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**Dedicated Bus Lane Recommended by TTC to Replace SRT  
 Commitment is now needed for Elevated New Linear Park and Active Transportation Corridor**

Toronto, ON – The Toronto Transit Commission, today released a report recommending an interim solution to address the closure of the Scarborough RT in 2023, leaving a transit gap due to the Province’s delivery of the Scarborough Subway Extension (SSE), in 2030. [The report named Line 3 Bus Replacement Study Final Recommendations](#), recommends a dedicated bus lane be built to accommodate transit riders.

Councillor Ainslie continues to be disappointed the closure of the Scarborough RT will not be seamless with the opening of the Scarborough Subway Extension as previously planned.

Councillor Ainslie’s chief concerns:

1. How will the City of Toronto finance such an expensive project?
2. Will we have money to pay for all the buses the TTC will need?
3. What capital projects will be pushed off if the province/Metrolinx does not pay its fair share of the project?

“I support the recommendations announced today to implement a dedicated bus service to ensure residents receive uninterrupted service. The dedicated bus corridor also compliments my vision to build an elevated linear park and active transportation corridor upon decommissioning of the SRT”

“My Hope is to repurpose the dedicated bus right of way, when it is no longer required, upon the opening of the SSE. Continued Councillor Ainslie. “We will then be able to further build incorporating a New York City version of the Highline, here in Scarborough”.

Earlier this year the Toronto City Council adopted Councillor Ainslie’s recommendations to explore the feasibility of adaptive reuse of the existing above grade track into a linear park, much like “The High Line” in New York City. The existing 6.4km path could link McCowan Station at the eastern terminus, to Kennedy Station at the western.

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