

BACKGROUND

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“EIGHT BIG MOVES”

“The Big Move: Transforming Transportation in the Greater Toronto and Hamilton Area, the draft plan developed by Metrolinx to dramatically improve the region’s transportation system, includes nearly 100 specific actions. Eight of these propose transformational changes to the way we get around:

A fast, frequent and expanded regional rapid transit network

- Build the regional transit network to bring fast, frequent, all-day, two-way express rail service and expanded regional rapid transit service to every part of the GTHA.

A complete walking and cycling network with bike-sharing programs

- Develop an integrated walking and cycling network with bike-sharing programs for major urban centres.

An information system for travellers, where and when they need it

- Create a regional traveller information system that provides travellers with easily accessible, standardized, real-time information by telephone, email or PDA on transportation options.

A region-wide integrated transit fare system

- Implement a smart card fare system that integrates all transit fares across the GTHA.

A system of connected mobility hubs

- Create a system of mobility hubs that connect communities and neighbourhoods to the transportation system.

High-order transit connections to the Pearson Airport district from all directions

- Establish high-order transit connectivity to the Pearson Airport district from all directions, including a fast transit link to downtown Toronto

A comprehensive strategy for goods movement

- Develop a comprehensive strategy for goods movement in the region, including measures to improve logistics, increase the efficiency of truck and rail transportation.

An Investment Strategy to provide stable and predictable funding

- Develop and adopt an Investment Strategy to begin providing stable and predictable funding for the GTHA's transportation system.

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