

## **Metrolinx: Building the transportation network we need for the future**

Metrolinx is moving. We are delivering the largest transportation infrastructure program in Canadian history and it will transform the Greater Toronto Hamilton Area (GTHA). To give you a sense of the scope of what is planned, Metrolinx has an ambitious plan that envisions more than 1,200 kilometers of rapid transit – more than triple what exists now – so that over 80 per cent of residents in the GTHA will live within two kilometers of this network. Currently, there are more than 400 rapid transit projects underway, creating enormous economic benefits of 800,000-900,000 person years of employment and an infusion of \$110-\$130 billion to our economy. When complete, the Metrolinx plan will transform the way the GTHA moves.

Our region's growth is a sign of success and opportunity – but our transportation networks are at their limit. The GTHA is growing fast, and by 2041, it's estimated that more than nine million residents will call the region home. This increase of almost 30 per cent means even more people on area roads year on year.

Guided by the Regional Transportation Plan, Metrolinx is driving forward projects across the GTHA – like expanded GO Train service, bike sharing programs, bus rapid transit projects, and light rail projects – to create more connections so the entire region can grow and thrive into the future.

### **Creating Connections in Aurora**

Over the next 25 years, the York Region population is expected grow by 68 per cent. Metrolinx is building in and around Aurora to provide residents with more connections and better service that meets the demands of the growing population, regardless of how you choose to get around.

For residents of Aurora, this means more connections to the entire GO network with faster, more frequent local service. To make this happen, we'll be installing new track, building bridges and tunnels, introducing new trains and constructing a new station at Bloomington Street. Our goal? To bring you 15 minute two-way, all-day service between Aurora and Union stations, and 15 to 30 minute service from the new Bloomington St. station to Union station in Toronto during the weekday rush hour.

Much of this work is already underway. Planned local projects include:

- New track from Union Station to Aurora GO Station and between Aurora GO Station and Allandale Waterfront GO Station in Barrie for more uninterrupted GO service
- Upgrades to the Aurora GO Station, including the addition of two new pedestrian tunnels
- Widening of the Yonge Street Bridge, including the creation of a multi-modal path connection how to make the bridge a welcoming gateway to Aurora
- Wellington Street Grade Separation to remove the road-to-rail crossing
- Construction of the new Bloomington GO Station
- More capacity on the Viva bus transit network to create additional connections to and from the Barrie GO corridor

To learn more details about projects planned in Aurora, please visit: [www.metrolinx.com](http://www.metrolinx.com)

### **Our promise to you**

We know there will be community-level disruption required to build a region-wide, integrated rapid transit network. Bringing new levels of GO service to Aurora won't come easily, but as we build in and around your community, we promise to keep you informed and to work with you to make sure disruptions are kept to a minimum. From planning through to construction, we'll be working closely with residents, elected officials and other community agencies to ensure we're building the regional transportation system we all want and need, but in a way that is respectful to the communities we are part of.