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Mr. Katch Koch, Clerk
Standing Committee on Estimates
Legislative Assembly of Ontario
99 Wellesley Street West, Room 1405
Whitney Block, Queens Park
Toronto, Ontario M7A 1A2

Dear Mr. Koch:

Subject: Union Pearson Express Ridership

Further to my appearance before the Standing Committee on Estimates on November 20, I am pleased to be able to provide additional information for distribution to the committee regarding the ridership forecast for the Union Pearson Express (UP Express).

UP Express is a new dedicated airport rail service that will be launched in Spring 2015 meeting the need for a quick and reliable service between two of Canada's most important transportation hubs: Union Station and Toronto Pearson International Airport.

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Metrolinx has undertaken ridership forecasting for the UP Express and we will continue to evolve the model as we move closer to launch. Enclosed is a one page executive summary from Steer Davies Gleave on the most recent 2013 ridership forecast. The results are largely consistent with previous forecasts.

As with any new service, it will take some time for ridership to reach mature levels. For UP Express, Metrolinx anticipates that we will see phased ridership growth over the first three years of operations based upon the experience in other transportation services.

Respectfully,

Robert Siddall
Chief Financial Officer