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Metrolinx and Transit Receive Funding in Fall Economic Statement

TORONTO (December 13, 2007) – The Government of Ontario’s December 13th Fall Economic Statement announced significant details toward implementing Metrolinx Quick Win recommendations and the province’s MoveOntario 2020 vision.

“This is exceptional as it makes significant, targeted investment announcements for transportation,” said Metrolinx Chair Rob MacIsaac.

“It is the single largest investment announced in today’s Fall Economic Statement. I want to thank the government and Minister Bradley for being so responsive and for making Metrolinx Quick Wins a reality in such short order.”

The ideas proposed by Metrolinx moved from concept to reality in a few short months.

Metrolinx has championed two important elements for a sustainable transportation system: expansion and improved maintenance of the existing system. The Fall Economic Statement fulfills both with funding provided for:

- Nearly \$100 million for Metrolinx Quick Win projects, including a much needed infusion for GO Transit
- A \$500 million program for state of good repair and transit projects

“The Metrolinx Board is looking forward to working with the Minister of Transportation to provide advice on what constitutes state of good repair for the Greater Toronto and Hamilton area,” said MacIsaac.

“Good repair expenditures ensure that we get the best out of our existing assets and use them efficiently, as a platform for expanding transit and transportation across the GTHA.”

This is just the start. This announcement is for 2007-2008 funding, and Metrolinx anticipates that its Quick Win recommendations will be considered during the 2008-2009 budget process.

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