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Mr. Mike Sullivan Resident of Weston Member Weston Community Coalition

Dear Mr. Sullivan:

## Subject: Delegation to the GO Transit Board – April 8, 2005

In response to the unanswered questions contained in your undated, written submission to the GO Transit Board that were articulated during your verbal presentation to the April 8 Board Meeting, GO Transit provides the following comments:

**Question:** I would therefore request that GO Transit undertake to answer the questions of the Community, raised at the April 4 and other meetings, in writing, prior to the PIC, and distribute same to the public in the community.

**Response:** All questions were answered in writing prior to the PIC of 28 April, 2005 and were communicated to the public at the 28 April, 2005 meeting.

**Question:** I request that GO Transit clearly identify other "concept" alternatives to the current concept and distibute same in advance of the public meeting.

**Response:** The "concepts" were in effect eliminated as impractical through the private sector bidding process undertaken by Transport Canada during the Federal selection of the current Air Rail Link proposal. Nevertheless, GO Transit has committed to review and present all the alternatives, as requested, as part of the on-going Environmental Assessment process at the next PIC.

**Question:** I request that GO Transit pay for the services of an engineer to be retained by the representatives of the community to evaluate the project, and to comment on the viability and efficacy of the proposed solutions to the problem.

**Response:** As part of the environmental assessment process, GO Transit is not in a position to fund the services of an engineer on behalf of the community. The review function is undertaken on behalf of the community by the expert reviewers at the City of Toronto, Ministry of Transportation, Ministry of the Environment, Conservation Authority etc.

Question: I request that GO Transit pay for the services of an environmental legal counsel.

**Response:** GO Transit is not in a position to fund an environmental legal counsel to represent the community. The community's legal rights and GO Transit's obligations are well defined and protected through the Environmental process. The Ministry of the Environment's role is to ensure that the process is fair and that the community's interests are protected.

I trust the above is satisfactory.

Sincerely,

Peter R. Smith, C.M.

Chairman