

# Canada Public Transit Fund Update: Bus Rapid Transit along Highway 7 East

City of Markham Council – April 8, 2025

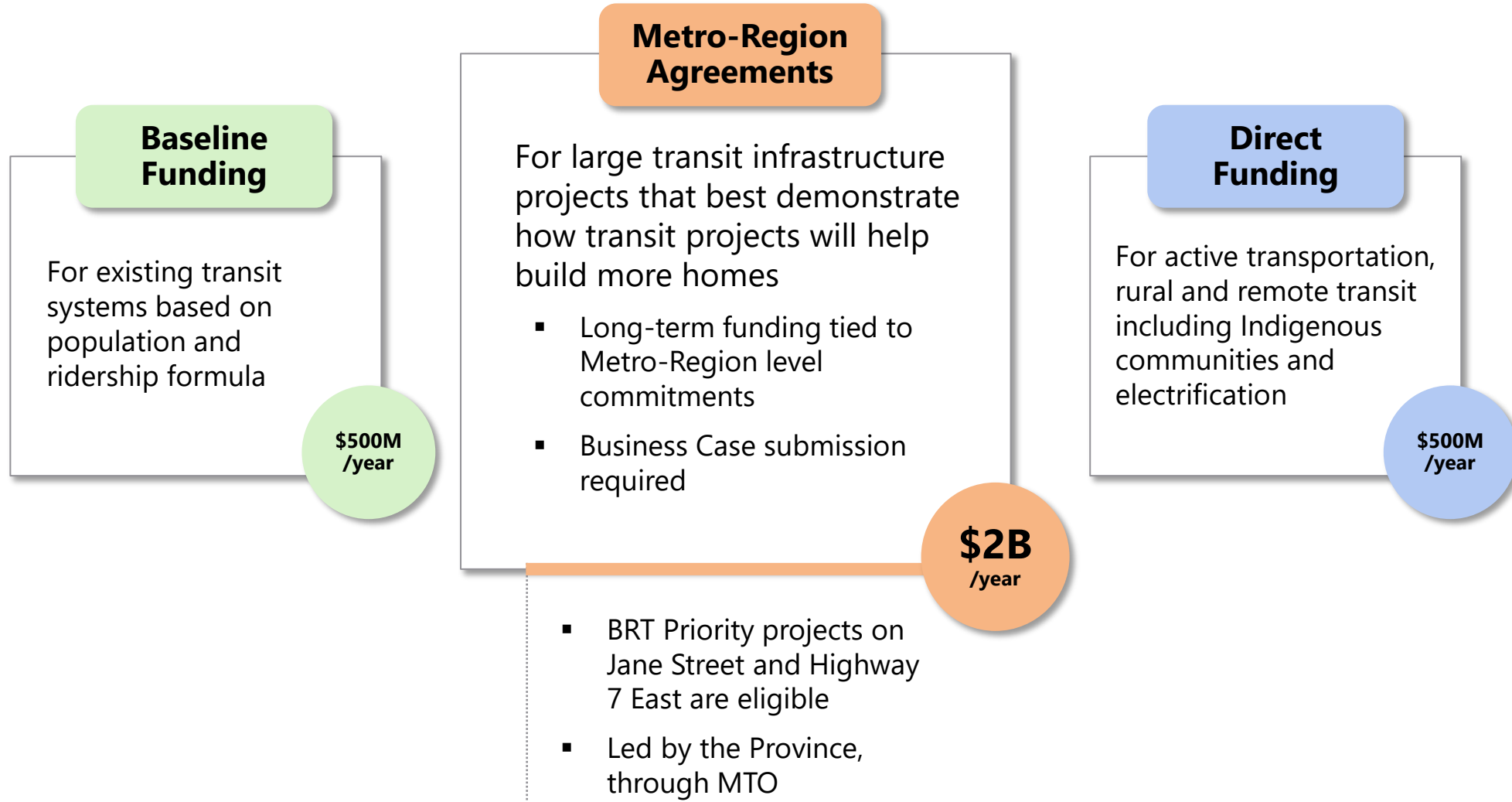


# Today's Agenda

- 1. Canada Public Transit Fund**
- 2. Priority BRT Corridors**
- 3. Development Context**
- 4. Collective Mission**



# Canada Public Transit Fund: Program Approach





## Canada Public Transit Fund: Core Objectives of Funding

Increase use of public transit & active transportation relative to car travel

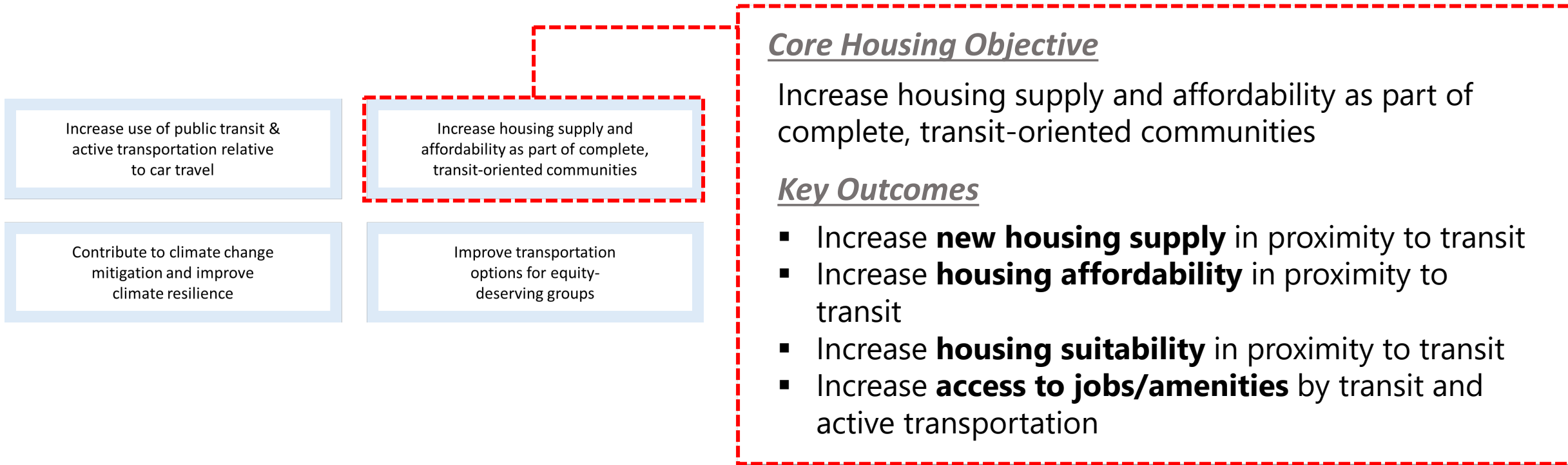
Increase housing supply and affordability as part of complete, transit-oriented communities

Contribute to climate change mitigation and improve climate resilience

Improve transportation options for equity-deserving groups



# Canada Public Transit Fund: Core Objectives of Funding



# GGH Metro-Region Agreement Overview

- MTO will lead the development of the GGH MRA following the stages below
- Project funding could flow as early as April 2026
- Updated timing is expected to be communicated to municipalities in the coming weeks



## EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

- ✓ **GGH Region defined**
- ✓ **MTO letters sent**
- ✓ **1:1 meetings conducted with all municipalities**
- ✓ **Draft EOI shared**
- ✓ **Municipal input for EOI and planning funding**
- EOI submitted

## INTEGRATED REGIONAL PLAN

- Establish TOR for Metro-Region Table
- Identify priority projects for 10-year investment plan
- Establish region-wide targets for housing supply, transit ridership, and emissions reductions

## METRO-REGION AGREEMENT

- MTO to lead negotiations with federal government and secure funding for MRA
- Target formal signatures on MRA, including funding commitments from all partners, by winter 2026

## PROJECT FUNDING APPLICATION

- Metro-region signatories bring forward funding requests for projects identified in the IRP
- Funding applications reviewed and assessed by HICC

## CONTRIBUTION AGREEMENT AND FUNDING TRANSFER

- Project-specific contribution agreements developed for recipients implementing projects
- MTO works with Metrolinx and municipal partners to support the project-level approval process and transfer of funds

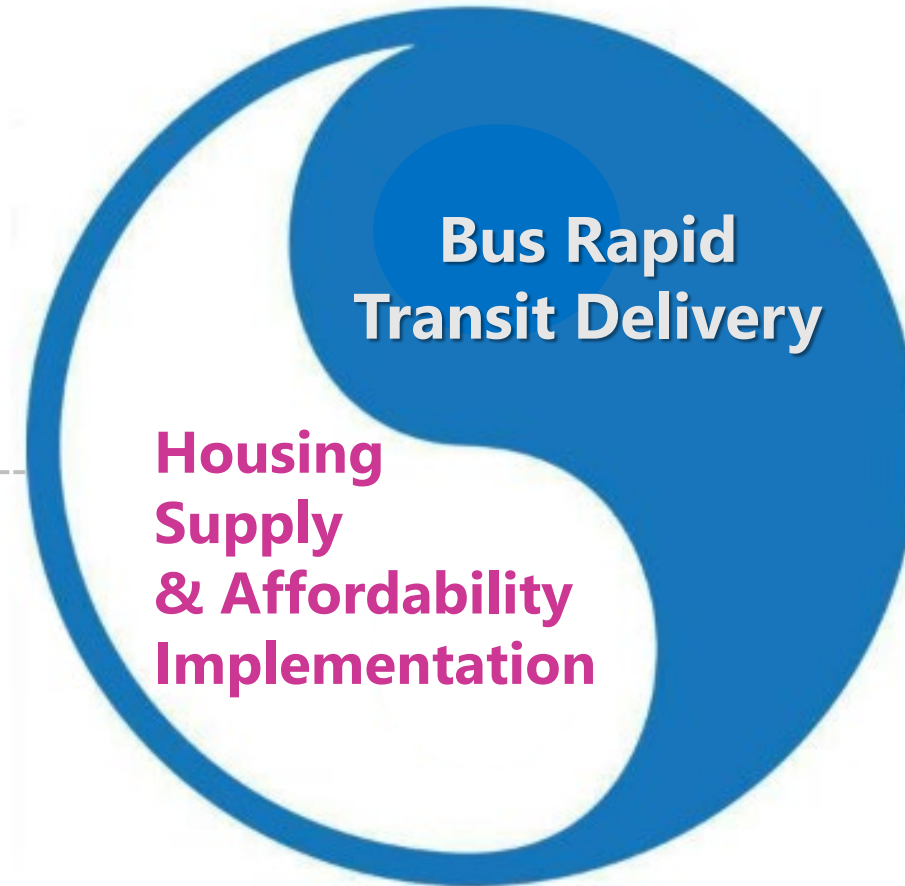


# Canada Public Transit Fund: Highway 7 Funding Submission Business Case

**City of  
Markham**



**York Region /  
YRRTC**



**WORKING TOGETHER = SUCCESS IN FUNDING PURSUIT**

# Highway 7 East BRT

- 13.5 km along:
  - Markham Centre between Birchmount Road & Kennedy Road; and
  - Highway 7 East between Kennedy Road & York-Durham Line
- Population & Employment:
  - Active Development Applications: 34,000+ units
  - By 2051:
    - 122,000+ people
    - 30,000+ jobs



Active Transportation



Cornell Bus Terminal



Markham Stouffville Hospital



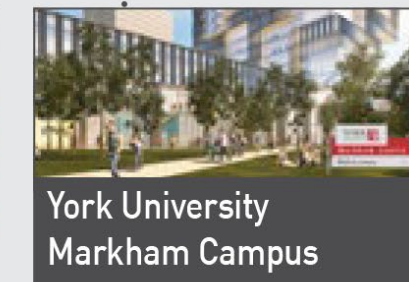
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YMCA



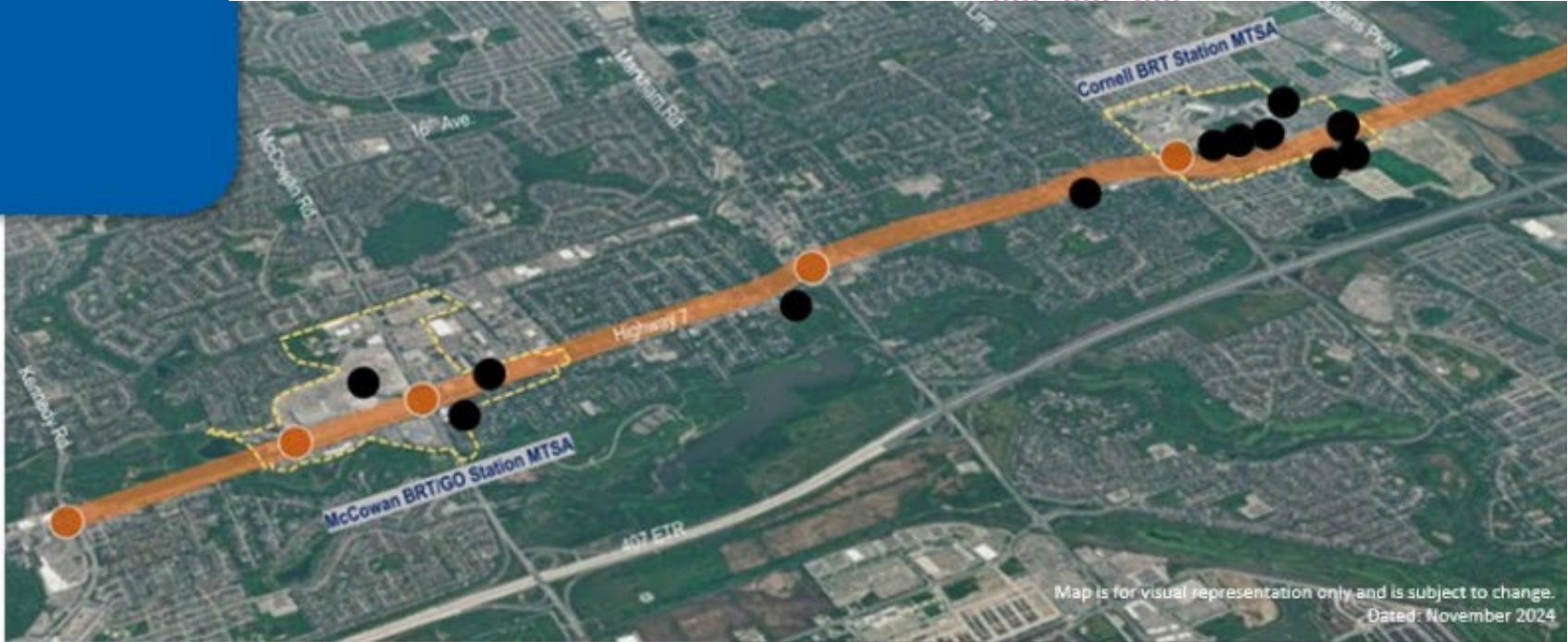
Markham PanAm Centre



York University Markham Campus



# Highway 7 East BRT – Development Context



## Highway 7 East BRT Corridor – Enterprise/Kennedy Development Applications & Growth Statistics



## Highway 7 East BRT Corridor – Kennedy to Cornell Development Applications & Growth Statistics

## Collective Mission:

We need successful applications to the ***Canada Public Transit Fund Metro-Region Agreement Stream***.

***Together***, we must build the best cases to secure critical funding for the Jane Street and Highway 7 East BRT projects.

### ***Commitments:***

- Cities of Vaughan and Markham – achieving Housing Supply & Affordability targets
- York Region – delivering the transit infrastructure

# THANK YOU



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