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Phil Verster
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Dear Mr. Verster,

I am writing to you because of several concerns that have been raised by members of my community about the Davenport Diamond Guideway project.

The first concern is the ongoing issue of loud overnight construction. When I raised this issue previously with you and Minister Mulroney, in two letters and in a community driven petition campaign with over three hundred local signatures, construction on the Davenport Diamond was reduced from 20 hours a day (7am-3am) down to 18 (7am-1am). This is still a very difficult construction schedule for members of my community, who need more than six hours of sleep per night. Our office still receives constant complaints about loud overnight work. On June 4th, my staff wrote to the Toronto West Community Relations team, asking what steps might be considered to solve this issue, and we still have not received a reply. **Can you please let us know what Metrolinx intends to do to solve the issue of incessant overnight construction? Is it not possible to stop construction and clean-up completely by 11pm, so that residents can enjoy an 8 hour break from construction?**

Another issue that is quite concerning is the fact that the Lappin/Antler pedestrian connection, which was supposed to be part of the public realm component of this project, is no longer appearing on presentation decks. We are now hearing from residents that community relations team members are telling them that this piece of the project may not go forward. When my staff raised this in a CLC meeting, he was told that just because something is “on a board doesn’t mean its binding”. **Can you tell us definitely what the status of this connection is?** This public realm improvement was a crucial piece of winning the community's support for this project, and I can tell you that there will be serious anger in the community if this does not move forward. **If this is at risk of not moving forward, can you tell us definitively which other public realm improvements you are considering not implementing?**

I am concerned generally with the possibility that crucial public realm improvements may not be implemented, and I am also concerned about what funding will be available for the ongoing maintenance of the public realm components, and the Guideway in general. **Can you confirm that once Graham’s role in the construction is over, that Metrolinx will look after maintenance? Can you provide specifics about the plan for maintenance, and about the budget allotted to this?**

I would also like to suggest that we meet in person to discuss these issues, and if possible, incorporate a visit to the project site.

I look forward to your response,



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