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Dear Mr. Nagler:

After viewing the information presented at the November 20th PIC, and other relevant information, we believe that it is premature to consider a project like the Parklawn Streetcar loop.

Our initial concern with the project was the impact on parkland as a result of the increased area of the TTC turning loop required to accommodate streetcars. We remain concerned about the erosion of parkland in an area which will see greatly increased residential development in the next few years. However, we are also concerned that this project offers little or no short-term benefit, and may not fit with the long-term transit strategy. The project appears to be justified on the basis that it will create vastly increased ridership on the Lakeshore streetcar line. What it fails to consider is that the streetcar will remain an unattractive route to downtown until serious congestion problems are addressed further east.

The TTC clearly recognizes those problems and is taking steps to address them with the proposed new streetcar line from the CNE loop to Roncesvalles. It is premature to discuss a new turning loop or its location until those line extensions have been finalized. Parklawn may be too far east for a turning loop. If the streetcars are short-turned further west or not at all, it will greatly enhance access from the condominiums in the Humber Bay Shores area to the shopping districts in Mimico & New Toronto.

We are also concerned about the decision making process when the public consultation phase involves discussion of only one option. Clearly there are a variety of other short and long term alternatives, from refurbishing the existing Humber Loop and it's pedestrian access, to not short-turning any streetcars before the Long Branch Loop. We believe it is imperative that the City and the TTC hold a public meeting to learn what the community wants rather than just what people think of *this* proposal. The TTC needs

to clearly articulate what problem it is trying to address, what solutions it is considering, and seek input from the public on the proposed solutions as well as input on other means of addressing the problem. That meeting should be in the form of a presentation followed by public questions, so that there is an open sharing of ideas and concerns. We strongly urge you to hold such a meeting before any decision is made to move forward with this project.

Sincerely

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