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Dear Royal Orchard Ratepayer's Association:

Thank you for your letter to the premier regarding the Yonge North Subway Extension. I appreciate you sharing your concerns and the opportunity to respond.

As you are aware, on March 18, 2021, Metrolinx released the Initial Business Case (IBC) for the Yonge North Subway Extension, which includes the potential route alignment for the extension. This potential alignment provides the greatest amount of benefits and avoids tunnelling under Holy Cross Cemetery, reducing the need for complex, time consuming and costly construction.

The people of Toronto and York Region deserve access to a fast, safe and reliable transit network to get them where they need to go. While the project will run as part of the existing TTC network and be accessed by a TTC fare, the province will own and be accountable for the Yonge North Subway Extension. This will also include ensuring the extension is well maintained.

Metrolinx and the province will continue to work to better understand potential impacts as the referenced alignment is advanced through further design stages. This includes preparing an addendum to the existing environmental assessment (EA) that will cover off any changes to existing conditions since that EA was completed and evaluate the updated route. As we do, we are committed to engaging with the local community in order to understand and address community needs and priorities.

The Yonge North Subway Extension is part of one of the largest subway infrastructure projects in Ontario's history. The province signed Preliminary Agreements with the City of Toronto and York Region in 2020 to ensure that the province, the City of Toronto and York Region continue to collaborate to successfully deliver on Premier Ford's historic "New Subway Transit Plan for the Greater Toronto Area". By working in partnership, we will be able to expand the subway system and maintain it at the same time. We will also continue to work in good faith with both York Region and the City of Toronto as these projects, including the Yonge North Subway Extension, progress through the planning and construction stages.

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We understand and appreciate the impacts that project construction will have on residents of Royal Orchard and other communities. Metrolinx is committed to identifying and addressing any noise and vibration impacts as well as to studying possible ways to mitigate these disruptions. For example, modern, innovative tunneling technology is available to help minimize impacts through construction and operations, and tunnels are proposed to be built at a depth where there would be no direct impact on the homes above.

Metrolinx will also help residents and businesses through construction by offering supports to help reduce and manage impacts to the communities. This strategy will be tailored to support local community needs and concerns and will be informed by input and engagement with residents.

Please know that these plans are not finalized and communities will continue to be consulted. Residents will be kept informed through virtual open houses, letters, fliers and other forms of written communication as project work continues.

If you have any additional questions, concerns or feedback please do not hesitate to contact Metrolinx at [YongeSubwayExt@metrolinx.com](mailto:YongeSubwayExt@metrolinx.com).

Thank you again for sharing your concerns.

Sincerely,



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Minister of Transportation

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