

August 18, 2014

To: Chair and Members
Toronto Transit Commission

Re: Item 17 - Opportunities to improve transit service in Toronto

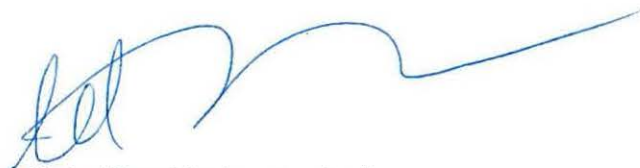
I have been meeting with a group of students who are studying public policies and the impact which they have on gender equity. Transportation and transit policies and services were among the top issues identified by these students as areas which directly affect people's abilities to engage fully in society.

The proposals that have been put forward are welcome remedies to the barriers which the student work group identified.

The students observed the following:

- Women make **multiple** daytime trips as they are often responsible for shopping, taking children to school or medical appointments or assisting elderly relatives.
- The rush hour service does not provide as much benefit to women who are juggling family responsibilities in addition to their employment. Women in this situation have different patterns of transit use.

I offer these observations in support of the recommendations to the Commission.



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