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Dear Mr. Wright,

We are pleased to have the opportunity to provide feedback on a number of items before the Board at your September 14, 2018 meeting.

First, congratulations on being appointed Chair of the Metrolinx Board. Fight Gridlock in Brampton is a Brampton-based group of residents who volunteer to advocate for more rapid transit investment, transit service improvements, and active transportation for our city.

We've reviewed the agenda package for the meeting and provide the following comments:

Item No. 8 RTP/"Making it Happen" Update, page 5

"Strategic passenger & freight rail: A Quality Based Selection (QBS) tender was released in June 2018 to study options for journey time and service frequency improvements on the Kitchener Corridor. Some of these options anticipate the construction of a freight bypass to facilitate the separation of passenger and freight rail traffic on the Halton Subdivision."

It's encouraging to hear that progress is being made for more GO train service west of Bramalea Station. We continue to encourage Metrolinx, CN Rail, the Province, the Federal government, and the City of Brampton to work collaboratively on increasing capacity and service.

Item No. 12 Quarterly Reports, 12.4 Capital Projects

Page 2 - it's always helpful to see Table 1: Program Overview which outlines the budget - including the \$2.25B for the Kitchener Bypass - of the Metrolinx Capital projects.

Page 3 - Hurontario LRT - it's great to hear the RFP is "in-market" and we hope a decision and the awarding of the contract can be done soon.

Page 7 - Highway 401/409 Tunnel - this is an important project for the Kitchener Line and we're pleased to read that design is nearing 60% completion. Also on this page, there is a reference made to work taking place at the Bramalea GO Station. We sincerely hope that active transportation is being taking into consideration for the Bramalea Station revitalization. Particularly, people walking and cycling from the streets fronting the property should have a safe and dedicated way to get to the station building. Please pass this comment to the design team.

Page 9 - Kitchener Extension - our feedback is that we think this heading should be called the "Freight Bypass for the Kitchener Line" in the future to add clarity.

Also, it's great to hear that 12-coach trains will finally be added to the Kitchener Line. Our observation is that ridership is increasing on the Kitchener Line and 12-coach trains are very much needed.

Thank you to Metrolinx staff for all their hard work at expanding transit for our region and for Brampton.

- Members of Fight Gridlock in Brampton

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