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RE: Relief Line Project Assessment: Phases 1A-4

Dear Mr. Laspa,

This letter from the Leaside Property Owners' Association Inc. is a follow up to a conversation between Geoff Kettel and yourself at the April 10 Public Meeting for this Project.

While we agree with the concept and support the study to develop a plan to implement a Relief Line for the Yonge Line, our Association is concerned that the Relief Line Project Assessment Study Area (Figure 2) is limited (on the east side) to an area between the Lakeshore (north of the Portlands) and just north of the Danforth. While the current plan is to move forward on a project that connects the Bloor-Danforth line in the east to the Yonge-University line in the south in order to relieve congestion on the Yonge line, it is apparent that this must be just the first stage of a larger project to connect to Eglinton, and ultimately to the Sheppard line.

The choice of route south of Danforth will need to be influenced by the route north of the Danforth. It is accepted wisdom that the route north will involve Don Mills Road and likely Overlea Boulevard, but the specific route between Don Mills Road and the Danforth is much less apparent. During the earlier Transit City Project planning we recall a number of alternatives being considered (including Broadview, Pape, and Donlands).

In summary, we strongly recommend that the Project Terms of Reference include planning consideration for the proposed route of the Relief Line extension in the area north of Danforth, at least up to Overlea Boulevard. If this is not done we fear the potential for a costly mistake that will be difficult or impossible to correct.

We trust that the logic of this concern is immediately obvious.

Yours faithfully,

Geoff Kettel and Carol Burtin-Fripp
Co-Presidents

c.c. Councillor John Parker
Councillor Jaye Robinson
Councillor Denzil Minnan-Wong
Councillor Mary Fragedakis
Councillor Janet Davis
Councillor Mary-Margaret McMahon