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Salma Zahid, M.P.
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Toronto, ON M1R 5G9

Re: Provincial and Federal funding for the Eglinton East Light Rail Transit (EELRT)

Dear Salma,

I am writing to you today as a fellow elected representative for Scarborough, asking for your support in making Scarborough a transit priority. The City of Toronto needs your support to see your Federal government join the City of Toronto in our financial commitment to fund the Eglinton East LRT. This will bring modern, rapid public transit to the communities we represent.

On February 18, 2020, Toronto City Council unanimously supported Mayor John Tory's motion to commit \$1.238 Billion in funding towards the cost of the East Eglinton Light Rail Transit (EELRT) project. The City of Toronto needs the Province of Ontario, and the Federal government to make a financial commitment towards a fully funded Eglinton East Light Rail Transit project. The budget for the project currently stands at \$4.2 billion.

The City of Toronto does not have the capacity to undertake such a massive transportation project such as this, funded solely by municipal property taxes.

With the support of the Provincial and Federal governments, construction could begin as early as 2024, and be completed in 4-6 years. Tens of thousands of residents would make use of this transit line daily.... including many who live in designated Neighbourhood Improvement Areas. People all along the proposed route rely on public transit as their primary means to get to work, grocery shopping, and school.

Together, we can build the Eglinton East LRT, and continue to make the Scarborough area a better place for everyone!

I look forward to your support. Please feel free to contact me at your convenience as we move this project closer to reality!

All my Best,

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