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Ms. Judith Witzig
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Dear Ms. Witzig:

Thank you for your revised October 2010 final addendum report for the Change in Subway Construction Tunnel Method at Sheppard West Station Area for the Spadina Subway Extension (Downsview to Steeles Avenue) Environmental Assessment (EA).

Amendments to the EA consists of design changes which shift the Sheppard West Station easterly to integrate with the design and construction of the proposed GO station; minor revisions to the horizontal and vertical alignment; changes in construction methods from cut and cover to tunnelling 400 metres east of CN/GO Bradford Rail line and other design changes.

The amending procedures in the EA allow for modifications to be made. An addendum to the EA is required associated with a change in construction method or a change to the vertical alignment which may result in greater adverse effects. A formal 30-day public and agency review period was provided on the addendum report as is required by the amending procedures.

The addendum report considered any potential environmental effects associated with the change, proposed mitigation and concluded that there were no environmental issues of concern and that the proposed changes do not alter the expected net effects.

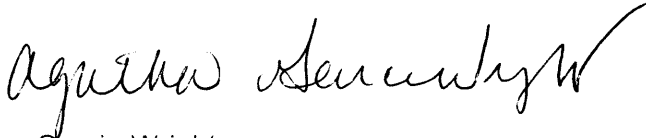
As part of the Toronto Transit Commission's consultation on the proposed changes including the formal public and agency review period, key affected stakeholders/landowners involved included the City of Toronto, Park Downsview Park, GO Transit, CN Rail, the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority, as well as other stakeholders such as utility companies and commercial property owners. The addendum report was modified to address comments received from stakeholders. There are no outstanding concerns which cannot be addressed during the detailed design as provided for in the addendum report.

The ministry is satisfied that the Toronto Transit Commission has addressed the requirements of the amending procedures as outlined in the EA.

It is expected that future annual compliance reports will report on any additional commitments made during the subsequent design phases.

You may now make the EA addendum report available at the applicable municipal clerk's office and the Ministry of the Environment's Central Region Office for the public record.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Agatha Garcia-Wright". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

Agatha Garcia-Wright
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