

To: Metrolinx Board of Directors
From: Karla Avis-Birch, Chief Planning Officer
Date: June 30, 2022
Re: **Planning and Development Quarterly Report**

This report provides an update on recent activity and key milestones over the past quarter:

In April, Metrolinx selected OnExpress Transportation Partners as the successful proponent for the GO Expansion On-Corridor (OnCorr) procurement and have commenced the development phase of planning activities to integrate the successful proponent's solution into our strategic plans for GO Train service. The Sponsor Office continues to coordinate the timing of early and enabling works with the delivery teams. "Configuration States" were introduced to better coordinate and align individual GO Expansion projects to the capability to deliver a specific service outcome by a specified date, which will help enable incremental service improvements while construction continues.

Tunnelling works for the Eglinton Crosstown West Extension (ECWE) has commenced at Renforth Station. Metrolinx has released the Request for Proposals in April for both the advanced tunnel 2 and elevated guideway contracts. We continue to engage the community through various forums, including virtual and in-person open houses, meetings with community groups and elected officials, and public surveys. In March 2022, we released a public survey for input on design principles of the Elevated Guideway and received over 700 responses. We anticipate the opening of a community office by summer/fall 2022.

Received Notice to Proceed from the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks on the Durham Scarborough Bus Rapid Transit (BRT). This marks the completion and approval of the environmental analysis for the BRT extending from Scarborough Centre to Oshawa. Development of the preliminary design business case is underway, which will assess the benefits and costs of the project. This corridor will ultimately connect Scarborough Centre, University of Toronto's Scarborough campus, Pickering, Ajax, Whitby, and Oshawa.

Received Notice to Proceed from the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks on the Dundas Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Mississauga East Segment. This marks the completion and approval for a seven-kilometre segment of the future Dundas BRT through eastern Mississauga. This segment was expedited to allow for construction to begin. This will be part of a 48 km BRT/priority bus corridor providing regional connectivity between Kipling Station in Toronto and Waterdown in Hamilton.

The Northeast Rail Updated Initial Business Case was published. We supported Ontario Northland in updating their business case, which evaluates different route and fleet options, for potential resumption of the Northlander train service. This is a critical link between the Greater

Golden Horseshoe and communities in Northern Ontario. This will enable Ontario Northland to further develop high performing options as they move to implementation of the service.

The Municipal Sponsor Office hosted two Knowledge Workshops with the City of Mississauga, the Region of Peel and the Region of York. The workshops were an opportunity to connect municipal staff with Metrolinx project sponsors and teams and learn more about the City's and the Regions' capital projects and transit priorities. The agenda included an overview of the Metrolinx project lifecycle, sponsor practice, business case framework, overviews of our transit priorities, and the Indigenous Relations Program.

The Return to Workplace program successfully saw thousands of employees re-enter the workspace. We ensured office-based employees returned to a safe and collaborative space, by enhancing the work environment. We installed 2,300 lockers and various collaborative workspaces and optimized workplace capacity through the implementation of a desk reservation system. The return also included the roll out of personal and workplace safety protocols, products, and practices.

Respectfully submitted,

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