



April 8, 2016

The Honourable Steven Del Duca  
Minister of Transportation  
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Dear Minister:

Congratulations on the significant progress you and your government are making in enabling Ontario to create, as the Minister of Finance has put it, “Jobs for Today and Tomorrow.”

We are writing to share a key strategy to further that goal: extending GO Train service through central Oshawa to Bowmanville.

You, your Ministry and Metrolinx have been engaged with us over many years about bringing this service with its provincially-approved EA into reality.

Up to this point, we could only speculate on what it would mean for jobs and investment. Today, however, we are able to provide firm numbers from a professional Economic Impact Analysis. This study is now completed and the results are significant to the economic success of Durham Region and the GTHA. The results of the study can be found at [www.oshawa.ca/goeastdurham](http://www.oshawa.ca/goeastdurham).

In summary, the project has the potential to conservatively generate \$1.1 billion in transit-oriented, walkable urban development. An investment in the GO expansion in Durham would enable:

- The creation of 21,000 permanent new jobs
- 6,000 person years in construction employment
- 6,000 homes to be built within walking distance of the four planned GO stations
- More than \$70 million in annual savings for residents related to time, vehicle costs and improved road safety
- A significant reduction in the amount of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions by decreasing private vehicle use by 50 million kilometres a year.

We urge your government to make a choice to financially support this project, enabling positive results for Ontarians. With this choice, your government can accomplish a wide range of economic, financial, environmental and quality of life goals set out in the Provincial Budget.

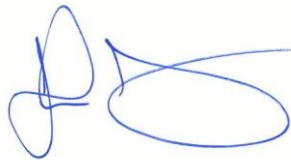
We have a provincially-approved EA. Unlike other transit projects that the government can choose from, this one is without controversy and has widespread community support – from post-secondary institutions to the business community to youth to farmers. The project is in the land use, transportation and transit plans of our municipalities. The critical “first mile/last mile” of the commuter’s journey has been thought through. We are ready to GO!

We looking forward to meeting with you to help implement this very important initiative for Ontario.

Yours sincerely,

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Don Lovisa  
President, Durham College  
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Mayor John Henry  
City of Oshawa

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Mayor Adrian Foster  
Municipality of Clarington