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## **Let's Get Scarborough Moving – Use the New Money to Build the Eglinton East LRT Now!**

Scarborough Transit Action, Scarborough's grass roots transit advocacy group and Scarborough Residents Unite today called on Mayor Tory to build the Eglinton East LRT (EELRT) immediately.

“With the welcome news of new money for transit from the Ontario and federal governments, there is no excuse for Mayor Tory to further delay this vitally important, nearly shovel-ready link to south east Scarborough” said Brenda Thompson. “And students attending Centennial and UofT Scarborough would have better options for their daily commute.”

There is approximately \$7 billion in new funding. Of the \$4.89 billion announced by the federal government \$660 million for the one-stop Scarborough subway extension (SSE) and \$1.24 billion for SmartTrack had been previously earmarked. The city has already budgeted \$3.56 billion for transit in Scarborough but the SSE has grabbed nearly all of this amount. The SSE won't be running until late 2026 at the earliest. But the city's

background analysis of the EELRT says it could be built and running in four years and would cost just \$1.6 billion, or \$2.2 billion if extended to Malvern.

“Scarborough is home to some of the highest child poverty statistics in Canada. Our young people need the jobs and training that publicly building, running and maintaining this line could provide” said Joy Robertson of Scarborough Residents Unite. “And, as the city’s analysis shows, it would increase development along its route, helping to stabilize and build up priority neighbourhoods. Utilizing most of the funding to build a one-stop subway ahead of the 24 stop EELRT suggests to us a lack of sense of urgency to address poverty and the productive needs of our young people. It is very shameful to force Scarborough residents to wait until after the one-stop subway is built. Build it now!”