

**To:** Metrolinx Board of Directors  
**From:** Leslie Woo  
*Chief Planning and Development Officer*  
**Date:** December 6, 2018  
**Re:** **Planning and Development Quarterly Report  
September 15 to December 6, 2018**

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### **Recommendation**

That this report be received for information.

### **Recent Highlights**

- **Benefits Management and Sponsor Office**
  - The Full Business Case for GO Expansion was published in November 2018. This document is a comprehensive description of the program's rationale and expected benefits, along with the program's strategic, economic, and financial impacts (see Board Agenda Item #10).
  - Over the last quarter, significant progress across Metrolinx has been made on assurance of benefit management for the GO Expansion Program with full sponsor review (100%). There is a large increase in the number of business cases underway, demonstrating the importance of benefits management for project development.
- **Design Delivery**
  - The Harmonized Wayfinding pilot project commenced installation at Pickering Station in late October, which will continue into early December. Following installation, customer feedback will be sought through on-site surveys. The pilot project will expand to Hamilton Station, Finch Bus Terminal and all UP Express stations in the new year. Customers, as well as operations staff, are also able to submit their feedback by email.
  - The Metrolinx Design Review Panel held its first session in November, with representation from the Metrolinx Accessibility Advisory Committee.
  - In November, Metrolinx held its annual accessibility public meetings across the region. The accessibility public meetings give participants the opportunity to learn about the progress Metrolinx has made on accessibility and to provide feedback and advice on the ongoing work to improve the accessibility of services.

- **Transit Oriented Development (TOD) Strategy, Real Estate Portfolio and Accommodations**
  - Negotiations with adjacent land-owners are underway on delivering a new station building as part of a mixed use TOD at Mimico GO station
- **Station Access**
  - In November, Metrolinx and the Greater Toronto Airports Authority initiated a joint study to better understand current and future transit needs for Toronto Pearson International Airport and the surrounding area. The focus of the study will be to improve public transit connections and to inform the design of a planned Regional Transit and Passenger Centre at the Airport.
  - In November, a six month pilot commenced at Port Credit and Oshawa GO stations to observe changes in off-peak ridership by making reserved parking spaces available for general parking after 11 a.m.
- **Regional Transportation Plan Prioritization**
  - In October, Metrolinx hosted the second Regional Roundtable of municipal City Managers and Chief Administrative Officers.
  - Metrolinx Regional Residents Reference Panel held its first three meetings in October and November. This is a representative group of residents from across the GTHA, Barrie, Guelph, Kitchener-Waterloo, and Niagara, who will meet 11 times over two years to provide input and advice on Metrolinx projects and programs.

Respectfully submitted,

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