

NEWS RELEASE

METROLINX LAUNCHES PUBLIC CONSULTATIONS ON *THE BIG MOVE*

TORONTO (October 8, 2008) – Metrolinx is seeking public comment on *The Big Move: Transforming Transportation in the Greater Toronto and Hamilton Area*. The 25-year, \$50 billion plan has been released as a draft, and Metrolinx wants to hear from the public before finalizing the recommendations.

“In order for the plan to work, we need input from the people who actually use the transportation system,” said Metrolinx Chair Rob Maclsaac. “Transportation impacts on every person in the GTHA, and we want to engage as many of them as possible to make sure we get this right.”

Metrolinx will host seven Open House / Public Meetings across the Greater Toronto and Hamilton Area for participants to meet with Metrolinx board members and staff and participate in discussions around proposals in *The Big Move*.

Monday, October 20 – Premiere Convention Centre, Richmond Hill

Tuesday, October 21 – International Centre, Mississauga

Wednesday, October 22 – Metro Toronto Convention Centre, Toronto

Monday, October 27 – Downsview Park, Toronto

Tuesday, October 28 – Heydonshore Pavilion, Whitby

Wednesday, October 29 – Halton Region Auditorium, Oakville

Thursday, October 30 – Hamilton Convention Centre, Hamilton

Each event will begin with an Open House from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., followed by a Public Meeting – including roundtable discussions and interactive exercises – from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. As space is limited at each venue, please register to participate in a public meeting in advance specifying which event you plan to attend in one of the following ways: Register online at www.metrolinx.com (follow the “Public Meetings” links) or send an e-mail to info@metrolinx.com or call 1-866-658-9890. For meeting details including public transit directions visit the [Metrolinx](http://www.metrolinx.com) website.

Metrolinx’s two new documents, the [Draft Regional Transportation Plan \(RTP\)](#) entitled *The Big Move: Transforming Transportation in the Greater Toronto and Hamilton Area* and the [Draft Investment Strategy \(IS\)](#) are posted online and are accessible 24/7 for review and comment by



the public until November 14 at www.metrolinx.com (click on the “*Participate in our online consultations*” button). E-engagement is one of Metrolinx’s popular green initiatives

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