



# Staff Update on Metrolinx's “Creating Connections” Presentation

## Development Services Committee

May 8, 2017





## Agenda

- Metrolinx Rail Network
- Access to GO Rail Stations
- Regional Express Rail components affecting Markham
- Potential Station locations in Markham
- Grade Separations – cost comparison
- Mobility Hub Study – an update
- Questions & Answers
- Staff Recommendations



# Metrolinx Rail Network

## Train Map Plan du réseau de train



Source: Metrolinx

# Modes of Travel

## TRIPS MADE BY RESIDENTS OF TOWN OF MARKHAM

Time Period	Trips	% 24 hr	Trip Purpose						Mode of Travel				Median Trip Length (km)			
			HB-W	HB-S	HB-D	N-HB	Driver	Pass.	Transit	GO Train	Walk & Cy	Other	Driver	Pass.	Transit	GO Train
6-9 AM	160,100	24.8%	44%	21%	25%	10%	62%	15%	9%	5%	6%	2%	7.2	3.4	18.4	26.0
24 Hours	646,000		31%	12%	41%	16%	67%	18%	7%	3%	4%	1%	5.7	4.3	17.2	26.0

## TRIPS TO TOWN OF MARKHAM

Time Period	Trips	% 24 hr	Trip Purpose						Mode of Travel				Median Trip Length (km)			
			Work	School	Home	Other	Driver	Pass.	Transit	GO Train	Walk & Cy	Other	Driver	Pass.	Transit	GO Train
6-9 AM	148,000	23.7%	51%	20%	7%	22%	71%	15%	4%	0%	7%	3%	7.7	3.0	6.8	32.2
24 Hours	624,400		18%	5%	43%	34%	70%	18%	5%	1%	4%	1%	5.8	4.3	12.7	26.0

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SURVEY AREA SUMMARY

**datamanagementgroup**  
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Source: Data Management Group, University of Toronto



# Rail & Bus Service

Route/line:  
Direction of Travel:  
Date of Travel:  
**Stouffville**  
**Southbound to Union Station**

Tuesday, May 02, 2017

**TRAIN & BUS**    **TRAIN ONLY**    **BUS ONLY**

Source: Metrolinx

Route Number	71A	71F	70B	70B	70B	70B	70B	70E	70A	71E	71A	71F	71D	71D	71F	71D	71D	71F
Uxbridge_Railbank & Spruce	04:25		05:19	05:59		06:38		07:36		08:31		09:40						
Goodwood_Hwy 47 & Front	04:36		05:32	06:12		06:51		07:49		08:44		09:53						
Lincolnville GO	04:45	05:15	05:54	06:19	06:34	06:41	06:58	07:13	07:11	07:56	08:11	08:31	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30		
Stouffville GO	04:51	05:22	06:01		06:41	06:48		07:20	07:48	08:18	08:57		10:06	10:36	11:06	11:36		
E	05:05	05:32	06:11	06:51	06:58		07:30	07:58	08:28	09:06	09:11	10:15	10:20	10:50	11:20	11:50		
Mount Joy GO	05:09	05:37	06:16	06:56	07:03		07:35	08:03	08:33	09:11	09:16	10:20	10:25	10:55	11:25	11:55		
Markham GO	05:42	06:21	07:01	07:08		07:40	08:08	08:38	09:17	10:31	11:01	11:31	12:01					
Centralia GO	05:42	06:21	07:01	07:08		07:40	08:08	08:38	09:17	10:31	11:01	11:31	12:01					
E	05:55	06:27	07:07	07:14		07:46	08:14	08:44	09:34	09:49	10:40	11:10	11:40	12:10				
Unionville GO	05:55	06:27	07:07	07:14		07:46	08:14	08:44	09:34	09:49	10:40	11:10	11:40	12:10				
Miliken GO	06:35	07:15	07:22		07:54	08:22	08:52		09:57	10:04	10:41	11:10	11:40	12:10				
Actoncourt GO	06:42		07:22	07:29		08:01	08:29	08:59		10:04	10:41	11:10	11:40	12:10				
Kennedy GO	06:49	07:29	07:36		08:08	08:36	09:06		10:11	10:41	11:10	11:40	12:10					



# Access to GO Rail Station

- This is a challenge for Metrolinx and municipalities especially for RER in the future
- If current access pattern do not change, Metrolinx will need another 75,000-80,000 additional parking (@\$4,000-\$5,000)
- Need to shift to sustainable modes



## GO Rail Station Access Plan

Final Report

December 12, 2016



2015 ACCESS LEVELS (ACTUAL)	2031 ACCESS TARGET	
	2013 Plan	2016 Plan
Pedestrian	8.5%	12-14%
Transit	8.5%	25-27%*
Cycling	1%	2-4%
Pick up/Drop off	15%	20-22%
Carpool Passengers	4.5%	5-7%
Drive and Park	62%	36-38%
Total	100%*	100%



# GO Transit Survey Data

- GO Transit carries out alternate rail and bus passenger survey each year.

EXHIBIT 39. Table Comparing Riders' Station Access Modes: Comparison between 2007/08, 2009/10, 2011, and 2013 Surveys (Weighted Data)

	Car (drove by myself, passenger, carpool)*	Walked	GO Bus	Local Transit/ TTC	Various Other	n (survey sample)
2007/08 Rail Survey	81%	8%	1%	9%	1%	11,174
2009/10 Rail Survey	78%	9%	2%	10%	3%	11,927
2011 Rail Survey	81%	9%	2%	9%	0%	11,294
2013 Rail Survey	78%	9%	1%	8%	5%	14,121

\* Response categories combined due to differences between survey cycles.

Source: GO Transit

# Stouffville Corridor Station Access Modes

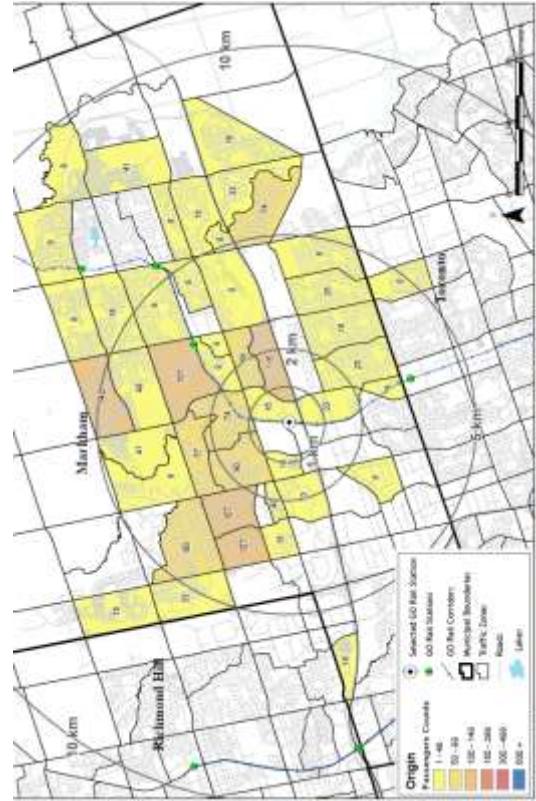
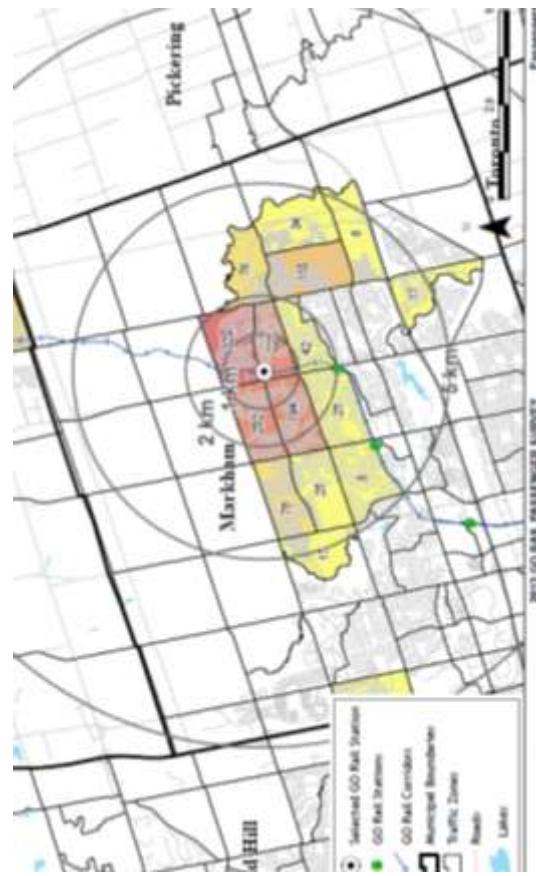
6.1.7 Stouffville Corridor - From Origin to Boarding Station

Source: GO Transit		Drove myself	Parked at GO station	Car Pooled off	Local Transit	GO Bus	Bicycle	Walked	Motorcycle/Scooter	Special Transit	Other	Total
Kennedy Station		13	0	16	3	11	0	0	0	32	0	0
% Station Total		17.9%	0.0%	21.4%	3.6%	14.3%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	42.9%	0.0%	100.0%
Agingcourt Station		404	10	39	0	10	0	0	0	59	0	522
% Station Total		77.4%	1.9%	7.5%	0.0%	1.9%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	11.3%	0.0%	100.0%
Milliken Station		405	34	190	26	43	9	0	0	9	0	715
% Station Total		56.6%	4.8%	26.5%	3.6%	6.0%	1.2%	0.0%	0.0%	1.2%	0.0%	100.0%
Unionville Station		1075	33	279	49	230	16	8	0	0	8	1699
% Station Total		63.3%	1.9%	16.4%	2.9%	13.5%	1.0%	0.5%	0.0%	0.0%	0.5%	100.0%
Centennial Station		460	33	226	25	42	0	0	0	201	0	987
% Station Total		46.6%	3.4%	22.9%	2.5%	4.2%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	20.3%	0.0%	100.0%
Markham Station		475	7	197	0	41	0	14	0	231	0	985
% Station Total		49.3%	0.7%	20.4%	0.0%	4.2%	0.0%	1.4%	0.0%	23.9%	0.0%	100.0%
Mount Joy Station		952	59	202	17	51	8	0	0	219	0	1508
% Station Total		63.1%	3.9%	13.4%	1.1%	3.4%	0.6%	0.0%	0.0%	14.5%	0.0%	100.0%
Stouffville Station		336	60	129	34	0	0	26	0	129	0	714
% Station Total		47.0%	8.4%	18.1%	4.8%	0.0%	0.0%	3.6%	0.0%	18.1%	0.0%	100.0%
Lincolnville Station		147	0	17	0	0	21	0	0	0	0	185
% Station Total		79.5%	0.0%	9.1%	0.0%	0.0%	11.4%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	100.0%
Total		4267	236	1295	154	428	54	48	0	880	8	7370
% Corridor Total		57.9%	3.2%	17.6%	2.1%	5.8%	0.7%	0.7%	0.0%	11.9%	0.1%	100.0%

Source: GO Transit



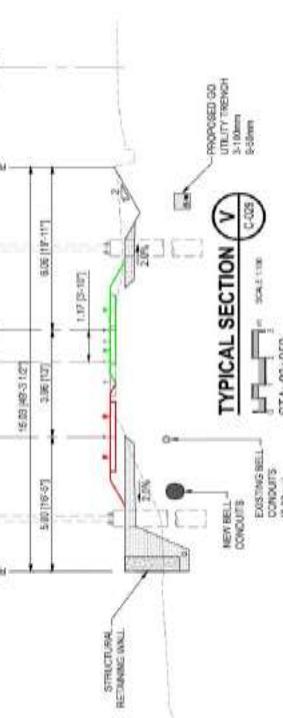
# Trip Origin Patterns



Source: GO Transit

# Regional Express Rail (RER)

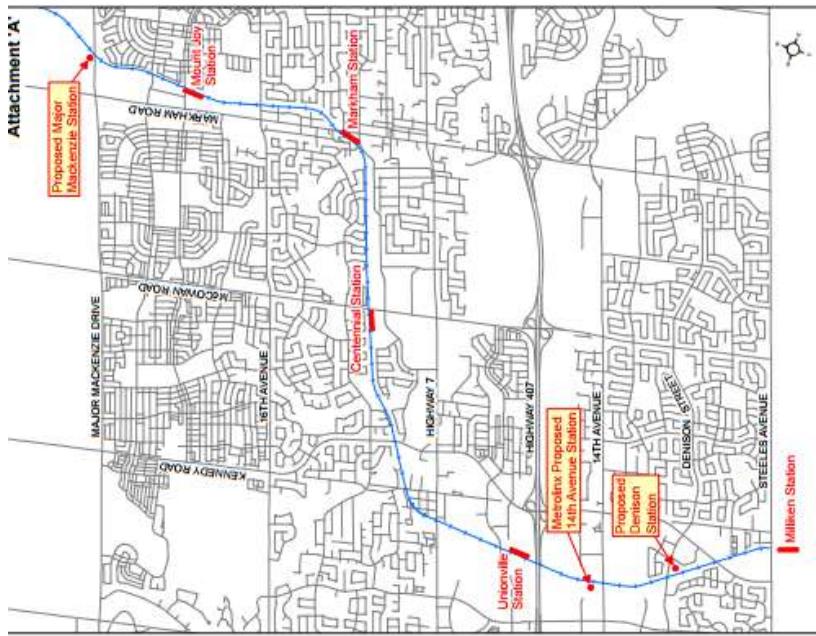
To improve service and increase train frequency, Metrolinx need to:



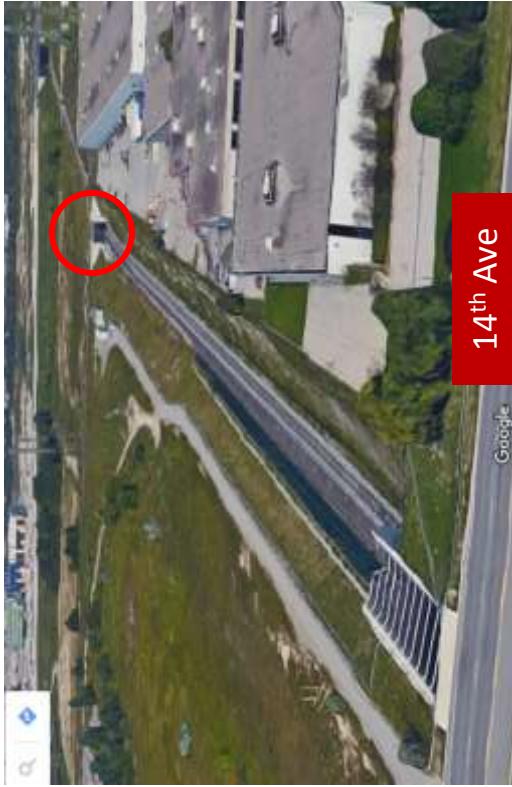
- Add **second tracks** (2-way service)
- Improve **stations** (access, parking, platforms)
- Implement **electrification** (higher acceleration/deceleration, sustainability, noise, emission)
- Build **grade separations** (safety, traffic operations, reduce trespassing)

# Potential Station Locations

- Council Meeting May 3, 2016 endorsed Denison St. and Major Mackenzie Dr E.
- Council Meeting November 25, 2014 to study the feasibility of GO Station/Mobility Hub at John Street.
- Council Meeting May 15, 2012 a steering committee be created and a working group be formed to study **METRO-E** concept.



# Potential GO Station at 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue



Looking North from 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue



Looking South from CN York Subdivision

○ Hagerman Diamond rail-to-rail grade separation was opened in 2008 at a cost of \$54 million after 2 years of construction.



MARKHAM

## Recent Rail Grade Separations in Markham

- Enterprise Blvd Rail Bridge (2005) \$7.33 M – rail diversion only
- Birchmount Road Rail Bridge (2012) \$4.65 M – rail diversion only
- Rodick Road Bridge (2013) \$6.68 M – road over rail
- Steeles Avenue Grade Separation (2017) \$120M – rail diversion and road diversion
- Time lapse Birchmount Bridge
- Springvale Level Crossing Removal, Victoria, Australia: A\$159 Million (2013) – road closed for 10 days with rail realigned and construction of with a new rail station6

# Mobility Hub Study Phase 1

- Council Meeting on May 31 , 2016:
  - Phase 1 study to be led by Metrolinx
  - Markham Funding support of \$71K
  - Update Council throughout the study process (tentative September)
  - Study deliverables: overall structure plan (overall vision, road pattern, development blocks), transportation services (407 Transitway, VIVA, GO Rail, other modes of transportation and connectivity), high level financial analysis to confirm financial viability, Unionville station design (access, circulation, parking), implementation plan



# Questions & Answers



## Staff Recommendations

- That the May 8, 2017 staff presentation entitled ‘Staff Update on Metrolinx’s “Creating Connections”’ be received;
- And that a sub-committee of 4-5 members comprising of councillors and regional councillors be formed with the mandate of monitoring the progress of transit initiatives of various levels of government, and advising Council on transit matters;
- And that staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.