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York South-Weston

Hon. Glen Murray, Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure
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April 10th, 2013

Re; UP Express and Accelerated Construction Schedule of the Weston Tunnel

Dear Minister Murray,

I would like to start by recognizing that there have been many positive changes made to the UP Express Air Rail Link that will benefit my community of York South-Weston in the future, but I feel that they have shown exceptional patience with a process that has given rise to many local concerns, including the mud and dust that is repeatedly covering their streets and homes.

The most recent cause for concern was a notice received by the community on Friday April 5th informing them that the hours for work on the Weston Tunnel would be extended into the evening and on weekends. This work then began on Monday.

Along with Councillor Nunziata, I called a public meeting which was held on Tuesday April 9th, 2013, and my constituents expressed serious concerns regarding this accelerated construction schedule for the Weston Tunnel being proposed by Metrolinx for spring and summer of this year.

My community has spoken loud and clear, and neither I nor the other elected officials in York South-Weston supports this decision by Metrolinx. Crews working until 11pm in the evening during the week and from 7am to 7pm on weekends will be extremely disruptive to the quality of life of residents in the immediate surrounding area. Even when work is of a quieter nature, there is still the issue of large floodlights creating noise pollution that will make sleep incredibly difficult for those who work early in the morning. This is not acceptable to the community.

My job as a Member of Provincial Parliament is to protect my constituents and represent their best interests, and an accelerated construction schedule is simply unacceptable. I would request that you review the

schedule with Metrolinx to see the construction stop at 7pm

I look forward to working with you to find a solution to the community's concerns, and would appreciate an early response as I will be updating the community at the end of this week.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Laura Albanese". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Laura" being larger and more prominent than the last name "Albanese".

Laura Albanese, MPP
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Cc: Bruce McCuaig, President and CEO, Metrolinx
Stephen Lipkus, Executive Director, Georgetown South Project
Frances Nunziata, Ward 11 City Councillor
Mike Sullivan, MP York South-Weston
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