

BACKGROUND - METROLINX BIKE LINX PROGRAM

The new **Bikelinx Program** is a Metrolinx green initiative, designed to accommodate and encourage trips which combine cycling and public transit throughout the Greater Toronto and Hamilton Area (GTHA).

Funding for the program is part of the Province of Ontario's financial commitment to the Metrolinx Quick Wins initiatives, confirmed in the March 2008 Budget. Under the \$5 million BikeLinX program, municipalities in the GTHA received funding that will be used to make it easier for people to combine the use of their bicycles and public transit on the same trip.

GTHA municipalities will be able to equip each bus in their fleet with a bicycle carrying rack. In addition, Metrolinx will provide funds to purchase and install permanent, secure and/or sheltered bicycle parking facilities, including bike lockers, in strategic locations throughout the region.

Metrolinx is providing a total of \$2.8 million for bike racks on buses and \$2.2 million for secure bike parking. Municipalities are already starting to plan for the installation of over new 2,300 racks and numerous bike parking facilities across the region.

Communities such as Burlington have been proactive in active transportation initiatives such as equipping their buses with bike racks. Successes such as these have set an example for other communities to offer the same service.

Recipient	Total Amount Received	Amount for Bicycle Racks on Buses	Amount for Secure Bicycle Parking
Durham Region	\$387,328	\$240,000	\$147,328
Halton Region	\$132,658	N/A	\$132,658
Halton Region-Oakville	\$46,800	\$46,800	N/A
City of Hamilton	\$190,987	\$24,000	\$166,987
Peel Region-Mississauga	\$733,470	\$552,000	\$181,470
Peel Region-Brampton	\$431,381	\$319,200	\$112,181
City of Toronto	\$2,383,505	\$1,183,200	\$1,200,305
York Region	\$693,872	\$480,000	\$213,872

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