

BACKGROUND

September 23, 2008

KEY PROJECTS

The Big Move: Transforming Transportation in the Greater Toronto and Hamilton Area, the draft transportation plan previewed today by Metrolinx, includes proposed projects across the region. Key Projects identified in the draft plan include:

- The first subway extensions outside of Toronto, connecting to the Vaughan Corporate Centre and Richmond Hill/Langstaff Gateway, via York University.
- A new rapid transit line along Eglinton Avenue, connecting to an upgraded and extended Scarborough Rapid Transit line, creating a continuous link from Pearson Airport to Scarborough Town Centre and Meadowvale.
- New Hurontario St. rapid transit from Port Credit to downtown Brampton, connecting Port Credit, Cooksville, Mississauga City Centre and downtown Brampton.
- A new north-south transit spine for York Region, providing rapid transit along Yonge Street from Highway 7 to Newmarket.
- Four other significant new east-west rapid transit corridors:
 - In Toronto, a new Finch/Sheppard rapid transit corridor;
 - In York Region, upgrading existing VIVA services to rapid transit to create an east-west spine on Highway 7, connecting with Acceleride to downtown Brampton;
 - In Halton and Peel, rapid transit along Dundas Street, providing direct linkage to the Kipling subway station, and rapid transit along Highway 403 connecting Peel and Halton to the Pearson Airport district; and
 - In Durham Region, rapid transit access for Oshawa, Whitby, Ajax and Pickering along Highway 2 to Toronto.
- Rapid transit expansion in downtown Hamilton from McMaster University to Centennial Parkway.
- Express rail service providing significantly faster and higher capacity service to commuters traveling along the GO Lakeshore line, connecting the downtowns of Hamilton, Burlington, Oakville, Toronto, Pickering and Oshawa.

- Expanded rail service across the region, including:
 - More frequent, two-way, all day regional rail service extended to downtown Milton, Richmond Hill/Langstaff, Markham Centre and Etobicoke Centre.
 - Extension of GO rail service to Bowmanville.
- Expanding the region's expressway network, including extensions to Highways 407, 404, 427 and 410, as identified in the Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe.
- Investing up to \$500 million over 25 years in new walking and cycling infrastructure, creating more than 7,500 kilometres of new dedicated on- and off-road facilities.
- Implementation of an integrated transit fare card, allowing for seamless connections to all transit service providers across the region.
- An on-line information portal providing a single access point for information on transit fares, schedules, cycling networks, traffic congestion, roadwork and other transportation information.

Metrolinx is a Crown agency of the Province of Ontario, operating within the legislative framework of the *Greater Toronto Transportation Authority Act, 2006* and the provincial *Growth Plan*. For more information visit our website www.metrolinx.com.

- 30 -

For more information, please contact:
Jacquie Menezes
Senior Associate, Public Affairs and Media
Metrolinx
Phone: 416-874-5923
Jacquie.Menezes@metrolinx.com
www.metrolinx.com