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Draft Regional Transportation Plan and Investment Strategy for Fall 2008

TORONTO (July 8, 2008) – Metrolinx will present its Draft Regional Transportation Plan and Investment Strategy at the next board meeting, now scheduled for September 26, 2008.

According to Board Chair Rob Maclsaac, the additional time will provide the agency with the opportunity to more broadly address a full suite of funding options, through expanded evaluation, design and assessment.

“We want to conduct further analysis on our financing strategies before the release of the Draft Regional Transportation Plan and Investment Strategy for the Greater Toronto and Hamilton Area (GTHA),” said Maclsaac.

“The Regional Transportation Plan will be the first of its kind in a generation. Our Investment Strategy must respond to decades of under investment in transportation infrastructure. Taking the extra time now, will ensure we are able to bring the best possible options to the Board and the public in September,” Maclsaac said.

In its Draft Regional Transportation Plan and Investment Strategy, Metrolinx will propose a phased approach to implementing a 25-year vision to provide people and businesses with more travel choices across the GTHA. The agency is also committed to developing a funding plan that will be supported by the public.

“In the end, we must have a funding program that meets the needs of the region while providing value to commuters, businesses, and taxpayers”, said Maclsaac.

“In so doing, we have an opportunity to tackle greenhouse gas emissions, to create and protect jobs by enhancing our economic competitiveness, and to ensure people have more time with their families.”

The public and stakeholders will be invited to participate in additional consultation meetings in October to provide input to the Draft Transportation Plan and Investment Strategy. Online consultations continue at www.metrolinx.com.

Metrolinx is a Crown agency of the Province of Ontario, operating within the legislative framework of the Greater Toronto Transportation Authority Act, 2006 and the provincial *Growth Plan*.

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