

# PH13.3a - Attachment 1

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**RE: City of Toronto Draft Official Plan Amendment – Transportation Policies  
MMAH File No: 20-OP-193116**

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Dear Mr. Hain,

Thank you for circulating the City of Toronto's draft Official Plan Amendment No. 456 (OPA 456) that proposes to comprehensively update the City's Transportation policies under Section 26 of the *Planning Act*. We acknowledge this OPA is Phase 2 to the City's previous OPA 274, undertaken through its past municipal comprehensive review and approved by the Minister in 2014.

OPA 456 was reviewed by MMAH staff and circulated to the Ministry of Transportation (MTO) through the One-Window Provincial Planning Review process. At this time, we have not identified any significant concerns with OPA 456, but have provided a number of comments and suggestions for the City's consideration prior to adoption.

As you're aware, as an amendment under Section 26 of the *Planning Act*, OPA 456 is subject to approval by the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing.

#### One-Window Review

- In policy 2.2, the City may wish to add policies to reflect 3.2.3.1 and 3.2.3.3 of A Place to Grow. For example, adding new subsections:
  - "g) ensuring that public transit will be the first priority for transportation infrastructure planning and major transportation investments.
  - h) working with transit operators, adjacent municipalities, the Province, and Metrolinx to support transit service integration within and across municipal boundaries."

- The City should delete policy 3f) of the Bicycle Policy Framework (page 16) as Metrolinx is no longer undertaking road pricing.
- It is recommended that another bullet be added in Policy 14b) of the Bicycle Policy Framework (page 18) with respect to connecting to the Province-wide Cycling Network,
  - “vii)connecting to the Province-wide Cycling Network identified by the Ministry of Transportation”.
- The City of Toronto may want to acknowledge the importance of the GO Bus Terminal at Scarborough Centre by revising the text in 2.2.2 Centres: Vital Mixed-Use Communities on page 11 to say:
  - "Scarborough Centre sits at the eastern end of the Scarborough RT line served by two stations, [a GO bus terminal] and is the focal point of 13 surface TTC routes in the eastern part of Toronto ... "
- The City may wish to acknowledge/identify the Ontario Line Corridor which is proposed between Eglinton and Exhibition - announced as part of the 2019 Ontario Budget.
- The City could identify the existing Union Pearson Express alignment into Pearson Airport as a “GO Rail Line” under “Existing”.
- The City may want to use MTO's Freight Supportive Guidelines as a resource when producing freight supportive integrated land use-transportation policies on Page 17, policy 13h), as well as referring to MTO's Transit-Supportive Guidelines as a resource when producing 'detailed master plans' in Section 2.2 on page 3.
- Please be aware that MTO is developing a Multimodal Transportation Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe (GGH) with a planning horizon of 2051. Once completed, the GGH Transportation Plan will include a combination of policy and infrastructure recommendations that will guide provincial and Metrolinx transportation investments, as well as provide guidance for municipalities and a platform for partnership with the federal and private sector partners on transportation policies in the region. The Plan will outline provincial transportation priorities for the region for all modes of transportation, and as such, may impact municipal official plan and transportation master plan priorities.

Thank you again for circulating the draft amendment to the Ministry for our early review and input through the One-Window Provincial Planning Review Process. Should you have any questions, please contact me at 416-585-6451 or alternatively by email at [Andrew.doersam@ontario.ca](mailto:Andrew.doersam@ontario.ca).

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