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Bruce McCuaig, CEO

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In regards to the upcoming Board of Directors meeting Thursday December 8th, 2016

RE: Answering to the Community: The Davenport Diamond Overpass

Dear Mr. McCuaig, Chairman and Board of Directors members,

Thank you for taking the time to discuss the Davenport Diamond Overpass, a project planned for my community in Davenport, at your board meeting. As you have expressed a high value in making GTA communities a better place to live through your projects, I hope you find this letter helpful for your continuing efforts.

Metrolinx has stated plans to build a 1.5km, 3-storey concrete overpass through the heart of my residential community, in many cases, mere metres from people's homes.

I appreciate that your agency has visited several times to communicate ideas of how the overpass will be built so that it will fit into the community. However the lack of firm commitment or follow up in planning for your ideas is worrisome and leaves doubt as to the extent to which any of them will come to fruition.

Your commitment to sound planning for the Overpass needs to be demonstrated through:

1. **developing a comprehensive vision** with a separate budget for public realm improvements and a design competition;
2. **addressing noise, vibration, and safety issues and concerns** to the community's satisfaction;
3. **creating a multi-modal station at Bloor**; despite the commitment of Metrolinx and the City to move ahead with a local GO station at Bloor and Lansdowne, there has not yet been a commitment to include an extension of the proposed Davenport Diamond railpath to connect to this station and points further south.
4. **establishing cycling and walking connections throughout** including connections to the West Toronto Railpath, the Green Line, and an elevated connection to Earls Court Park;
5. **devising a long-term maintenance plan and an endowment fund for community programming** in conjunction with the community and City;
6. **resolving concerns relating to Dupont St**;
7. **providing the community with a date commitment to electrify the corridor and a guarantee that no more than the proposed 36 trains per day will be in use until electric trains are operational on the corridor.**

In order to express our concerns a coalition of community organizations in the Davenport community came together with our local City Councillor Ana Bailao to petition the province in June of this year.

Yet, since June, we have seen little by way of meaningful commitments to address any of these issues. The majority of concerns remain far from sufficiently addressed to merit moving forward with the project, and they must be resolved before the community will be able to feel any measure of confidence in this project.

I ask you, Mr. McCuaig, Chairman and Board Members, to carefully consider these concerns as you examine the Davenport Diamond proposal.

Respectfully,

Hema Vyas
Resident of Davenport