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Dear Municipal Partner,

RE: Transit Oriented Development, Market Driven Approach

On Monday, Jeff Yurek, Minister of Transportation addressed the Economic Club of Canada to announce that Metrolinx has been asked to assess the status of transit projects and determine the feasibility of applying a market driven approach to delivering transit infrastructure, starting with new GO stations. This means that the current delivery process and Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for new GO stations will be stopped while we work with our municipal and development partners to determine where there are opportunities for third party investment in the delivery of these stations.

Metrolinx has consistently planned for the integration of transit and land-use, and this new approach is an exciting opportunity to move this plan forward with each new GO station. Not only can this approach save tax dollars and exponentially grow transit ridership, it will create and leverage the true value of transit and deliver much more than just transit stations; it will deliver local integrated built environments that offer the services people want at the doorstep of where people will live, work and play.

Metrolinx believes there is strong market demand for this approach. We also recognize that there are many models and implementation options. We are acting quickly to develop a stations delivery policy and look forward to reviewing this with you in the near future. In the meantime, as we work through the details, the in-market RFQ for Outside Toronto Stations (Innisfill, Kirby, Mulock, and Breslau) and for Toronto Stations (Finch, Lawrence, Gerrard, Liberty Village, St. Clair, and Bloor) will be removed from the procurement process. That cancellation notice will be sent shortly.

As always, Metrolinx will continue to provide our best advice to the government through the business case lifecycle for all major transit projects, based on thorough evidence-based evaluation of transit project benefits and costs. That commitment remains unchanged. This new approach does not affect the government's decision-making prerogative to fund or build transit infrastructure, including new stations.

We look forward to our continued work with the Province, with you and all municipalities and third parties on a transit oriented development, market driven approach. Together we can support a stronger local economy with benefits for the whole region while creating the new and seamlessly connected communities we have long envisioned.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact Michael Norton, Director, Business Strategy and Land Development at 416-202-3576 or Michael.Norton@metrolinx.com.

Stay Well,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'P. Verster', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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