

Talking Transit: From Planning to Implementation

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About BILD...

- Established in 1921
- In 2006:

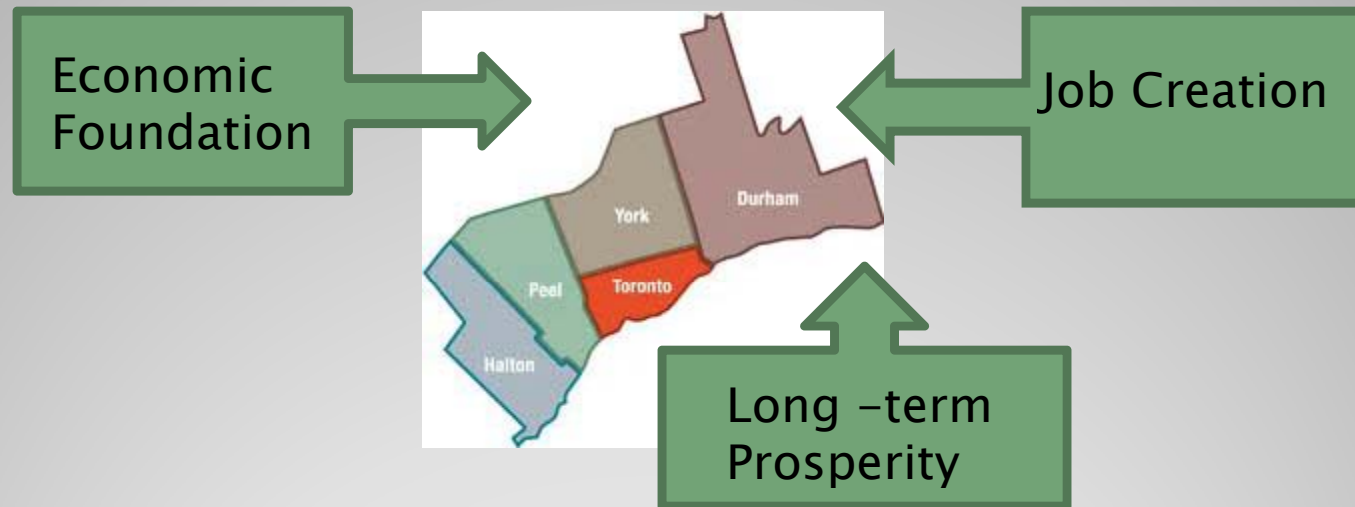


- With more than 1,375 member companies, we are the voice of the residential and non-residential land development, home building and professional renovation industry in the GTA
- Our goal is to improve the communication between the industry and government, promote the welfare of our industry and protect the interest of our consumers
- Proudly affiliated:

**Canadian
Home Builders'
Association**



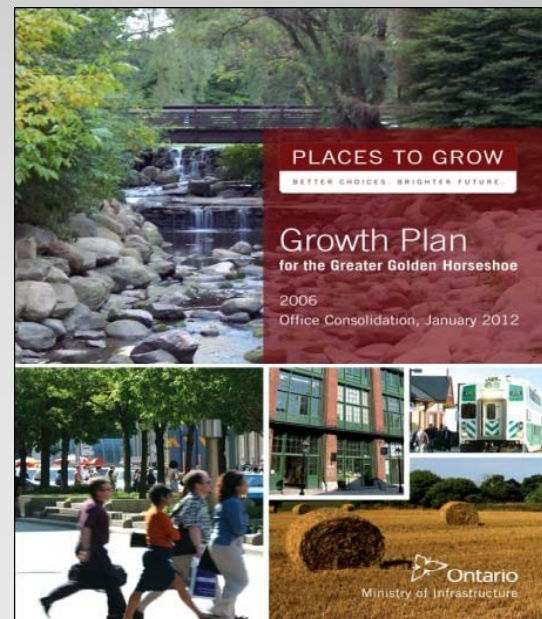
The Industry's Economic Impact (GTA, 2011)...



- 41, 292 new housing starts – key to economic growth (2011)
- 193,300 jobs in new home construction, renovation and related fields – one of the largest employers in the region
- \$10.1 billion in wages – show up as purchases across the whole GTA economy
- \$24.6 billion in investment value – largest single building of wealth for GTA families

Today's Transit Talk

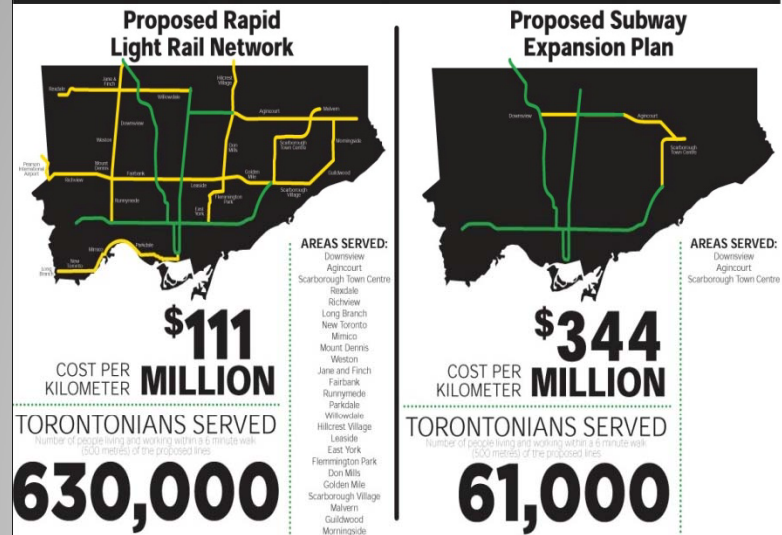
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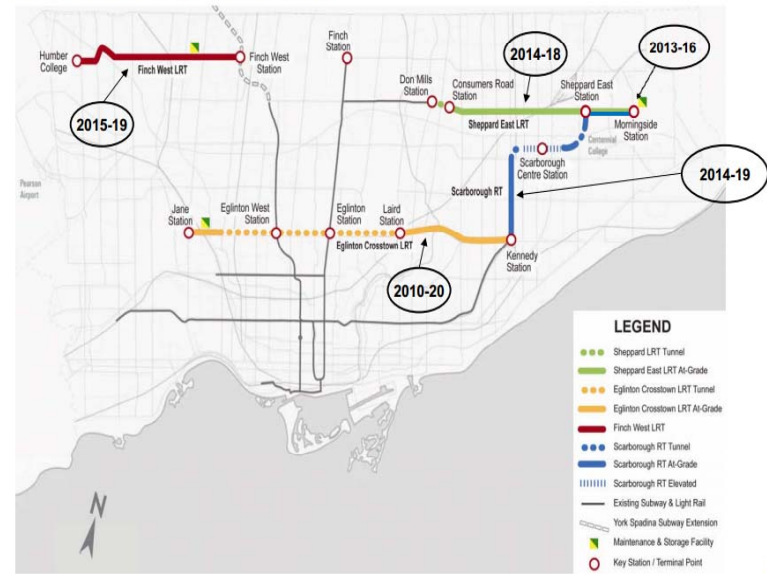
BIG PLANS

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WHICH PLAN HAS THE MOST WINNERS?

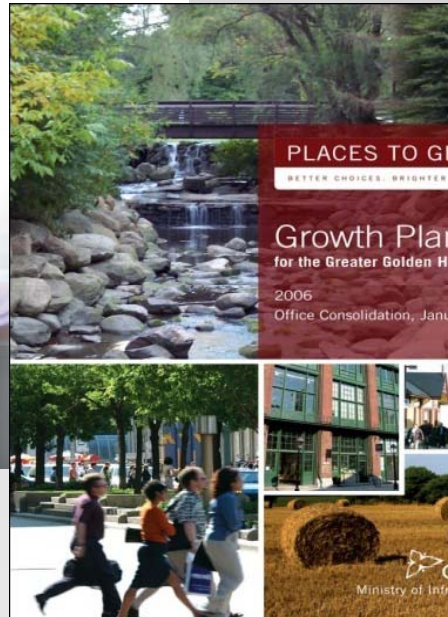


Proposed Project Staging



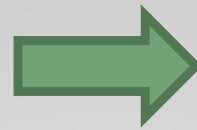
NO MORE DEBATE

Let's All Move Forward Together



TODAY!

MOVING FORWARD... The HOW

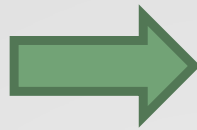


to support

Intensification



Investment



to support

Jobs & Economy

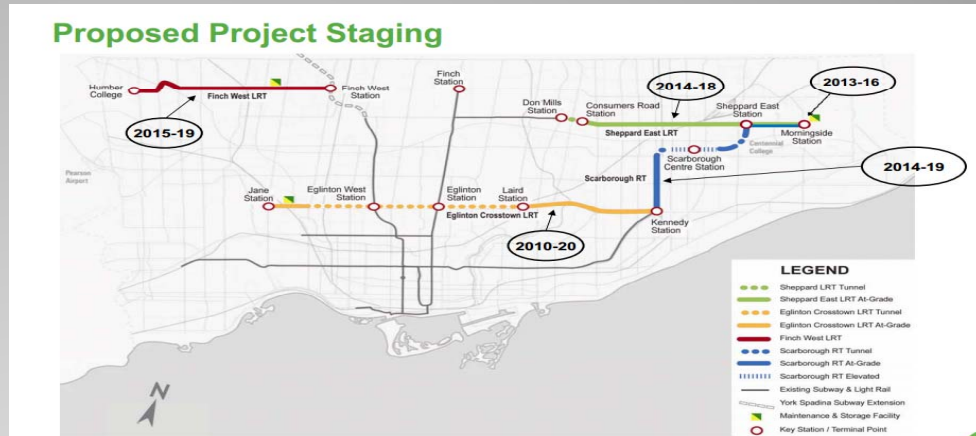
For the *WHAT*...

Metrolinx – The Big Move:



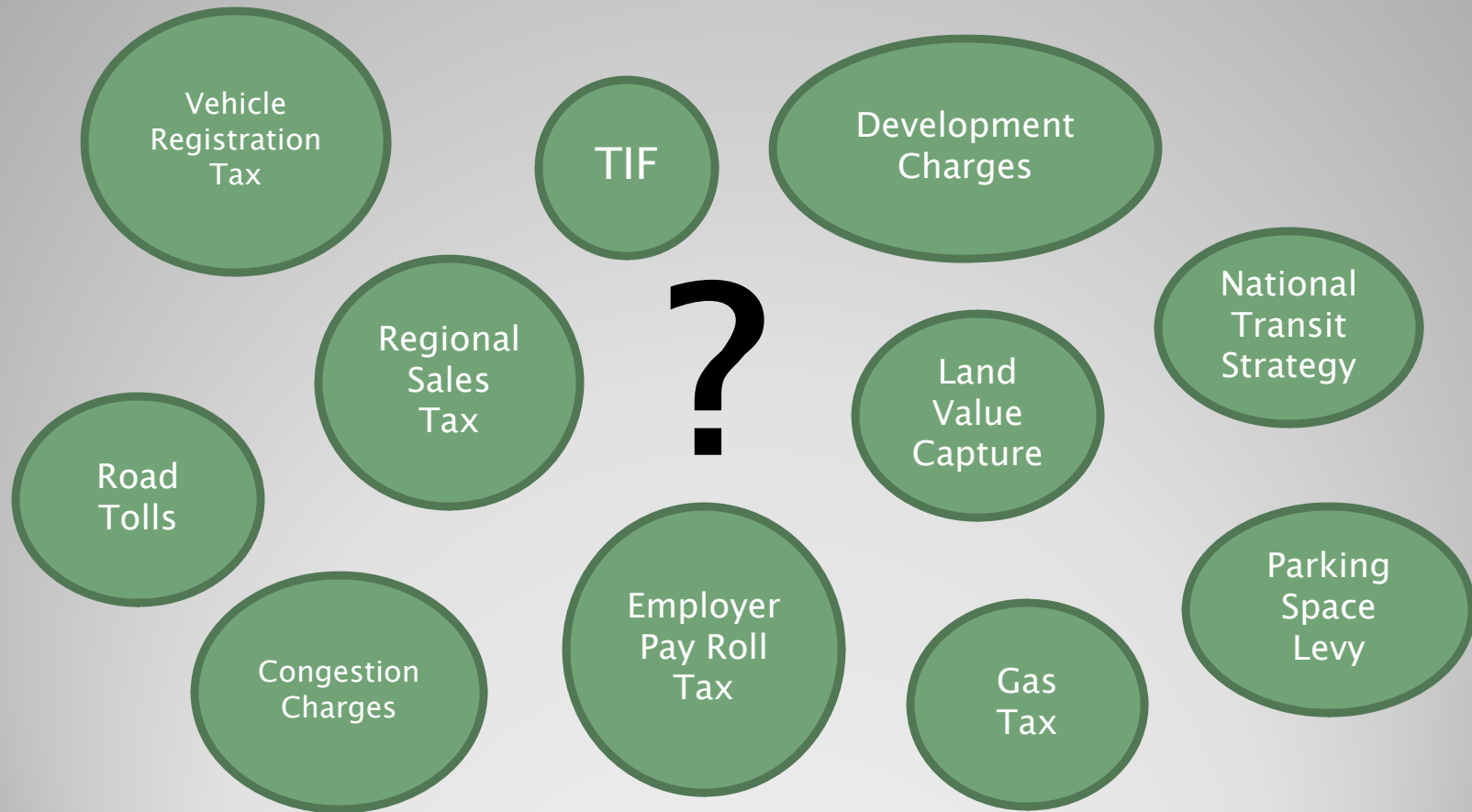
- Aggressive \$50 billion Regional Transportation Plan in 25 years
- Initial “5 in 10” plan identified five priority projects in 10 years with \$9.5 billion budget
- Original political Board of Directors replaced with non-political appointees
- Metrolinx plans to roll out investment strategy consultations in 2013 to fund transit expansion beyond the initial \$9.5 billion commitment to Toronto & York Region

In Toronto ...



- Earlier this year – politics around plans – Mayor and City Council
- Province (Metrolinx) supported council approved plan
- Region faces massive infrastructure back log
- Growing political opposition to intensification outside downtown core
- Toronto-York-Spadina-Subway is funded & under construction (\$2.6 billion)
- Cost for next phase of transit expansion:
 - Provincial Gov't has allocated \$8.4 billion
 - Federal Gov't has allocated \$333 million for Sheppard
 - Mayor Rob Ford's plan required additional \$3 - \$4 billion in funding
 - Requested private sector assistance

The Potential Tools...



Our Investment Challenges & Opportunities

- BILD supports the Big Move Regional Transportation Plan
- Recognizing that BILD and its members are your PARTNER in building complete communities, our contribution to the funding of the Plan must be part of a fair and equitable strategy
- Any investment strategy must be broad based and include an array of funding tools
- Elevate and widen the debate – it cannot be all about DCs
- The investment strategy should not target a specific group - both existing and new residents will benefit from faster and more reliable service
- Long-term commitment and participation from all levels of government is essential – with secure and dedicated funding

We are all in this together...

Our City Building Challenges & Opportunities

Do we all understand the vision?

- The GTA is undergoing a fundamental paradigm shift in terms of development patterns and commuter modes of travel
- More compact, mixed use communities are required & better live-work proximity is essential
- Intensification should focus on regional centres, regional corridors, and transit stations
- Each municipality will play a role in intensification and transit-oriented development, and should align their various planning policies to make it happen – official plans, zoning by-laws and guidelines

Is everyone getting the message?

We are all in this together...

Our Growth Plan related Challenges & Opportunities

We WILL grow!

- The people *ARE* coming and we have to plan for them NOW!
- The Greater Golden Horseshoe is the 3rd fastest growing urban region in North America
- 3.7million more people and 1.8million more jobs are expected by 2031
- Municipalities are required to meet provincial target of 40% intensification

People movement – goods movement! KEY NOW!

We are your partner in building complete communities...

Our Intensification–related Challenges & Opportunities

- Municipalities and the Province need to implement tools to support intensification

Combat NIMBYism

Efficient use of infrastructure

Pre-zone & streamline approval

Reductions in DCs where intensification is supported

Change in thinking for parkland dedications

Maintain 'whitebelt' for future development

We need to hear the Provincial voice of support...

Key Messages– Moving Forward

- Investment must be targeted to support jobs and economic development
- Public infrastructure investment supports private sector investment
- Any transit and transportation investment strategy must be aligned to Growth Plan principles
- Objectives and implementation of the Regional Transportation Plan and the Growth Plan must be aligned
- We need greater planning certainty and transit investment certainty through long-term planning
- The Province has an opportunity to show leadership in centers and corridors
- Through its consultation on the Big Move, Metrolinx has the opportunity to show support for good planning principles of intensification and building complete communities that support Growth Plan objectives
- We must all work together to make sure that the appropriate regulatory framework to support intensification is in place - - streamlined approvals, incentives and as-of-right zoning are key
- BILD supports a National Transit Strategy and closer cooperation between provincial and federal government

The time for implementation is NOW...

Looking Forward – Moving Forward

- BILD is ***supportive*** of the Regional Transportation Plan and we will be partners in making it happen
- The residential and non-residential building and development industry are ***your partners*** in ***community building***
- Local government must plan for a full range of housing and employment ***options and choice*** in developing ***complete communities***
- ***Live, work and play*** is a central theme of *Places to Grow* and it has to be the same for all those involved with planning for transit in the GTA and beyond
- Positive change will enable us to ***strengthen economic development*** through growth planning, in order to attract local and global investments to the GTA and Ontario A successful Regional Transportation Plan and Provincial Growth Plan are key parts of this equation

THANK YOU!
Discussion

