

## **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 Clarington**

With our population projected to reach more than nine million people by 2041, it's clear that bold plans are needed to address our region's transportation challenges.

For residents of Clarington, this means more connections to the entire GO network with faster, more frequent local service. To make this happen, we'll be extending the Lakeshore East GO line by 20 kilometres by 2024. Subject to agreement with CP Rail, trains will serve four proposed new GO stations along the extension between Oshawa and Bowmanville. Our goal? Electrified two-way, all-day 15 minute service to the existing Oshawa GO Station and an additional four GO trains each morning and four each afternoon in and out of Bowmanville when the service starts in eight years. These improvements are being made in order to strengthen Durham Region's connection to the Greater Toronto and Hamilton Area and get more people moving throughout the region.

Planned Lakeshore East extension to Bowmanville projects include:

- Construction of 20km of new track
- Construction of a new train bridge over Highway 401
- Four new GO stations including: Thornton Road in Oshawa, Ritson Road in Oshawa, Courtice Road in Courtice, and Martin Road in Bowmanville.

To learn more details about projects planned for Lakeshore East, 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 Clarington 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.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me:

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