

**To:** Metrolinx Board of Directors  
**From:** Leslie Woo  
*Chief Planning Officer*  
**Date:** October 26, 2017  
**Re:** **Draft 2041 Regional Transportation Plan (Six-week Update)**

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## **RECOMMENDATION**

**THAT** this six-week update on the progress of the Draft 2041 Regional Transportation (Draft Plan) be received for information.

## **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

This memo provides an update on Metrolinx' engagement activities to date, with municipal partners, stakeholders, and the general public, on the Draft 2041 Regional Transportation Plan (Draft Plan). Formal feedback from municipalities has not yet been received at this stage. This memo also outlines next steps towards a draft final plan and implementation planning.

## **BACKGROUND**

The Draft 2041 Regional Transportation (Draft Plan) was approved for public consultation by the Board at its September 14, 2017 meeting pending minor edits. A revised version was posted on the Metrolinx Engage website ([www.metrolinx.com/theplan](http://www.metrolinx.com/theplan)) and an information notice was posted on the Ontario Environmental Registry website on October 4. Feedback on the Draft Plan can be provided on the Metrolinx Engage website until November 17. Where possible, feedback received after November 17 will still be considered in the Draft Final Plan.

## **ENGAGEMENT: PLANNED AND COMPLETED TO DATE**

### Public Meetings

- Six public roundtables have been scheduled (See Appendix 1). A summary of input will be provided shortly after each session with a final report to be developed following the completion of all meetings.
- Metrolinx also provided information on the Draft Plan at the City of Toronto SmartTrack Public Consultation meetings on October 11 and October 12 (completed).

### Municipal Engagement

- Requests to present at several municipal councils have been received. Presentations have been or are in the process of being scheduled. Presentations confirmed thus far: Town of Oakville, City of Burlington, Town of Milton, Region of York, Region of Peel, City of Hamilton, City of Mississauga, City of Brampton.
- Metrolinx is working with the City of Toronto to organize an event to provide councillors with an opportunity to learn more about Draft Plan, ask questions and provide feedback.
- A meeting of the Municipal Planning Leaders' Forum (MPLF) was held on October 20.
- A meeting of the Municipal Technical Advisory Committee (MTAC) was held on October 17.

### Metrolinx Corridor Committees

- As part of the bi-annual Metrolinx Corridor Committee meetings, Metrolinx will engage with local stakeholders and community leaders, including both elected and non-elected representatives, to obtain their input on the Draft Plan.

### Engagement with provincial ministries

- Metrolinx continues to work closely with the Ministry of Transportation and other ministries on refining the Draft Plan.

### Engagement with Key Stakeholders

- On October 2, Metrolinx hosted a Transportation Symposium, a full day event bringing together senior thought leaders and transportation influencers from across the region. Close to 200 attendees represented municipalities, transit agencies, NGOs, academia and the private sector from the Region and broader area.
- A Regional Stakeholder Forum has been scheduled for October 25 to engage with a cross-section of local community leaders.
- Staff presented (October 13) to the Medical Officers of Health (MOHs) from the GTHA municipalities, to discuss linkages among the actions of the Draft Plan and improved health outcomes for the region. The MOHs will help to inform their respective municipal comments.

### Digital and Social Media Engagement

- Metrolinx Engage: A customized microsite has been developed specifically for the Draft Plan as part of the Metrolinx Engage online portal. It was launched on September 29, 2017.
- Social Media: Information regarding the Draft Plan and upcoming consultation opportunities have been posted on several social media channels.
- The project team is beginning to receive comments and feedback on the Draft Plan through email, and anticipate greater volumes of messages towards November 2017.

## **INPUT TO DATE**

Input received to date is generally supportive, and more input is expected, particularly from municipalities and non-governmental stakeholders. The Draft Plan is seen as coherent and comprehensive, but ambitious. There is a strong interest in a concrete, realistic and affordable approach to implementation, with well-defined roles and responsibilities. Stakeholders have also indicated that they would welcome more time to respond to the Draft.

## **NEXT STEPS**

- A Draft Final Plan reflecting stakeholder and public feedback will be presented to the Board at its December 7 Meeting.
- Work has begun on the development of a strategy for realizing the Plan including the development of implementation options. It will emphasize ongoing opportunities for input, consultation and engagement.
- Implementation planning will consider approaches to the phasing and bundling of proposed actions to 2041. This will include prioritization based on an identification of benefits (e.g., new riders, time savings, access, reduced emissions), and inter-dependencies.

Respectfully submitted,  
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# APPENDIX 1: Timeline of Engagement Activities for the Draft Plan

