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Dear Mr. Murray and Mr. Leary:

We appreciated yesterday's productive Steering Committee meeting. Pursuant to the meeting, we wanted to follow-up to clarify specific references in our letter to you, dated March 22, 2019.

- First, as an overarching comment, and as was mentioned during yesterday's meeting, the purpose of our letter was to provide clear statements of provincial intent vis-à-vis our priority transit expansion projects. We understood that it was our shared opinion that such statements were helpful in constructively advancing the dialogue under the joint Terms of Reference (ToR) for the "Ontario-Toronto Realignment of Transit Responsibilities Review."
- We are seeking to continue our discussions with you, on an accelerated basis, with respect to how transit responsibilities for the priority expansion projects may be distributed between the orders of government. We have, we believe, collectively recognized that these conversations must proceed apace, in order that we might get on with delivering much-needed transit infrastructure in Toronto. Our statements in the letter of March 22, 2019 reflect our sense of urgency, but should not be taken as being suggestive of changes to the process agreed under the ToR.
- Notwithstanding the above, we would reiterate that, with major financial commitments by the Government of Ontario will come the expectation that the province will have a leadership role in the planning, design, and delivery of these projects.
- We believe the next step in the process is for provincial officials to provide further details regarding the province's preferred approach to designing and implementing our priority transit expansion projects. To that end, we would suggest convening a meeting with senior city/TTC staff during the week of April 1, 2019. Before we do so, we require your assurance, given the associated commercial sensitivities, that this information will be protected under the confidentiality provisions of the Toronto-Ontario Cooperation and Consultation Agreement (TOCCA), consistent with the ToR.
- We acknowledge, in light of the helpful clarification you provided at our Steering Committee meeting, that the city's/TTC's revised project cost estimates for the Relief Line South and Scarborough Subway Extension projects represent estimates in anticipation of formal work that will reflect greater specificity in design. We accept that the actual budget figures remain to be determined, and we appreciate that the city/TTC is committed to providing to the province the revised cost estimates for these projects, which will serve as key inputs to inform our joint discussions related to potential funding.


- Finally, in terms of the rundown of priority project design/delivery incongruencies outlined in our letter, we wanted to highlight the following:
 - With respect to the Scarborough Subway Extension, we recognize that the city/TTC and province share the intention for a station to be located at Scarborough Centre. However, under the province's preferred three-stop extension of Line 2, the project would proceed northward from the station at Scarborough Centre.
 - With respect to the Eglinton West Extension, we recognize that tunnelling options for the project have been considered as part of previous assessment, but that these options are not preferred by the city/TTC.
 - With respect to the Relief Line South, we recognize that the city/TTC is contemplating a different technology for the project than that currently deployed for Line 2.

We trust that the above provides further clarity, consistent with the conversation during our meeting on March 25, 2019. We look forward to confirming with you our collective next steps, and to continuing the productive dialogue.

Sincerely,



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