

**PROVINCIAL STATEMENT OF INTENT RELATED TO THE
ARRANGEMENT TO SUPPORT ACCELERATING TRANSIT DELIVERY**

Through the “Ontario-Toronto Transit Partnership” – announced by the Province of Ontario (the “Province”) and the City of Toronto (the “City”) (collectively, the “parties”) on November 4, 2019 – both parties acknowledge that the accelerated delivery of major transit capital projects is a shared objective and responsibility.

- The Province and City are mutually committed to working together to expedite, where possible, the implementation of transit projects, by addressing the common drivers of cost, schedule, resource and quality risks.

As such, this “Provincial Statement of Intent Related to the Arrangement to Support Accelerating Transit Delivery” is being provided by the Province to the City, in order to establish the scope and an accompanying collaborative framework/process to be deployed by the parties, in respect of a set of measures proposed by the Province to enable the implementation of priority transit projects – as identified, below – in accordance with their publicly-committed schedules/timelines. Moreover, this statement reflects the provincial intentions and commitments – articulated by the Province to the City during consultation convened through meetings of the ‘Ontario-Toronto Executive Steering Committee’ over the course of fall 2019 – in relation to a suite of enabling authorities and enforcement mechanisms that the Province proposes to introduce to the Legislature in winter 2020.

To this end, the Province intends to continue to engage the City in the pursuit of measures that would accelerate the planning and construction of the four provincial priority transit projects included in Ontario’s ‘*New Subway Transit Plan for the Greater Toronto and Hamilton Area (GTHA)*’, namely:

- The Ontario Line;
- The three-stop Scarborough Subway;
- The Yonge North Subway Extension; and,
- The Eglinton Crosstown West Extension.

Hereafter, the priority transit projects featured in Ontario’s ‘*New Subway Transit Plan for the GTHA*’ shall be referred to as the “Provincial Projects.”

In pursuing these proposed measures, the Province further intends to adopt a “collaboration first” approach with the City, underpinned by the following provincial commitments:

- The Province proposes to focus solely on the Provincial Projects;
- Authority with respect to planning and construction of the Provincial Projects would rest with the Minister of Transportation, unless appropriately delegated to an applicable provincial public sector entity;
- The measures proposed by the Province are primarily envisioned in their application as backstops/safeguards, in the event that cooperation or negotiation between the parties does not result in an adherence to the committed schedules for the Provincial Projects; and,
- Some of the provincially-proposed measures would enable the Province to eliminate some constraints, in order to meet the committed timelines associated with the Provincial Projects.

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Furthermore, the Province commits to proactive and good faith collaboration with the City through a mutually-developed and structured engagement process – guided by an overarching Ontario-Toronto governance framework that leverages the existing ‘Ontario-Toronto Executive Steering Committee’ – aimed at:

- Establishing – and reflecting, in practice – the shared objectives and responsibilities of the parties.
- Ensuring that, through the engagement process and subject to provincial approvals, the Province provides to the City the proposed project plans, schedules and procurement timelines related to the Provincial Projects.
- Developing new protocols to support the implementation of the provincially-proposed measures, and to streamline current processes and approvals, where possible.
- Reviewing and assessing the impacts and outcomes that may be attributed to the provincially-proposed measures to accelerate project delivery. Such an exercise would identify lessons learned and, as necessary, potential refinements to specific measures.
- Jointly investigating and considering other opportunities and measures – both existing and new – that could help the Province and City to expedite the implementation of major transit capital projects that are shared priorities.

Consistent with the above, the Province intends to propose a suite of enabling authorities and enforcement mechanisms that, if passed by the Legislature, would enable the Province to deliver on the implementation timelines to which it is committed in respect of the Provincial Projects. More specifically, this suite of proposed provincial authorities and mechanisms would:

- Enable more expeditious resolution of matters involving:
 - Adjacent property owners and developers;
 - Relocation of utilities;
 - Environmental approvals; and,
 - Municipal approvals.
- Include enforcement tools to support resolution, where required.

Finally, building upon the consultation that has occurred to date through the ‘Ontario-Toronto Executive Steering Committee’, the Province commits to continue:

- The discussions regarding the details associated with the above-noted proposed suite of enabling authorities and enforcement mechanisms; and,
- To develop, in partnership with the City, the joint protocols and procedures to be applied pursuant to the aforementioned Ontario-Toronto engagement process and governance framework.