



# CREATING CONNECTIONS IN THE TOWN OF GRIMSBY

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## CONGESTION COSTS OUR ECONOMY

- The average commute in Ontario is already over 45 minutes, and that figure jumps to more than an hour for commuters in the Greater Toronto and Hamilton area. That means the average commuter spends nearly an extra work day a week sitting in their car, stuck in traffic.

Congestion is costing the Golden Horseshoe between **\$6 BILLION - \$11 BILLION A YEAR** in lost economic activity.

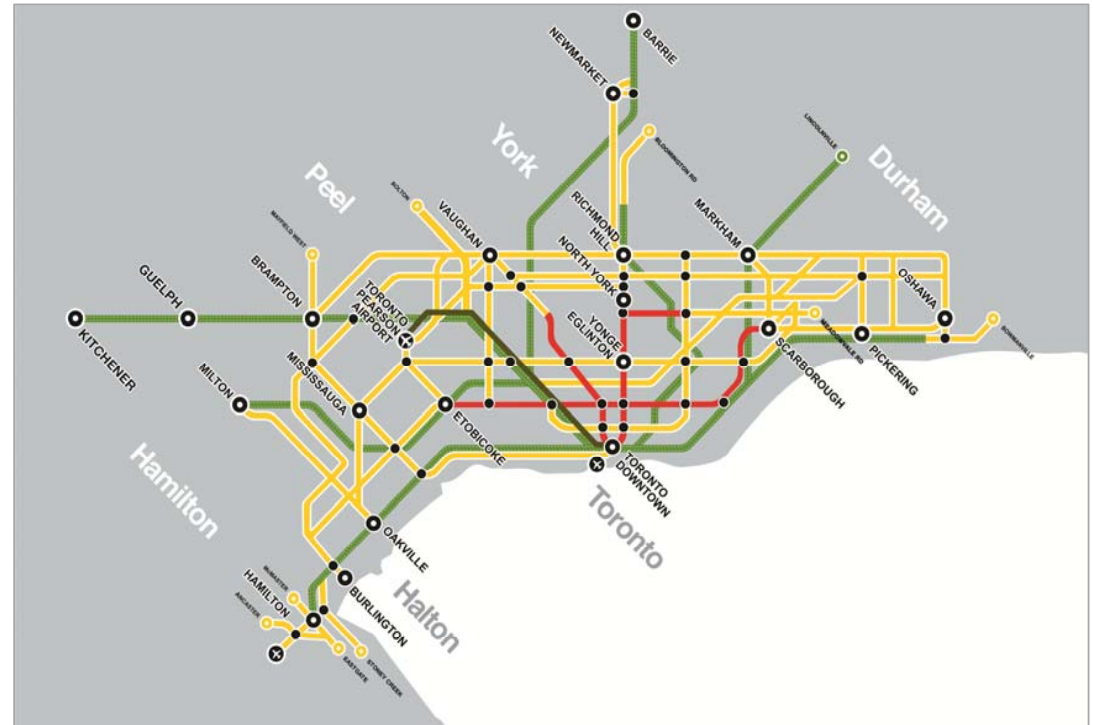


## WE HAVE A PLAN: REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN

Since 2008, Metrolinx has been guided by its Regional Transportation Plan, *The Big Move*.

Developed in consultation with municipalities, residents and stakeholders from across the region, the plan provides strategic direction for planning, designing and building a regional transportation network that enhances the quality of life, the environment and the prosperity of area residents.

Review for the next Regional Transportation Plan is now underway.



*The Big Move* proposes to build **over 1,200 km** of rapid transit — more than triple what existed in 2008 — so that over **80 per cent of residents** in the region will **live within 2 km** of rapid transit

## WHO IS METROLINX?

Metrolinx was created in 2006 by the Province of Ontario with a mandate to create greater connection between the communities of the Greater Toronto and Hamilton Area, and now beyond to the Greater Golden Horseshoe

### PLAN



### BUILD



### OPERATE



### CONNECT



## GO RAIL EXPANSION



**New GO tracks**  
**150 KM added**

150 kilometers of new dedicated GO track will allow for more uninterrupted service



**New GO trains**  
**Faster service**

New electric trains will travel faster for longer and reduce travel times



**New GO bridges  
& tunnels**  
**More reliable**

Bridges and tunnels that eliminate intersections with rail and road traffic will provide more reliable GO train service



**New GO Stations**  
**More connections**

New and improved stations will make your journey more comfortable, from start to finish



**Overhead Catenary**  
**Faster service**

New electrified rail infrastructure will allow Metrolinx to deliver faster, more frequent service

# SERVICE IMPROVEMENTS

**CURRENT GO BUS SERVICES**



**35 DAILY BUS TRIPS**

**SEASONAL GO TRAIN SERVICE**



**21% INCREASE IN 2017**





## NIAGARA EXPANSION MILESTONES

- **May 2015** – announcement of GO train service expansion to Hamilton-Stoney Creek with a new Confederation station – targeting service for 2019.
- **June 2016** – announcement of GO train service between the future Confederation station and the Niagara Region starting in 2021, with service to Niagara Falls by 2023. Service to Grimsby expected for 2021.
  - New stations in Hamilton-Stoney Creek and Grimsby
  - Upgraded stations in St. Catharines and Niagara Falls
- **April 2017** – launch of additional GO bus stop at Niagara College.
- **June 2017** – start preliminary design activities rail improvements and station facilities
- **December 2017**– Projected Completion of Hamilton Expansion Phase 1: Hamilton Junction-West Harbour Station.
- **Late 2017** – construction to begin on the new Confederation GO station.

# **INFRASTRUCTURE NEEDED TO BRING GO TRAIN SERVICE TO NIAGARA REGION**

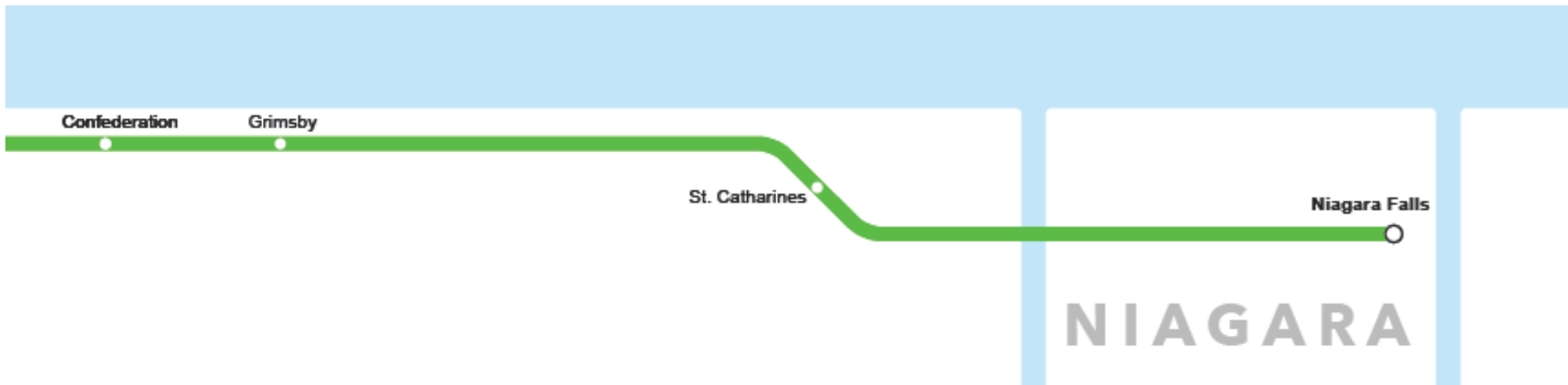
## WHAT WE'VE DONE SO FAR ON LAKESHORE WEST

- Valley Inn Road bridge replacement – completed June 2016
- Desjardins Canal Bridge – completed December 2016
- Lewis Road layover facility – operational in April 2017
- Confederation Station construction to start by end of 2017
- West Harbour GO Station 2<sup>nd</sup> platform complete, track installation estimated complete by end of 2017.
- John Street Bridge replacement is currently in design by CN Rail
- Track work, retaining walls adjacent to York Blvd. – will continue into late 2017
- Centennial Parkway Bridge Replacement/Widening

## NEW SERVICE FOR NIAGARA REGION REQUIREMENTS

Delivering more service requires:

- More than 25 kilometres of new track and signals; crossing and drainage upgrades
- **Upgrades to existing stations:** St. Catharines and Niagara Falls
- Bridge widenings, expansions and upgrades
- Additional GO rail fleet to provide service
- **New Stations:** Hamilton-Stoney Creek at Confederation and Grimsby at Casablanca
- New train layover facility in Niagara Falls and expansion of the Lewis Road train layover facility
- Customer experience improvements at stations



# NEW TRACK & NEW STATIONS

## NEW TRACK, SIGNALS & STATIONS

- New Track and Signals
  - Current seasonal service runs on existing CN track
  - New track will be added in various locations from West Harbour GO Station in Hamilton to Niagara Falls
- New Stations
  - Confederation (Hamilton-Stoney Creek)
  - Grimsby at Casablanca
- Station Upgrades
  - St. Catharines
  - Niagara Falls



## NEW TRACK & INFRASTRUCTURE

Given the magnitude, scope, and complexity of the work involved, we have an initial plan that phases implementation of the project.

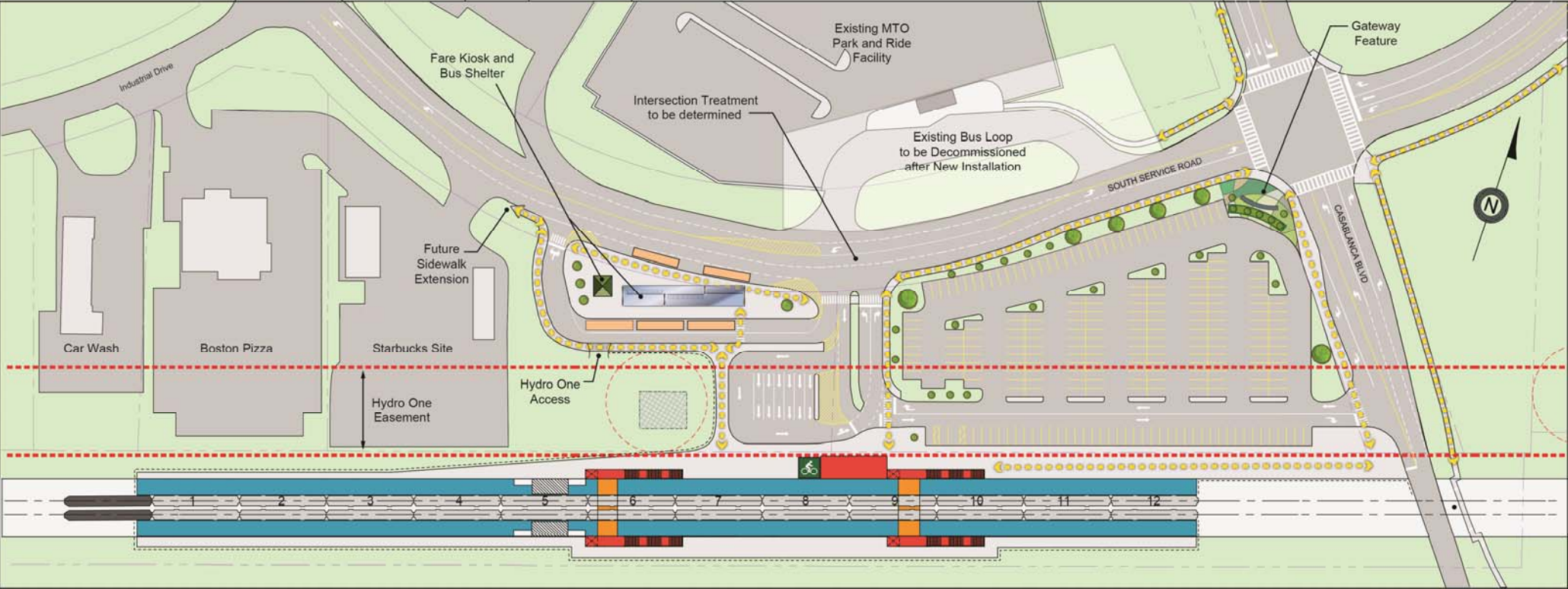
- Initial phases focus on completion of work in the Hamilton-Stoney Creek area, followed by Grimsby Station
- Subsequent phases are focused on work to expand service to St. Catharines and Niagara Falls

## **NEW GRIMSBY STATION – OPENING DAY AND FUTURE PHASING**

- Just as we are phasing the work to deliver GO train service all-year round to the Niagara region, we are moving ahead with a new GO station in the Town of Grimsby in phases.
- In addition to building a second track and re-signalling, Metrolinx will build a station at South Service Road and Casablanca Boulevard on the north side of the tracks for opening day as identified in the approved 2011 Environmental Assessment.
- This does not preclude further growth of the station. Metrolinx will continue to work with Niagara Region to monitor growth and usage of Grimsby station to review the need and timing of any future phases of station expansion.

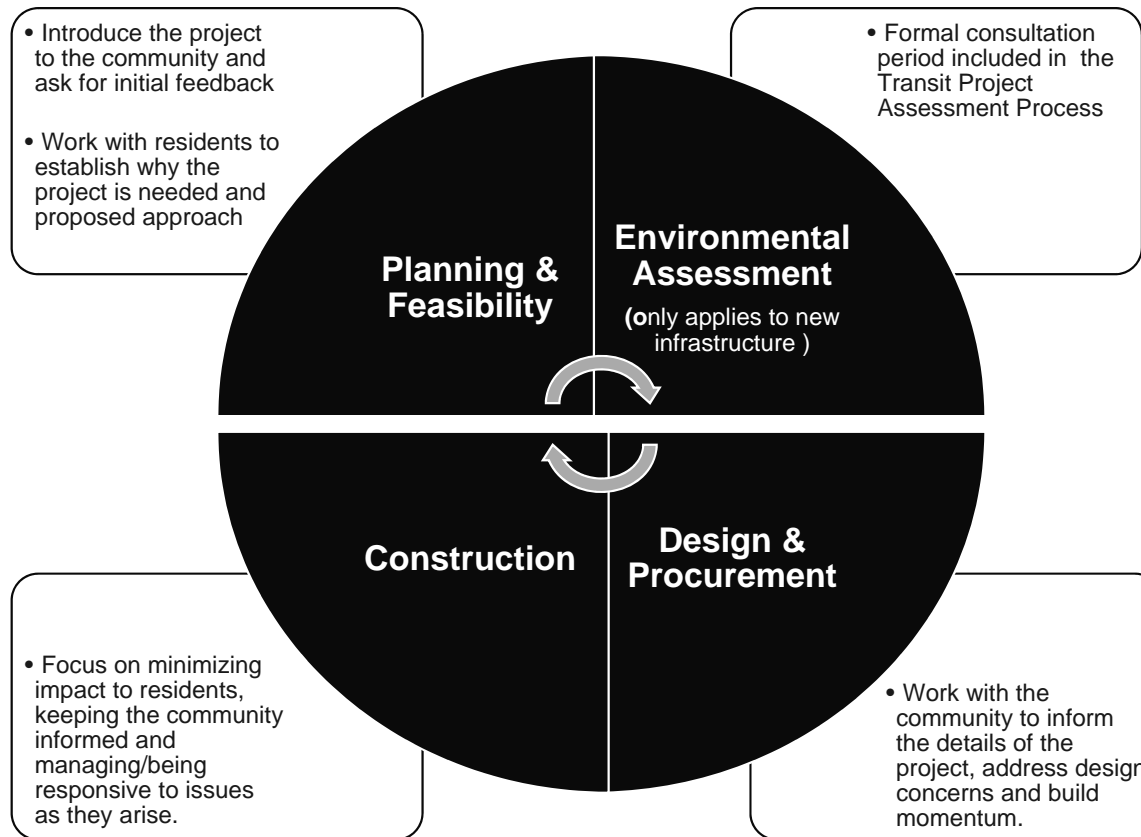


# GRIMSBY GO STATION – OPENING DAY CONCEPT



# COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

# COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT: PROJECT CYCLE



## BEGINNING THE CONVERSATION

- Transit Town Hall with MPP Miller in Winona – May 11, 2017
- Niagara Regional Council presentation – May 18, 2017
- Metrolinx presence at Niagara Regional public meetings (including Grimsby)
- We are planning a series of public meetings to begin the conversation:

### **Tuesday, November 21, 2017**

Southward Community Park  
84 Mud Street  
Grimsby, ON

### **Wednesday, November 22, 2017**

St. Catharines Public Library  
54 Church Street  
St. Catharines, ON

### **Monday, November 27, 2017**

Hamilton Public Library - Red Hill Branch  
695 Queenston Road  
Hamilton, ON

### **Wednesday, December 6, 2017**

Niagara Falls Public Library  
2828 Victoria Street  
Niagara Falls, ON

- We will install ‘Future Home Of...’ signs at station locations in coming weeks

# WORKING TOGETHER

## WE CONTINUE TO WORK TOGETHER TO:

- Maintain ongoing and regular coordination through the joint ***Metrolinx-Niagara Region Working Group***
- **Finalize Agreement-in-Principle** between Metrolinx, Niagara Region and local municipalities
- **Confirm funding agreement and commitments** between Niagara Region and MTO
- **Support station planning efforts**, collaborate on ongoing regional planning studies and the community engagement process for new GO rail stations
- **Support new Niagara Inter-municipal Transit authority** and integrated transit planning
- **Identify and plan interface work** – e.g. regional studies, development applications, utility servicing, road improvements, etc.

# NEXT STEPS

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- Metrolinx will initiate any environmental assessment for the Niagara service expansion in early 2018
- Start of construction at Confederation Station site this year
- Finalizing service planning for the Niagara service expansion
- Planning, procurement, design, and construction of:
  - New Grimsby station at Casablanca
  - Refurbishment of St. Catharines and Niagara Falls VIA Stations
  - New Niagara Falls train layover and expansion of the Lewis Road train layover
  - CN corridor design and construction activities are ongoing
- Targeted start of initial service:
  - Confederation - 2019
  - Grimsby - 2021
  - Niagara Falls and St. Catharines - 2023



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