

## **Operational and Capital Financing for Regional Rapid Transit**

<b>Date:</b>	January 29, 2009
<b>To:</b>	Executive Committee
<b>From:</b>	City Council
<b>Wards:</b>	All

### **City Council Decision**

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City Council on January 27 and 28, 2009, referred Motion MM30.19 to the Executive Committee.

### **Recommendations**

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Councillor Stintz, seconded by Councillor Walker, recommends:

1. That City Council endorse the 25-Year Plan for Regional Rapid Transit as proposed by Metrolinx.
2. That City Council request that operational and capital funding be provided for through a regional transportation authority.
3. That City Council request that the regional transportation authority be responsible for managing and operating all lines on the Regional Rapid Transit plan.

### **Summary**

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Metrolinx is a provincial agency that has been charged with developing a regional transportation plan to promote the rapid movement of people throughout the Greater Toronto Area. The imperatives for Metrolinx are to:

- reduce demand on the transportation system;
- increase choices for travel;
- meet the needs of the traveller first;
- build communities that make travelling easier; and
- commit to continuous improvement.

The Metrolinx plan has identified a network of rapid transit lines in its 25-Year Plan for Regional Rapid Transit and the Provincial government has signaled a financial commitment of \$11.5 billion over 10 years for the capital component of the transit investment. However, there has been no corresponding commitment for operational funding. Operational funding and regional integration are critical factors for success of the transportation plan.

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