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RE: Continuing the GO-TTC co-fare program

Dear Minister of Transportation Caroline Mulroney and Metrolinx Board of Directors,

We are writing to ask you to continue funding the popular GO-TTC co-fare program. If the program is discontinued as planned on March 31, 2020, transit will become more expensive and fewer people will use it. The average commuter using GO and TTC will pay \$780 more per year.

The Metrolinx 2041 Regional Transportation Plan indicates that the integration of fares and services have much potential for increased ridership across municipal borders. Metrolinx stated that existing double-fare walls in the region lead to people driving, getting dropped off at municipal boundaries or being deprived of educational or employment opportunities.

In January 2019, GO buses stopped coming to the York University Keele Campus. Commuters must now pay an additional TTC fare to ride two stops from the 407 Station to York University. The end of the GO-TTC co-fare discount program will add \$1.50 per trip, or \$780 per year, and make it more difficult for staff and students to travel to York University.

We urge your Ministry and Metrolinx to reconsider your decision to end the TTC-GO co-fare discount program. We also support exploring a broader program to integrate fares and service across the GHTA, such as a two-hour transfer between the TTC and bordering GTA agencies, and one flat fare for all trips within Toronto.

Sincerely,

Agincourt Village Community Association
Amalgamated Transit Union - Canada
Amalgamated Transit Union - Local 113
Humber Bay Shores Residents' Association
Keep York Moving
Mimico Lakeshore Community Network
MPP Jessica Bell, Official Opposition Transit Critic

New Toronto-Lakeshore Village Residents Association
South Etobicoke Transit Action Committee
TTCriders
York Federation of Students
York University Graduate Students' Association
York University Staff Association

CC:

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