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York South - Weston

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The Honourable Harinder Takhar, MPP
Minister of Transportation
3rd Floor, Ferguson Block
77 Wellesley Street West
Toronto, ON M7A 1Z8

RE: Georgetown Corridor Rail Expansion

Dear Minister:

GO Transit is currently conducting a Class Environmental Assessment and a Federal Environmental Assessment as part of the Georgetown Corridor Rail Expansion.

The rail corridor under study cuts through my riding, and through the heart of the Weston community where residents have a strong sense of belonging.

Weston predates the City of Toronto. Every year, the Weston Santa Claus Parade attracts over ten thousand viewers from across the city – eclipsed only by the parade held in the downtown core. The community boasts a thriving arts community, which includes modern theatre to the classical sounds of the Weston Silver Band.

Weston Collegiate is the second oldest secondary school in Toronto and offers an International Baccalaureate that facilitates entry into the finest of universities.

The Humber River, which runs through the community, has been specially designated by Heritage Canada as having contributed to the economic and historical growth of Canada.

Weston is a thriving community and we need to ensure it remains that way. Whichever options are being considered to improve the corridor, the integrity of the Weston community must be considered as paramount. Community safety, quality of life, and local economic activity must be the chief considerations as this assessment unfolds.

I look forward to working with you and GO Transit to ensuring that Weston remains a strong and vibrant place in which to live.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joe Cordiano".

Joe Cordiano, MPP
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