

BACKGROUND

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DRAFT REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN FACTS & FIGURES

The Greater Toronto and Hamilton Area (GTHA) Population

- The GTHA, comprised of the cities of Hamilton and Toronto, and the four regional municipalities of Durham, Halton, Peel and York, is Canada's fastest growing urban region
- The region's current population is more than six million people
- The GTHA is estimated to be home to 8.6 million people by the year 2031
- From 2001–2006, GTHA and five other urban areas across Canada accounted for two-thirds of Canada's entire population growth
- Ontario's population aged 65 years and older is expected to more than double to 3.5 million in the next 25 years

Trends & Inefficiencies in Our Current System

- 17 per cent of all trips are currently walkable (less than two km in length). Forty per cent of trips are bikeable (less than five km)
- Walking and cycling now account for five per cent of work trips and 32 per cent of school trips across the region
- The average car on GTHA's roads today transports just under 1.2 people per trip
- Between 1986 and 2006 the number of trips made by automobiles grew by 56 per cent (during the same period the population increased by 45 per cent)
- Thirty-six per cent of people in the GTHA do not have a driver's licence
- Union Station is Canada's busiest transportation facility with more than 200,000 passengers moving through it on an average business day

Draft Regional Transportation Plan – Where We Will Be In 25 Years

- The average distance travelled by car each day per person will be 19 km (from 26 km today)
- Seventy-five per cent of people will live within two km of rapid transit (from 42 per cent today)
- GTHA will have approximately 9,000 km of dedicated bicycle lanes—an increase of more than 7,500 km
- There will be 1,650 km of rapid transit service in the region (from 500 km today)

- Approximately 55 per cent of commuters will be able to get to work in 45 minutes or less by transit (from 38 per cent today)
- The average time spent commuting each day per person will decrease from 82 minutes today to 77 minutes
- The number of transit riders during the morning peak period will more than double to 1.1 million. More than 26 per cent of morning rush hour trips will be taken by transit (from 16.5 per cent today)
- More than 12 per cent of morning rush hour trips will be taken by walking or cycling (from 9 per cent today)
- Fifty per cent of school children 11 years of age or older will walk or cycle to school
- The annual greenhouse gas emissions from passenger transportation per person will be reduced from 2.4 tonnes to 1.5 tonnes
- The average private motor vehicle today carries just under 1.2 during the morning rush hour period. Increasing this to 1.4 would take 344,000 vehicles off the roads every rush hour.

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