the Yonge North Subway Extension – as rapid transit projects that are the “sole responsibility” of the Province, through Metrolinx, pursuant to sub-section 46(1) of the *Metrolinx Act, 2006*.

With this regulation now in effect, I have provided Ministerial authorization enabling collaborative work with the City of Toronto, TTC, York Region, and York Region Rapid Transit Corporation (YRRTC) to continue, in alignment with provincial guidance and direction, and as conveyed on my behalf by the “Special Advisor to Cabinet – Transit Upload” and the Deputy Minister of Transportation. Such an approach will ensure that we can move forward without delay to deliver these three regionally-significant projects.

To further support this collaboration, Metrolinx and Infrastructure Ontario will soon be engaging York Region and YRRTC – while simultaneously engaging the City of Toronto and TTC along the same vein – to explore the development of a staff services arrangement, which is intended to leverage the expertise and specialized knowledge of City-/TTC- and Region-/YRRTC retained staff to advance the technical aspects of the Yonge North Subway Extension in an integrated team environment. Any such arrangement developed by the agencies will be reviewed by the various parties, will be subject to provincial approval, and will ensure that clarity and certainty is provided to all impacted municipally-retained staff, especially with respect to the scope of their roles, the reporting/accountability/responsibility structure and the potential for future opportunities.

Finally, to support the implementation of the three prescribed projects comprising Ontario's "New Subway Transit Plan for the GTHA," I and my colleague, the Minister of Infrastructure, the Honourable Laurie Scott, will be issuing direction to Metrolinx and Infrastructure Ontario. This direction will identify and delineate the agencies' respective roles and responsibilities in project delivery, and will govern the ongoing integrated nature of their work, including with respect to the continued engagement with York Region, YRRTC and other municipal partners and agencies.

My colleague, Associate Minister of Transportation (GTA), Kinga Surma, and I look forward to an open dialogue with you and the mayors of the region. Our objective is that our respective governments can finalize an arrangement to deliver the Province's "New Subway Transit Plan for the GTHA." To that end, I also look forward to working together to get transit built in the City of Toronto, York Region and the broader GTHA.

Sincerely,



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Minister of Transportation

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