

# SCARBOROUGH TRANSIT **ACTION**

## Leaked TTC memo confirms Scarborough LRT is the best option for Scarborough transit riders

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***Members of Scarborough Transit Action will be available to speak to the media at the Executive Committee meeting on Wednesday, October 26th.***

Monday's Toronto Star article, [The Secret Note that killed an LRT](#), about a leaked TTC memo, indicates City Council did not have the facts when they voted for a one-stop subway over a 24-stop LRT network last July.

"In light of the Star article, our suspicions have been confirmed. We now have proof that the decision to push for a subway extension over an LRT was based on distorted facts and figures with little regard for the needs of transit riders", says Vincent Puhakka of Scarborough Transit Action.

Contrary to the TTC memo:

- Construction of Scarborough LRT could have started before 2021, which would have made it a less expensive option than the one-stop subway.

- The maintenance costs of the Scarborough LRT would still be covered by the province in the existing Master Agreement.
- Another increase to the \$3.2 billion one-stop subway cost was imminent, as a decision on the alignment was being delayed to December 2016.

In addition, a Metrolinx conducted cost-benefit analysis that stated: "Subway not a worthwhile use of money", was never released publicly.

"Once and for all, we need to stop this expensive one-stop boondoggle in its tracks and get back to building sensible transit lines for our under-served neighbourhoods in Scarborough and across Toronto. An LRT network, which includes replacing the Scarborough RT with a seven-stop LRT, is still the best option. Not the subway fetishism that plagues the Mayor and his supporters on Council", says Shaun Cleaver of TTCriders.

"In the face of this new information, no one on the Mayor's Executive Committee can claim they are concerned about transit equity for Scarborough. Unless these errors in judgment are addressed, they will have knowingly opted for the most costly option that serves the least number of transit riders. That's just wrong", says Alison Read, resident Scarborough East, Ward 43.