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RE: VALUE FOR MONEY AUDIT OF KIRBY AND LAWRENCE EAST GO STATION PROPOSALS/APPROVALS

Dear Auditor General:

As the Ontario PC Critic for Transportation, I'm writing to request that your office conduct a full value for money audit of the recent Ministry of Transportation and Metrolinx approved Kirby and Lawrence East Go station proposals.

Recognizing that the valued work of your office is typically devoted to investigating the "level of service" and "the relative cost-effectiveness of service," that is either ongoing or complete, I am asking for your attention to this issue. In particular, I'm requesting your support ahead of potential expenditures on projects which could fail to deliver value for money, according to the Ministry's own arms-length Metrolinx analysis.

The Metrolinx analysis recommended against approval of these two stations, due to the lack of value for money anticipated through its development. Therefore, I believe it is vital we have all information related to potential impacts for the proposed expenditures of \$100 million (Kirby Station) and \$23 million (Lawrence East) before the projects move ahead.

The Minister of Transportation's office has unfortunately provided very few answers as to why Ministry funded analysis recommending against these projects was overruled.

I remain concerned about the complete lack of transparency related to these potential expenditures. As you well know, this government has a history of massive cost overruns when it comes to infrastructure projects, and your office has played an integral role in bringing this information to the public's attention.

Before any more hard-earned tax dollars are sunk into these projects, taxpayers deserve to know that the money will be spent effectively and efficiently. As such, I'm asking your office to conduct a thorough review of potential spending on these GO stations to allow Ontarians a proper, independent account.

Thank you in advance for your consideration and if you wish to discuss my request in more detail, please don't hesitate to contact my office.

Sincerely,

Michael Harris, MPP,