

BACKGROUND

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METROLINX 5-YEAR CAPITAL PLAN

Metrolinx is recommending two major rapid transit projects for immediate construction funding beginning in 2009/10.

As part of its 5-year, \$7 billion Capital Plan, Metrolinx is proposing construction funding to achieve groundbreaking on the Sheppard East Light Rail Transit (LRT) and York Region's VIVA rapid transit projects in 2009.

Metrolinx is also recommending additional funding to undertake the preliminary planning, design and engineering work required to bring other major rapid transit projects identified in its *Regional Transportation Plan: The Big Move* closer to construction as soon as possible.

The 5-year plan is comprised of three categories of Projects:

Category A: Initial "Big Move" Priority Projects proposed of early construction, starting in 2009 (\$2.03 billion over 5 years)

- Sheppard East LRT
- York's VIVA system

Category B: Balance of "Quick Win" Projects proposed for early construction previously announced in the 2008 Ontario Budget (\$107 million over 5 years)

- James Street North Station – Hamilton
- Bolton – GO Transit improvements
- Durham Hwy 2 Bus Rapid Transit (early phases)
- Airport Renforth Gateway

Category C: Balance of "The Big Move" Priority Projects proposed for planning, design and engineering – towards construction readiness (\$4.85 billion over 5 years)

- King/Main Rapid Transit in Hamilton
- Dundas Street Rapid Transit in Halton and Peel
- Hurontario/Main Rapid Transit in Peel
- Scarborough RT replacement and extension
- Finch West LRT
- Eglinton Crosstown
- Yonge North Subway extension
- Durham Highway 2 Rapid Transit
- GO Lakeshore Express Rail
- Improvements to existing GO Rail services and extension GO service to Bowmanville



Construction implementation and sequencing strategies for Category C projects will be subject to Metrolinx Board consideration of the project-by-project Benefits Case Analysis and a broader Project Prioritization Framework in summer 2009.

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