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The Honourable John McKay Member of Parliament for Scarborough - Guildwood 3785 Kingston Road, Suite 10 Scarborough, Ontario M1J 3H4

Dear John,

I am writing today to extend my thanks for municipal support outlined in the 2017 federal budget, and to ask for your help in moving these projects to the next step by getting the Province of Ontario to provide matching funds.

The federal announcement on Phase 2 transit funding in the amount of \$20.1 billion over the next 11 years, with an allocation based largely on ridership, was most welcome. Similarly, the \$11.2 billion investment to build, renew and repair affordable housing is one that will benefit the City of Toronto greatly.

With a City as large and diverse as Toronto, our work is never done. With the upcoming Ontario budget, we want to ensure that the City of Toronto is able to access and expand on the opportunities that the federal budget is now willing to help fund.

I am asking you to join our appeal to the Provincial government in asking them to match the federal funds provided for each program. Without a strong tri-lateral partnership on each and every one of these much-needed projects, we cannot expect that they will be able to move forward in a timely matter. Some provinces in the country have already recognized the need for this tri-lateral partnership, and have announced they will match federal dollars in their budgets.

Here is a list of priority projects from Toronto City Council that would benefit from provincial funds matching federal contributions:

SmartTrack (including Eglinton West LRT)	\$3.72 billion
Relief Line	\$6.80 billion
Eglinton East LRT	\$1.58 - \$1.67 billion
Waterfront Transit Network	\$1.50 billion
TCH Capital Renewal (federal and provincial share)	\$1.7 billion
Maintain existing levels of funding and reinvest savings from expiring Social Housing Agreements	\$1.4 billion
Affordable Rental Housing	\$1.5 billion
Affordable Ownership Housing	\$200 million
Moss Park Redevelopment	\$125 million
George Street Revitalization	\$562 million
Port Lands Flood Protection	\$1.25 billion
F. G. Gardiner Expressway Rehabilitation	\$3.60 billion

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

I look forward to a positive working relationship where all three levels of government are ready to move forward with these many important projects.

Sincerely,



Toronto City Councillor

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