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To Whom It May Concern:

We, the Centennial College Student Association Inc. (CCSAI), are writing you today on behalf of the 45,000 Centennial College students we represent to share feedback with the Toronto Transit Commission (TTC) Board regarding the Line 3 Replacement Bus service ahead of your meeting on September 26, 2023.

Students, faculty, and employees from across the Greater Toronto Area travel via public transportation so they can learn, work, and meaningfully participate at Centennial College. While we commute via public transportation to all five of our campuses, commuter culture is particularly pronounced at our Scarborough locations, Progress Campus and Ashtonbee Campus. The closure of the Scarborough RT (Line 3) has compounded pre-existing inefficiencies in Scarborough's transit system, such as infrequent service and over-crowding on buses. We currently suffer from long commutes that often impede our students' and staffs' ability to arrive to campus on time, and the addition of shuttle buses on already congested roads only serves to make our commutes worse.

A subway replacement will not be open until 2030 at the earliest. This translates to 7 years of shuttle bus services that increase traffic congestion, delays, and make our commutes longer. Scarborough deserves fast-tracked solutions to increase our mobility and allow us to fully participate in our lives, education, and employment. Funding a dedicated busway in the decommissioned RT corridor will save riders 10 minutes in each direction and also reduce the operating costs of replacement bus service by \$22.8M over five years.

We ask you to keep Scarborough moving by committing to:

- Full funding of a busway in the Scarborough RT corridor after the line is decommissioned, which will save riders 10 minutes in each direction. Funding for the \$58.6 million cost to construct the busway has not been secured. Converting the decommissioned right-of-way will reduce the operating costs of replacement bus service by \$22.8 million between 2025 - 2030.
- Immediate funding of free TTC-GO transfers within Toronto to unlock more rapid transit options for Scarborough residents. More service is also needed, especially on the Stouffville line.
- Dedicated and ongoing provincial funding for transit operations to reverse service cuts that have disproportionately impacted Scarborough riders and to run Line 3 shuttle bus replacement service (costing \$99.5 million for 2023-2030 time period without a bus right-of-way).

Research shows that robust public transportation creates healthy, green, and socially just communities. We call on you to support evidence-based solutions to improve the service, functionality, safety, and accessibility of the TTC. We call on you to invest in the efficient transit solutions that Scarborough, and the Centennial College community, deserves.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ajané Adams', is written over a horizontal line.

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