

Regional Transportation Plan Legislated Review – Introduction

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The Regional Transportation Plan - The Big Move

- The Big Move is the first Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) for the Greater Toronto and Hamilton Area
 - Integrated mobility vision for 6 regions, 30 municipalities and 10 transit operators
- Builds on the framework of the Green Belt Plan and The Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe
- Lays out common vision, goals and objectives for the region
- Multimodal scope considers all modes of transportation
- 10 strategies comprised of 92 actions and policies, including 9 'Big Moves'
- Long-range regional transit network plan to 2031







About The Big Move – Developing the Plan







Implementation Since 2008

- Merger with GO and creation of PRESTO and UP Express operating divisions
- \$16 billion in projects underway, including Eglinton Crosstown LRT, UP Express, Toronto-York Spadina Subway Extension, Mississauga Transitway, York Region VIVANext Rapidways, Union Station Upgrades, and GO Transit rail service expansion
- Advancement of key policy areas, such as Urban Freight Forum, PRESTO implementation, and mobility hub planning
- The Big Move Technical Update February 2013
 - Reconciled The Big Move with GO2020
 - Incorporated findings of the GO Electrification Study, as well as Environmental Assessments and feasibility studies
- Metrolinx Investment Strategy May 2013
 - Confirmed Next Wave projects as the next priority projects
- The Big Move Baseline Monitoring Report September 2013
 - Development of KPIs to measure the goals of The Big Move









Requirement for the Legislated Review of the RTP

- The *Metrolinx Act (2006)* lists requirements regarding the preparation and updating of the Regional Transportation Plan
 - RTP must conform to growth plans approved under the Places to Grow Act
 - Any change to the RTP must involve public consultation
- The plan must be reviewed at least every 10 years after the Metrolinx Act came into force
 - This means that The Big Move must be reviewed by 2016

The Corporation shall, at least every 10 years after subsection (1) comes into force, complete a review of the transportation plan required by clause (1) (a) and make any necessary changes to the transportation plan to ensure that it complies with the prescribed provincial plans and policies in accordance with clause (2) (d). 2006, c. 16, s. 6 (4).



Supporting Metrolinx Studies



Study

GTHA Urban Freight Study

Union Station 2031: Demands and Opportunities Study

Union Station Capacity Study

Report on Metrolinx Land Use Planning Authority at Mobility Hubs & GO Stations

Big Move Technical Update

Metrolinx Investment Strategy

The Big Move Baseline Monitoring Report

Underway:

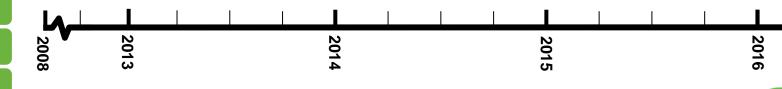


Transportation Study of the Pearson Airport Area

GTHA Fare & Service Integration

Yonge Relief Network Study

GO Two-Way All-Day Implementation Studies and Service Planning







Aligning the Growth Plan and RTP Legislated

Reviews

- Per the Places to Grow Act (2005), the Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe also has a legislated requirement to have commenced its review by 2016
- Metrolinx will work to align upcoming legislated reviews such as the Growth Plan
 - Sharing information on development of performance measures and KPIs
 - Identifying policy areas where coordination is needed
 - Coordinating timing for analysis to promote mutually supportive work plans
- Alignment of reviews supported by Transit Investment Strategy Advisory Panel (December 2013)
 - Recommendation that the review of The Big Move be brought forward to begin in 2014, with the review of the Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe, and that the two reviews be coordinated







Key Elements of the Legislated Review Process

- Development of work plan that outlines:
 - Scope of the legislated review
 - Timelines for development and release of technical documents
 - Coordination points with the Growth Plan review
 - Consultation plan
- Comprehensive evidence-based technical analysis to:
 - Determine needs across the region to 2041 in support of provincial growth forecasts
 - Integrate findings of studies recently completed and currently underway
- Review of The Big Move strategies, actions, policies, and projects to reflect recent study findings and new information, and to address policy gaps
- Coordinate updated transportation planning with Provincial policy review, including Growth Plan and Greenbelt Plan reviews
- Engagement with municipal partners to coordinate with local plans

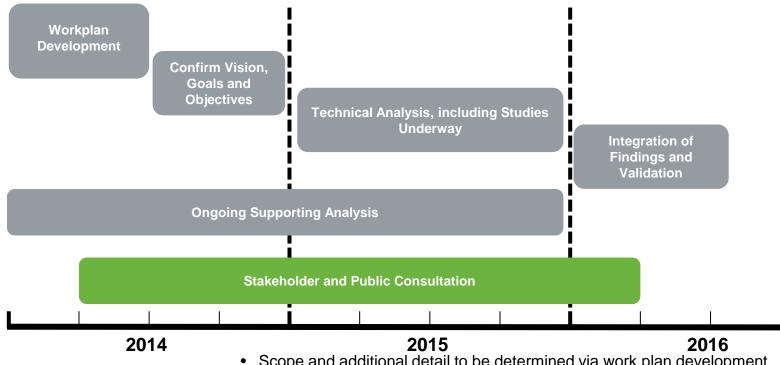


Public and Stakeholder Consultation

- A robust, region-wide public and stakeholder consultation plan will be developed to foster dialogue and solicit input through a variety of means with:
 - Elected officials at every level
 - Relevant government agencies
 - First Nations communities
 - Municipal staff
 - Key stakeholders, including but not limited to NGOs, industry associations, residents' associations and business groups
 - The public



Legislated Review Timeline



- Scope and additional detail to be determined via work plan development
- Subject to coordination with the review of the Growth Plan and other Provincial Plans



Next Steps

- Continue to work with the Province to coordinate processes
- Procurement of team for technical support, analysis, and communications support
- Jurisdictional scan of best practices
- Work plan, including corresponding consultation strategy to Metrolinx Board of Directors in June 2014

