

Backgrounder

A Plan to Connect People to Places

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The government has a plan to build a world-class transportation network so people can get where they want to go, when they want to get there. Ontario's roads are congested, bridges are aging, and the province's transit systems are outdated and overcrowded. As a result, Ontario is building highways, subways, and rapid transit systems that are efficient, affordable and get people and goods where they need to be.

Building More Transit Options

The government is fighting gridlock while making public transit an attractive, affordable and low-stress alternative. Ontario is modernizing GO Transit by moving forward with the next stage of the GO Rail Expansion program to provide two-way, all-day GO transit service every 15 minutes on the network's core segments.

The Province is collaborating with municipal partners to build more subways and subway extensions with the goal of getting people to where they need to be in a cost-efficient way in the Greater Toronto Area. The government's plan includes four new subway projects with a total estimated preliminary project cost of \$28.5 billion: the Yonge North Subway Extension, the three-stop Scarborough Subway Extension, the Eglinton Crosstown West Extension and the new Ontario Line.

The Province continues to make progress on delivering rapid transit projects including the Hurontario LRT that will run between Port Credit GO station in Mississauga and Gateway Terminal in Brampton, and the York Viva Bus Rapid Transit that provides dedicated bus lanes along several segments of Highway 7, Davis Drive and Yonge Street in York Region.

Expanding and Improving Highways

To connect people to places, Ontario is building, expanding and improving highways and bridges. This will keep Ontario highways reliable and safe for workers, families and businesses across the province, allowing the movement of people and goods while promoting economic development.

Improving Connectivity

The activities of everyday life such as banking and shopping are now often conducted online. The government has a plan to help improve services to consumers and businesses grow and expand. The government is improving high-speed internet and cellphone services across rural and remote communities and making long-term infrastructure investments in broadband services by investing \$315 million over the next five years. The plan aims to expand broadband and cellular access to unserved and underserved communities by connecting up to 220,000 households and businesses.