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Province approves Metrolinx 5 in 10 Plan

Metrolinx moves forward with \$770 million purchase of Light Rail Vehicles from Bombardier, creating 4000 direct and indirect jobs, supporting public transit

Metrolinx has received approval of its 5 in 10 Plan, which will see all of the Big 5 transit projects completed over the next 10 years. The Province's approval enables Metrolinx to sign a contract with Bombardier for the purchase of Light Rail Vehicles (LRVs) for use on the new lines.

"We know that the Big 5 transit projects are integral to an economically vibrant and sustainable future for a part of the province which is expected to grow considerably over the coming decades," said Ontario Minister of Transportation, Kathleen Wynne. "The contract between Metrolinx and Bombardier demonstrates our commitment to public transit and job creation. Strategic infrastructure investments, like this, are all part of the McGuinty government's Open Ontario plan to create and support jobs today and build foundations for tomorrow."

Metrolinx's 5 in 10 Plan outlines a structure for building the Big 5 transit projects by 2020 while saving \$4 billion in the first five years from the original timeline. A component of that Plan includes the purchase of 182 LRVs over ten years. These vehicles will serve the four provincially funded Light Rail Transit (LRT) projects in Toronto: the Sheppard East LRT, the Eglinton Crosstown LRT, the Finch LRT and the Scarborough RT replacement/extension.

"Committing to buy these vehicles is a crucial milestone in realizing these four major rapid transit projects in Toronto," said J. Robert S. Prichard, President and CEO of Metrolinx. "We are making good progress on our plan. These vehicles are an essential step toward completing Metrolinx's 5 in 10 Plan and moving us significantly closer to realizing the full economic, social and environmental benefits of the Government's investments in public transit. This partnership is good for Ontario, good for Thunder Bay and good for Toronto, and we are very grateful for the Province's strong financial support which makes it possible."



The contract between Metrolinx and Bombardier is valued at \$770 million, and includes an option to purchase up to 118 additional vehicles to a maximum of 300 LRVs in total. Bombardier's offer was evaluated by an independent consultant to ensure its market competitiveness.

“Bombardier is proud to be part of this very important expansion of public transit in Toronto and greatly appreciates the renewed confidence Metrolinx has placed in us,” said Raymond Bachant, President, Bombardier Transportation, North America. “This order further solidifies our presence in Ontario and highlights Bombardier’s proven state of the art light rail technology, which is available to all cities in North America.”

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