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Ms. Judith Witzig, Environmental Coordinator
Toronto Transit Commission
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Dear Ms. Witzig:

Thank you for your revised April 12, 2010 final addendum report for the Tower 158 Avoidance Amendment for the subway component in York Region of the Highway 7 Corridor & Vaughan North-South Link Public Transit Improvements Environmental Assessment (EA).

The amendments to the EA consist of design changes which shift a portion of the subway alignment and the Highway 407 subway station to the east to avoid tunneling under a Hydro One transmission tower. This results in the need to revise the relocation and restoration of a portion of the Black Creek east of Jane Street as well as a reduced tunnel depth for the Highway 407 station.

The amending procedures in the EA and in the conditions of approval allow for modifications to be made subject to the preparation of an addendum to the EA and consultation on the changes. The addendum report also considered any potential environmental effects associated with the change, proposed additional mitigation and concluded that there were no environmental issues of concern and that the proposed changes do not alter the expected net effects.

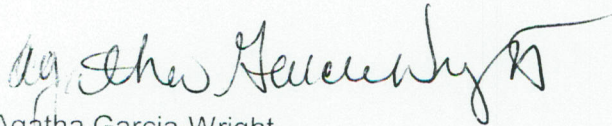
Key affected stakeholders/landowners involved in the consultation about the proposed changes included the Region of York, Ontario Realty Corporation, Toronto and Region Conservation Authority, Ministry of Transportation, Hwy 407 ETR, Hydro One, CN Rail as well as other stakeholders such as the City of Vaughan, the Ministry of Natural Resources and the Beechwood Cemetery. 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.

As such the ministry is satisfied that the Toronto Transit Commission has addressed the requirements of the amending procedures as outlined in the EA and conditions of approval.

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 clerk's offices and the Ministry of the Environment's Central Region Office for the public record.

Yours sincerely,

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Agatha Garcia-Wright
Director
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