

City of Mississauga
Corporate Report



<p>Date: April 7, 2026</p> <p>To: Mayor and Members of Council</p>	<p>Originator's files:</p>
<p>From: Sam Rogers, MBA, Commissioner of Transportation and Works</p>	<p>Meeting date: April 15, 2026</p>

Subject

2026 Rapid Transit Program Office Update

Recommendation

That the report titled "2026 Rapid Transit Program Office Update" dated April 7, 2026, from the Commissioner of Transportation and Works, be received.

Executive Summary

- Rapid transit development in Mississauga is advancing to better support residents and businesses by enhancing mobility and connectivity, both locally and regionally, through expanded transportation options. This progress aligns transit infrastructure with population growth, helping to meet rising housing demand while supporting more sustainable urban development; key priorities of the Rapid Transit Program Office (RTPO) commitment to sustainable urban development.
- Construction activity on the Hazel McCallion Line, led by Metrolinx, has increased across the full 15 kilometre corridor within Mississauga, with work advancing in all active zones. Ongoing construction activities include, but are not limited to, track installation both mid-block and through intersections; installation of connections to traction power substations; construction of stop platforms; and utility works.
- The City of Mississauga continues to play a key role in the Hazel McCallion Line as the right-of-way and municipal planning authority, reviewing design packages, issuing permits, licences, and approvals to support implementation.

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- The Mississauga East Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Detailed Design study began in March 2025, with utilities work and other early activities expected between late 2026 and 2027. Detailed design and property acquisition, which started in 2025, will continue through 2027. Early construction on select segments of the Dundas BRT Mississauga East is anticipated to begin in late 2026.
- The Lakeshore Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Detailed Design study began in August 2025. Utilities work and other early activities are expected between 2026 and 2027, followed by main construction. Detailed design and property acquisition, which started in 2025, will continue through 2027, with early construction of the Lakeshore BRT anticipated to begin in late 2026.

Background

The advancement of Mississauga's rapid transit programs continues, with 2026 marking a pivotal year for development. Light rail projects are progressing in construction, while bus rapid transit initiatives advance through detailed design in preparation for future construction. A major Downtown Mobility Hub project is also beginning its environmental assessment process. Both the Province and the City continue to invest in modern transit solutions, providing efficient and accessible transportation that supports economic growth and environmental sustainability. These efforts help meet growing housing demand and promote sustainable urban development, aligning with the mandate of the Rapid Transit Program Office (RTPO).

Initiatives under the Rapid Transit Program Office (RTPO) aim to enhance connectivity, improve access, and reduce congestion across the transportation network. The RTPO was established to maintain and advance a continuous pipeline of rapid transit projects, guiding them through planning, environmental assessment, preliminary and detailed design, and construction, supported by a team of subject-matter experts across disciplines. Currently these projects include the Hazel McCallion Line (formally known as the Hurontario LRT), Dundas BRT Project, Lakeshore BRT Project, the Eglinton Crosstown West Extension, Downtown Mobility Hub and Transitway Connection, as well as GO Rail Expansion.

This report is intended to inform Council of the current status of major projects, delineate areas under the jurisdiction of City staff, and identify forthcoming decision points requiring Council consideration.

Comments

Hazel McCallion Line

Construction activity on the Hazel McCallion Line (formally known as Hurontario LRT), led by Metrolinx, has increased across the full 15 kilometre corridor within Mississauga, with work advancing in all active zones. While the Province, through Metrolinx and Infrastructure Ontario,

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continues to lead the implementation of Hazel McCallion Line, the City of Mississauga serves as an active partner, alongside the City of Brampton and the Region of Peel.

City staff continue to serve as the right-of-way authority, municipal planning authority, and regulator, reviewing design packages and issuing permits, licences, and approvals to support the implementation of the Hazel McCallion Line by Metrolinx and its contractor, Mobilinx. Staff also participate in coordination meetings with the Ministry of Transportation Ontario, Infrastructure Ontario, and Trillium Health Partners.

City staff play an integral role in the delivery of the Hazel McCallion Line, serving as the right-of-way authority, municipal planning authority, and regulator. Since construction began in 2020, staff have reviewed over 1,350 design packages. In 2025, 190 permits, licences, and approvals were issued, including planning approvals supporting project implementation. As of April 1, 2026, 65 permits, licences, and approvals have been issued, putting the project on pace to surpass 2025 totals. All reviews and approvals have been completed in a timely manner in accordance with the agreement with Metrolinx. A collaborative process remains in place to help minimize impacts on residents and businesses wherever possible.

It is important to note that City staff do not determine construction schedules and do not hold a direct contractual relationship with Mobilinx.

City staff have been monitoring the opening and operations of the Finch West LRT and the Eglinton Crosstown and are working with Metrolinx on applying lessons learned from these projects to the Hazel McCallion Line during its lead-up and operational phases.

Discussions regarding operational agreements continue between Metrolinx, the Cities, and the Region of Peel. Staff will seek direction and approvals from Council for the various agreements in 2026 and 2027.

The Hazel McCallion Line is a transformative project for the City, with the Downtown Mississauga and Downtown Brampton Extensions long identified as potential future phases, as outlined in the Regional Transportation Plan (2041). The Province has advanced funding for the planning activities for the Downtown Mississauga LRT Extension which are both priority transit projects under the *Building Transit Faster Act*. Metrolinx has engaged city staff to advance planning work on the Downtown Mississauga LRT Extension and have advised that timelines and costs will be determined through the planning and development process.

Dundas Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Mississauga East

In May 2018, City of Mississauga completed the Dundas Connects Master Plan, which established a transportation and planning vision for Dundas Street through a comprehensive consultation process. As recommended in the report titled 'Dundas Connects Master Plan' to General Committee on June 20, 2018, City Council subsequently endorsed the Dundas BRT Mississauga East project, which recommended centre-median running BRT for a 7 kilometre segment of the Dundas Street between Etobicoke Creek and Confederation Parkway. A rendering of the proposed Dundas BRT is shown below in Figure 1.



Figure 1: Dundas BRT and Station Concept

The Dundas BRT Mississauga East received a Notice to Proceed from the Provincial Government in April 2022 following the completion and approval of the Transit Project Assessment Process (TPAP). The 30% preliminary design was completed in early 2024. Updates to the project scope include the new provincial housing mandate and additional water and wastewater infrastructure from the Region of Peel. The Detailed Design Request for Proposal (RFP) for the Dundas BRT Mississauga East was released in September 2024, with study commencement in March 2025. Detailed design, early works, and other preparatory activities are expected between 2026 and 2027, with phased construction anticipated to begin in 2027.

Dundas Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Mississauga West

As recommended in the Corporate Report titled “Request for Authority to Enter into Cost Sharing Agreement with Metrolinx to undertake the Dundas Bus Rapid Transit Corridor Preliminary Design and Transit Project Assessment Process” on July 8, 2023 to General Committee, the City and Metrolinx entered into a cost sharing agreement to undertake the Dundas Bus Rapid Transit Corridor Preliminary Design and Transit Project Assessment Process. The Dundas BRT Mississauga West runs along the Dundas Street corridor between Ninth Line and Confederation Parkway. This segment has completed 10% design and a business case led by Metrolinx. Further advancement to 30% design and the filing of the Transit Project Assessment Process (TPAP) are currently under review by the Rapid Transit Program Office.

Lakeshore Bus Rapid Transit (BRT)

As recommended in the report titled 'Lakeshore Connecting Communities Transportation Master Plan' to General Committee on June 5, 2019, Council endorsed the Lakeshore Transportation Master Plan, which recommended centre-median running Bus Rapid Transit for a 2 kilometre segment of the Lakeshore Road between Etobicoke Creek and East Avenue. A rendering of the proposed Lakeshore BRT is shown in Figure 2.

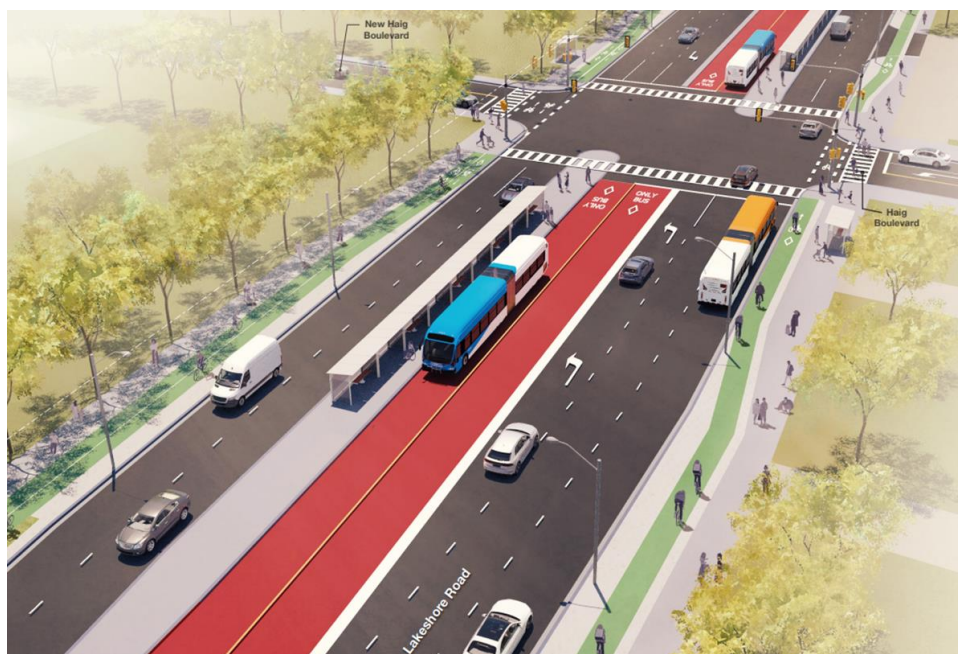


Figure 2: Lakeshore BRT rendering at Lakeshore Road East and Haig Boulevard

Following the endorsement of the Lakeshore TMP, the City proceeded with developing the preliminary design and completing the Transit Project Assessment Process (TPAP) for the Lakeshore BRT project. The TPAP Notice of Completion was subsequently issued on July 27, 2023. In May 2023, a Minister Zoning Order (MZO) was announced, doubling the residential units from 8,000 to 16,000 at the Lakeview development. As such, a Lakeview Neighbourhood MZO Impact Analysis Memo was completed in Q4 2023. The memo recommended that the Lakeshore BRT design protect for the conversion to streetcar or LRT at a future date.

Currently, the Lakeshore BRT project is moving forward with the Detailed Design which commenced in August 2025. Detailed design and early works are anticipated to occur between 2026 and 2027. Construction of the Lakeshore BRT is expected to commence in 2027.

Eglinton Crosstown West Extension

The Metrolinx-led Eglinton Crosstown West Extension (ECWE) Project is an addition of the new Eglinton (subway) line and will run approximately 9.2 kilometres from the Renforth Drive Station to the future Mount Dennis LRT Station with approximately 1 kilometre of its length within the

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City of Mississauga. The Mississauga Transitway will be able to connect to and serve both of these rapid transit lines by way of the Renforth Station.

In September 2025, the Ontario Government announced the release of the RFP for the Stations, Rail and Systems (SRS) contract, which has since been awarded to Trillium Rail Partners (TRP).

The project entered the development phase earlier this year, with the 30% detailed design currently under review by City of Mississauga. The City continues to coordinate closely with Metrolinx to support progression into the detailed design phase.

City staff have been monitoring the operations of the Eglinton Crosstown and will support the application of lessons learned from this project to ECWE as well the Hazel McCallion Line.

Downtown Mobility Hub

The Downtown Mobility Hub and Transitway Connection aims to complete the Mississauga Transitway through the Downtown Square One area along Rathburn Road, Station Gate Road, and Centre View Drive, between Mavis Road and Hurontario Street. The project includes replacing the existing City Centre Transit Terminal and GO Bus Terminal with a new underground Mobility Hub on the former Playdium site at 99 Rathburn Road. This segment was originally part of the Transitway Environmental Assessment completed in the 1990s. Between 2017 and 2021, Metrolinx led an Initial Business Case study, recommending the preferred mobility hub layout and transitway alignments. In 2019, the City allocated municipal funding to update the Environmental Assessment through a Transit and Rail Project Assessment Process (TRPAP) and advance the project from functional to 30% design, positioning it as shovel-ready for future funding opportunities.

The TRPAP and 30% design study commenced in January 2026 and is anticipated to take two years. During the study, future mobility hub land requirements will be assessed, and negotiations with stakeholders, such as Metrolinx and the landowner, Oxford Properties, are expected to determine a preferred design and funding requirements.

Financial Impact

There are no financial impacts resulting from the recommendations in this report.

Conclusion

The Rapid Transit Program Office continues to advance projects that enhance connectivity within the City and across the Greater Toronto and Hamilton Area (GTHA), supporting economic growth, reducing congestion, and promoting environmentally sustainable travel. City staff are driving transformative initiatives that shape urban development for residents and businesses through collaboration with the Province, other government agencies, experienced consultants, and internal subject-matter experts. Key transformative projects in Mississauga include the

Hazel McCallion Line, Dundas BRT Mississauga East, Lakeshore BRT, Eglinton Crosstown West Extension, and the Downtown Mobility Hub and Transitway Connection. These not only improve local mobility but also strengthen regional transit connections, enhancing the flow of people and goods across the GTHA.



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