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GO Expansion at St.Clair/Old Weston Not UPEXpress Expansion

We ask that the council push for a dual-Go-UP-station like the others along this track. We understand that costs for a capital project are very large, but worry that if we don't have the infrastructure for both GO and UP while this station is being built, that it will never be a future option, and is unclear in this report. We ask that the information be made public and transparent on how exactly the service change at this station was proposed. We recommend that City Council **reject** the proposal from the Executive Director of Transit Expansion to change the GO Expansion project at St.Clair Old Weston (SCOW) to a solely Up Express Stop, until further consultation or data to support this change be made available.

Both Weston Station and Bloor station are served by the GO and the UPEXpress.

It is extremely short-sighted for SCOW be the outlier and be only serviced by UP (4 stops) versus GO KITCHENER line (13 stops).

There are over 10,000 Residential Units pre-approved for development within 1km of the SCOW stop.

This Major Transit Station Area will need every relief car it can get, from GO and UP both.

From the Metrolinx Website.

“Once the station is complete, it will be easier than ever for Torontonians to choose GO Transit to travel within the city and beyond.

- Specific benefits for the surrounding community include:
 - Close proximity to Stockyards District
 - Connections to the TTC streetcar service on St. Clair Avenue
 - Single train connection to Union Station
- Access to GO Transit's Kitchener line that provides connection to local destinations such as Weston and Woodbine, as well as regional destinations like Brampton, Guelph and Kitchener.

This new GO station is part of a joint initiative of the Government of Canada, the Province of Ontario, the City of Toronto and Metrolinx.”¹

In regards to the fulfilling expanded connection to Rail for persons inside and outside the city, we also ask that you keep in mind the thousands of hours work, dollars, community stakeholders feedback initiatives, need for expansive connections to areas outside of the core and airport and the loss of the potential for easier travel for the thousands of people who do and will call this area home in the future.

We ask that City Council not underestimate how much this bait and switch will erode our trust in the establishment and Council’s ability to keep their promises. The short-sightedness to simply keep a “promised 15-minute service time” should be weighed against the access to and entire Kitchener Rail Line, and the creation of whole GO Station to access points in and out of the city. We also ask Council to keep in mind the proposed 10,000 residential units to be developed in the vicinity of the SCOW stop and the impact the loss of this as a GO station will have to the community, residents, and stakeholders now and into the future.

Sincerely,

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¹ <https://www.metrolinx.com/en/projects-and-programs/kitchener-line-go-expansion/what-were-building/st-clair-old-weston-go-station>