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### **METROLINX IS NEW PROPONENT OF GEORGETOWN LINE** Project to be Evaluated Under Transit EA Process

TORONTO (December 15, 2008) – Metrolinx announces it is the new proponent of the expansion of GO service on the Georgetown GO Line to Etobicoke, Bramalea, Brampton and Georgetown, including a rail link between Union Station and Pearson International Airport. The project will be evaluated under the Transit Environmental Assessment (EA) Process, which is expected to begin spring of 2009.

“I am excited that we are taking on this project – it is an important element of our Regional Transportation Plan. We will review the project and meet with people to get their views before we begin a transit environmental assessment process,” said Rob MacIsaac, Chair of Metrolinx.

Building on previous studies, Metrolinx will present a revised project plan in the New Year. All interested parties will have opportunities to comment on service improvements for travellers on the Georgetown Line and to the airport.

“GO trains on the Georgetown South rail corridor are at capacity. We need more frequent rail service to meet the demands for public transit,” said GO Transit Board Chairman Peter Smith.

Metrolinx is managing the EA portion of the project and [GO Transit](#) will provide expertise in rail service planning, in consultation with its transportation partners: CN, CP, VIA Rail, City of Toronto and the Greater Toronto Airports Authority.

The Georgetown expansion is part of the GO Transit Rail Improvement Program ([GO TRIP](#)) a \$1 billion-dollar expansion initiative funded by the federal and provincial governments and local municipalities through the Canada Strategic Infrastructure Fund. The Union-Pearson link component of the project will be financed and operated by a private sector operator

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