

GO Rail Service Expansion: More Two-Way All-Day & Rush Hour Service

Regional Transit Project Profile

QUICK FACTS

- New two-way, all-day service on Milton, Kitchener, Barrie, Richmond Hill and Stouffville lines
- Extension of the Lakeshore West line to the new Hamilton James Street North Station, and extension of the Lakeshore East line to Bowmanville
- Improved rush-hour service on all GO rail lines
- Estimated cost: \$4.9 billion (\$2014)
- Projected ridership: 30 million annual riders on new rail service by 2031

THE PROJECT

The GO network is the backbone of the regional rapid transit network, serving the entire region with fast and efficient regional service.

The Big Move plans to improve service on the GO network by providing two-way, all-day rail service on all of GO's rail lines, and plans to extend service on the Lakeshore East and West lines.

Current two-way, all-day service on the Lakeshore lines already connects the areas of Burlington, Oakville, Toronto, Pickering and Oshawa. Expanding two-way, all-day service to all GO rail lines will bring fast and reliable regional transit service in and out of downtown Toronto through the day, in the evenings and on the weekends to additional communities in the region. Specifically, new two-way, all-day service to Union Station is planned for:

- Meadowvale Station on the Milton GO line
- Mount Pleasant Station on the Kitchener GO line
- East Gwillimbury Station on the Barrie GO line
- Richmond Hill Station on the Richmond Hill GO line
- Mount Joy Station on the Stouffville GO line

In addition, two-way, all-day service on the Lakeshore lines will be expanded – to Hamilton in the west, and to new stations in Oshawa in the east. Regular rush-hour service will be extended beyond Oshawa to Bowmanville.

For GO Transit to provide this new level of service, additional tracks and infrastructure improvements are required. In addition to two-way, all-day service, making these changes will enable more peak-period or rush hour service, which will mean more frequent train service for every GO rider.

PROJECT STATUS

Two major components required to deliver this service are underway. First, improvements are currently underway at the south-east end of the Kitchener line, known as the Georgetown South Project. These improvements are necessary to provide two-way, all-day service on the Kitchener line and operate the air rail link between Union Station and Pearson Airport.

As well, improvements are underway at Union Station. The revitalization of the train shed roof, concourse improvements between GO Transit and the TTC and improvements to the TTC subway station are all necessary to address expected growth in transit ridership in the region. The first phase of construction at Union Station began in January 2010 and the entire project is expected to be complete by 2015.

PROJECT COSTS

The \$4.9 billion for this project will be funded through the Investment Strategy.

