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Mr. Robb H. Minnes
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Dear Mr. Minnes:

Thank you for submitting your Notice of Completion of the Environmental Project Report (EPR) for the 407 Transitway transit project (Project) which is following the transit project assessment process under Ontario Regulation 231/08 – Transit Projects and Greater Toronto Transportation Authority Undertakings (Transit Regulation) on December 23, 2010.

The Ministry of the Environment (MOE) received two objections to the Project related to the proposed location of the GO Barrie Station and the potential negative impact on natural habitat. You were given an opportunity to comment on the objections and the MOE considered your responses. The MOE has completed its review and I wish to inform you that I am of the opinion that the Project will not have a negative impact on matters of provincial importance related to the natural environment or to a cultural heritage value or interest or have a negative impact on a constitutionally protected Aboriginal or treaty right. As such, you may now issue a Statement of Completion to complete the transit project assessment process.

Attached is a signed copy of the Notice to Proceed with the Transit Project issued in accordance with the Transit Regulation.

You are responsible for implementing the Project in accordance with the EPR. Given that you indicated you updated the EPR in specific places in response to certain concerns and posted the EPR on your project web site, I also expect you will be providing revised

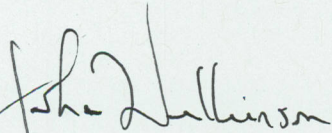
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individual pages of the EPR to all agencies, individuals and public viewing locations which were provided with copies of the EPR previously within 30 days of this notice. Lastly, I would like to ensure that you understand that failure to comply with the provisions of the *Environmental Assessment Act* (EAA) or its regulations is an offence and may result in prosecution under section 38 of the EAA. I am confident that you recognize the importance and value of the EAA and will ensure that the requirements of the EAA and the Transit Regulation are satisfied.

Should you require further assistance please contact Lorna Zappone, Project Officer of the Environmental Assessment and Approvals Branch, at 416-314-7106 or by e-mail at lorna.zappone@ontario.ca.

Sincerely,



John Wilkinson
Minister of the Environment

Attachment

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