



**To:** Metrolinx Board of Directors  
**From:** Leslie Woo  
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**Re:** Planning and Policy Q4 Board Report – February 10 to June 28, 2016

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### Regional Planning

- **Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) Review:**
  - The draft Discussion Paper to support the update of the Regional Transportation Plan has been brought forward as a separate Board report at the June 28, 2016 meeting, for approval to release for consultation.
  - The RTP Review website ([www.metrolinx.com/theplan](http://www.metrolinx.com/theplan)) was updated to provide links to academic research papers undertaken in support of the RTP review. Technical background papers for the RTP review will be posted when the Discussion paper is released.
  - Staff are working with the Ministry of Transportation staff to align the update of the RTP work program with the Ministry's Greater Golden Horseshoe (GGH) Multimodal Transportation Study which has recently commenced.
  - Metrolinx is supporting Toronto City Planning's goods movement study for the Finch LRT corridor.
- **Public and Stakeholder Engagement**
  - Planning and Policy participated in nineteen open houses across the GGH in February and March, attended by approximately 1870 members of the general public, and an additional 44 stakeholders including local Mayors, municipal staff, City Councillors, MPs and MPPs. Consultation covered various topics, including new station locations, station access, the RTP review process, GO RER/SmartTrack, and Fare Integration.
- **Sustainability:**
  - "Planning for Sustainability", Metrolinx's Sustainability Strategy (2015-2020) has been brought forward to the June 27, 2016 Customer Experience Committee meeting. An updated Energy & Emissions Management Plan and a Climate Resiliency Progress Report already in place.

### Project Planning & Development

- **RER New Station Analysis and Station Access:**
  - A separate Board report provides details on analysis of new stations for RER.
  - Further analysis was undertaken of short-listed integrated SmartTrack/RER service scenarios and of the impacts of potential new stations on RER.

- An update of the 2013 GO Rail Parking and Station Access Plan is underway to address RER impacts to existing station access.
- **Design Excellence:**
  - Design Excellence has been an integral part of the development of Davenport Diamond grade separation project working with the Davenport neighbourhood, City councillors, and City of Toronto staff. Principles and Requirements documents are in development to define standard requirements for project deliverability for Davenport Diamond, and the Hurontario and Hamilton LRTs.
  - Eglinton Crosstown LRT (ECLRT): 30% design submissions are nearly complete, with station designs moving in a compliant direction. 60% design submissions slated to start late summer. In July, the awarded artists and artwork concepts will be announced for integrated art at ECLRT stations.
  - The Metrolinx Design Review Panel (MDRP) has reviewed four projects since last reporting: the GO Design Excellence Guidelines, GO corridor noise walls, ECLRT station and stop design, and a new crew centre at Willowbrook.

### Service Planning

- **GO Regional Express Rail (RER):**
  - RER Service Concept is now progressing into a new Full Service Plan, refining corridor infrastructure and fleet requirements, and further detailed analysis on Union Station longer-term capacity.
- **GO Transit Service Changes:**
  - To accommodate construction at Union Station, service changes are being introduced to the Lakeshore East, Lakeshore West and Stouffville lines. New counter-peak trips on Lakeshore West and some Stouffville service to Scarborough GO will be added, and a new northbound p.m. peak period Richmond Hill trip will be introduced.
- **Smart Commute:**
  - Smart Commute has shifted to increase focus on targeted engagement with workplaces to more effectively support travel behavior change. As of April 1st, the Smart Commute workplace program included approximately 730,000 commuters in 330 workplaces across the GTHA (4,000 fewer commuters and three fewer workplaces than this time last year). The Second Annual Bike to School Week was celebrated May 30th-June 3<sup>rd</sup> across the GTHA, with close to 300 participating schools from across the GTHA (more than double the number of 2015). This initiative is part of the municipal Bike to Work Day on May 30th, and Bike Month throughout June.
  - Transportation Demand Management support continues for communities impacted by the Eglinton Crosstown construction. Support now includes a workplace strategy in addition to the established school travel support (being delivered in conjunction with Crosstown Community Relations).
  - In partnership with GO Transit and local municipalities, Smart Commute initiated a support strategy for customers at Aurora Station to better enable access to the station via all modes of transportation.

- **GTHA Fare Integration:**

- A separate Board report provides details of progress on fare integration. Review of fare options for TYSSE continues, with a broader range of options under consideration and efforts to align with the emerging fare integration work.

- **Accessibility:**

- Metrolinx Accessibility Advisory Committee and TTC's Advisory Committee for Accessible Transit are working together to provide consolidated feedback on ECLRT station and platform designs.

### Research & Planning Analytics

- **Triplinx.ca:**

- Participating agencies have agreed to proceed with adding real-time departure information and service alerts to Triplinx. A refresh of the Triplinx user design will increase the flexibility and usefulness of the Triplinx tool, and is expected to drive increased usage of the system this Fall.
- Work is underway to increase awareness of Triplinx and stimulate traffic to Triplinx across the GTHA.
- Recent enhancements have included the introduction of Bike Share Toronto real-time information on web and mobile apps. Discussions are underway on approaches to road travel information to be provided with future integration with the MTO 511 Traveller Information Services.

- **Planning Analytics:**

- The Metrolinx Business Case Policy was approved by the Senior Management Team in March 2016, and presented to the AFARM committee of the Board on June 27. The policy will apply to all capital projects over \$50 M.

### Outreach Presentations:

- **Regional and Provincial:** *York University – Success without Borders Enterprise Forum; ARUP: The Future of Urban Mobility; Women in Transportation – Planning for Resilience and Adaptation to Extreme Weather and Climate Change; Spoke Talks: Improving Quality Of Life In Toronto; Ryerson City Building Institute Meet-Up: Driverless Cars and City Building; Greater Toronto Transportation Conference: Metrolinx's review and update of The Big Move regional transportation plan; Nigerian Training Tour Panel Discussion: Toronto: The Growing City; York Region Traffic Beyond the 6ix: Roads Well Travelled: Congestion in York Region*
- **Inter provincial and National:** *Réseau de transport de la Capitale (Quebec City); Conference Board of Canada – Automated Vehicles Conference;*