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Mr. Mike D. Sullivan
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Dear Mr. Sullivan:

Thank you for your recent e-mail to the Honourable Harinder Takhar, Minister of Transportation, in which you requested information about the proposed Air Rail Link between Union Station and Pearson International Airport. I am responding on behalf of the Minister.

As you are aware, an Individual Environmental Assessment (IEA) is being conducted for the Georgetown South rail corridor, including the proposed Air Rail Link service, to examine:

- Proposed infrastructure improvements to the Georgetown South rail corridor to meet increasing demands for GO Transit service between Halton and Peel regions and the City of Toronto;
- Alternatives for an Express Transportation Link between Union Station and Pearson International Airport, both within and outside of the Georgetown South rail corridor, including the proposed Air Rail Link.

Public participation is an integral part of this study. The project team overseeing the Individual Environmental Assessment on behalf of GO Transit and the Ontario government will review and assess any public concerns throughout this process.

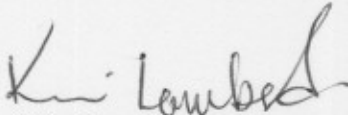
As you know, as part of the Individual Environmental Assessment study, a public liaison committee, of which I understand you are a member, has been formed to incorporate input from residents, businesses and other stakeholders. This committee will be involved throughout the study and will include representatives from community associations, neighbourhoods, businesses and tourism groups.

You may also be aware that for up-to-date information on the study, please visit www.georgetownpearsonstudy.ca. A newsletter, published in the Toronto Star on Wednesday April 5, 2006, is also available on this website and at local libraries.

With respect to your question about funding, any consideration of the final funding required for this project is premature, given that the Individual Environmental Assessment has just begun and the planning alternatives to be considered through the process, have not been determined yet.

Thank you once again for your e-mail. I hope you find this information useful.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Kim Lambert". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Kim" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Lambert".

Kim Lambert
Director

- c: Honourable Joe Cordiano, MPP, York South-Weston
- His Worship Mayor Miller, City of Toronto
- Frances Nunziata, Councillor, City of Toronto
- Rod McPhail, Director, Transportation Planning, City of Toronto