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Denis Kelly
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Dear Denis Kelly:

Re: Release of the Draft Regional Transportation Plan and Draft Investment Strategy

Metrolinx is releasing the draft Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) entitled *The Big Move: Transforming Transportation in the Greater Toronto and Hamilton Area* and Draft Investment Strategy (IS) approved by the Metrolinx Board of Directors on September 26, 2008.

The draft RTP details the largest expansion of public transit in the region in more than a half century, including 1,150 kilometres of new rapid transit lines and other measures that will more than double the number of trips taken on transit every year. When fully implemented, 75 per cent of residents in the Greater Toronto and Hamilton Area (GTHA) will live within two kilometres of rapid transit, compared to just 42 per cent currently.

The Draft Investment Strategy (IS) is designed to provide a practical financial plan that leverages the Ontario Government's \$11.5 billion commitment for MoveOntario 2020, plus a requested \$6 billion contribution from the federal government, in order to achieve early project implementation and results. The Draft IS proposes to show tangible benefits in the short- and medium-term, before opening the public and stakeholder dialogue about new revenue and financial options to complete the balance of the 25-year regional transportation plan for the region. Together, the Draft RTP and Draft IS propose a new blueprint for transit expansion in the region that will enhance the prosperity, environmental sustainability and quality of life in the GTHA.

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Metrolinx was established by the Government of Ontario to improve the coordination and integration of all modes of transportation in the GTHA. In accordance with s. 6(3) of the *Greater Toronto Transportation Authority Act, 2006*, I am writing to inform you that the Board of Directors directed that these two documents be released for public comment and consultation.

I am pleased to notify you that the Draft RTP and Draft IS are now available on the Metrolinx web site at www.metrolinx.com for downloading. See hyperlinks under attachments. Print copies will be forwarded as soon as they are available in mid-October. Comments on the papers can be posted electronically to the Metrolinx website or sent directly to Ms. Leslie Woo, General Manager, Transportation Policy & Planning Unit on matters specific to the draft RTP, or John Howe, General Manager, Investment Strategy & Projects on matters specific to the draft Investment Strategy. We will also be hosting multi-stakeholder consultation workshops in October. Please direct your comments to 20 Bay Street, Suite 901, Toronto, ON M5J 2N8. Electronic comments may also be submitted to RTP@metrolinx.com.

Your municipality's ongoing input has been critical to assisting us throughout this process. This last stage of input into the Draft RTP and Draft IS will help to inform the final plan and strategy. When the process is complete, the RTP will constitute a Master Transportation Plan, addressing the early planning principles for projects which are subject to the requirements of the *Environmental Assessment Act*. It will be the basis for and will be used in support of environmental assessments for individual projects which result from the RTP. When those projects are being considered in the future, their assessment will begin where the RTP process ended.

We appreciate your assistance in communicating this information to your Members of Council, city staff and interested members of the public. We have also attached a list of Public Meetings that will be held in October 2008.

We have undertaken an aggressive timeline for delivery of the RTP and IS in recognition of the importance of establishing a clear way forward. We appreciate all your efforts to provide input on the draft documents by November 14, 2008.

Yours truly,



W. Michael Fenn
Chief Executive Officer

Attachments: [Draft RTP](#) (Draft Regional Transportation Plan)
[Draft IS](#) (Draft Investment Strategy)

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