

Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing
 Provincial Planning Branch
 777 Bay Street
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Re: ERO 025-0450, ERO 025-0504, 25-MOI003, 25-MTO005, 25-MTO006 - Transit-Oriented Communities and Transit Infrastructure

The City of Mississauga has reviewed the proposed legislative changes shared through the above listed registry posting and would like to provide the following comments and suggestions for your consideration.

Description of Changes and Comments to the Province

Summary of Proposed Provincial Changes	Staff Comments on Potential City Impacts / Comment to Province
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Powers under the Transit-Oriented Communities Act changed from the Minister of Transportation to the Minister of Infrastructure. • Section 4 of the Transit-Oriented Communities Act is amended to provide that the approval of the Lieutenant Governor in Council is not needed in certain circumstances. The Ontario Infrastructure and Lands Corporation is also added to the list of entities to which the Minister may delegate subsection 4(1) powers. • New section 4.1 of the Act relates to agreements that are considered necessary to support a transit-oriented community project. • Proposal to revoke O.Reg 378/24: Agreements regarding Transit-Oriented Community Projects. • Changes to The Building Transit Faster Act to define provincial transit projects as transit project that Metrolinx has authority to carry out and includes a project that, immediately before the day subsection 1 (2) of Schedule 2 to the Protect Ontario by Building Faster and Smarter Act, 2025 came into force, was a priority transit project; 	<p>The City generally supports changes to the Building Transit Faster Act, 2020 (BTFA), through Bill 17, to redefine “priority transit project” to all provincial transit projects that Metrolinx undertakes. The amended BTFA would give MTO the authority to request information and data from municipalities required to support provincial transit projects or Transit- Orientated Communities. Mississauga has consistently demonstrated strong support for provincial transit priorities. Our staff are committed to advancing these initiatives in close coordination with Metrolinx and other provincial partners.</p> <p>At the same time, Mississauga would like to underscore the operational realities associated with sustaining this level of engagement. Supporting a growing portfolio of provincial projects requires significant staff time, coordination, and technical input. While not a request for funding, we would like to highlight that the City is actively working with Metrolinx on an overarching resourcing framework to ensure municipal support remains timely, efficient, and sustainable. We believe this proactive approach will help address the increasing demands on our staff and ensure continued collaboration on transit initiatives.</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Changes to the Metrolinx Act to direct a municipality or its municipal agencies to provide the Minister or the Corporation with information and data needed to support provincial projects. • Changes to the Ministry of Infrastructure Act to direct a municipality or its agencies to provide the Minister or Ontario Infrastructure and Lands Corporation with certain information, data and documents as well as copies of any contracts, records, reports, surveys and plans. • Changes to the Ministry of Infrastructure Act to repeal section 7.1 and paragraph 2.1 of subsection 19 (2) as it relates to investing in a transit-oriented community project. 	<p>The City also reiterates that it has in-force Major Transit Station Area policies and has adopted pre-zoning, pending provincial OP approval, to allow for transit-supportive development that is appropriate.</p>
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If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact Amina Menkad, Planner at (905) 615-3200 ext. 5545.

Sincerely,



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