

BACKGROUND

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COST OF CONGESTION REPORT

The Cost of Road Congestion in the Greater Toronto and Hamilton Area (GTHA): Impact and Cost Benefit Analysis of the Metrolinx Draft Regional Transportation Plan (RTP), was presented to the Metrolinx board today. Highlights include:

- The RTP construction program would generate almost 430,000 jobs in Ontario. In the first full year of construction alone we would create an estimated 17,000 jobs.
- The total business revenue impact of the RTP investment projects amount to over \$69.6 billion in Ontario, including:
 - \$33.9 billion of impacts on transit, engineering and construction expenditures
 - \$20.9 billion of indirect impacts on the firms that supply goods and services to the construction companies
 - \$14.7 billion of induced impacts in the broader Ontario economy arising from re-investment of the \$33.9+\$20.9 billion (e.g., food, clothing, entertainment)
- Over 25 years the plan will create an estimated 430,000 jobs including:
 - 154,000 jobs in transit and construction
 - 116,000 jobs in firms that supply goods to the construction (etc.) companies
 - 160,000 in service jobs
- These jobs would generate an employment income effect of over \$20.9 billion over 25 years, including:
 - \$9.4 billion of direct employment income in transit, engineering and construction
 - \$5.9 billion of indirect income in firms that supply goods to the construction companies
 - \$5.6 billion of induced income in the broader Ontario economy
- In addition to benefits of construction, the Regional Transportation Plan will reduce the burden of excess congestion. At completion, the RTP's congestion management effects will result in 18,000 more jobs in the GTHA every year, above and beyond the jobs created during construction. These 18,000 jobs would arise across all sectors of the economy.

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