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Councillor Frances Nunziata  
Chair, Etobicoke – York Community Council  
Toronto City Council  
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Dear Councillor Nunziata:

Thank you for your letter of August 15, 2005 requesting a meeting with me to discuss the Environmental Assessment (EA) for the proposed Air Rail Link between Pearson Airport and Union Station. I apologize for not replying sooner.

I understand your interest in the EA process for this important project, and I appreciate your request to meet with me. While my schedule is heavily committed and I cannot accommodate a meeting with you at this time to discuss these matters, I encourage your office to contact Mr. Jim O'Mara, Director of the ministry's Environmental Assessment and Approvals Branch, to set up a meeting. Mr. O'Mara and his staff will be administering the EA process for this project, and he can be reached at 416-314-7288.

At this time, the ministry does not have a formal submission for this project. The first phase of the EA will include the preparation and submission of a Terms of Reference (ToR). There will be opportunities for a public consultation to occur during the preparation of the ToR and throughout the EA process. Once the ToR has been submitted to the ministry, there is a 30-day public and agency comment period.

Thank you, again, for writing to me about these issues, and please accept my best wishes.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Laurel Broten".

Laurel C. Broten  
Minister of the Environment

