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Mr. Rick Leary
Chief Executive Officer, Toronto Transit Commission
1900 Yonge Street,
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Re: Elimination of the Beachell Street bus stop, RapidTO project on Eglinton Avenue East

Dear Mr. Leary,

I am writing to request your assistance with a community concern brought to my attention, regarding the elimination of the Beachell Street bus stop when Eglinton Avenue East bus-only lane is implemented.

My constituents are thrilled to witness the implementation of Eglinton Avenue East priority bus-only lane in coming months on Eglinton East corridor. This will improve access and mobility for the Scarborough-Guildwood residents by providing fast and reliable connections to the city-wide transit network of subways, other bus routes, and GO Transit stations.

I am fully aware that the Eglinton Avenue East priority bus-only lane was highly influenced by the LRT template for Eglinton East LRT. The template recommends the stop distances of 400m - 600m to ensure a high degree of travel reliability for customers. Since the priority bus-only lane will mimic this concept and according to this template the stop at Beachell St will be eliminated. I understand the remaining stop network will maintain the surrounding stops at Mason Road and Markham Road with a stop distance of approximately 525m. However, frequent users of the Beachell St bus stop have raised concerns about the impact the removal of this bus stop will have on their daily commute and the inconvenience this will cause. The bus stop removal will create a longer commute for families and those with mobility issues as they would have to go further to catch a bus. The bus-only lane is expected to reduce transit travel time on average between two to five minutes per trip, however removing this bus stop will result in higher commute times for the residents of Beachell St.

By means of this letter, I would personally like to request we work together to address residents' concerns and include the Beachell St bus stop in the Eglinton Avenue East priority bus-only lane project. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at councillor_ainslie@toronto.ca or 416-392-4008.

Sincerely,

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