

RE: Environmental Registry of Ontario Posting 025 – 0504 Accelerating Delivery of Transit-Oriented Communities

From: Heidi Dempster, General Manager, Brampton Transit

To Whom it May Concern,

The City of Brampton (hereinafter referred to as 'the City') appreciates the opportunity to provide comments on the proposed changes outlined in the Environmental Registry of Ontario posting 025-0504 – Accelerating Delivery of Transit-Oriented Communities.

The City is supportive of efforts by the Province to make it easier and faster to deliver critical transit infrastructure.

Please see below specific comments on individual aspects of the proposed legislative changes:

Accelerating Transit-Oriented Communities (TOCs)

- Appropriate transportation studies should continue to be required to ensure transit infrastructure and service requirements are being met when new major developments, TOCs and MZOs are being considered.
- 2. Beyond the major Provincial transit projects, transit infrastructure and service requirements need to account for local transit service requirements to connect efficiently to higher-order transit projects, TOCs and new/redeveloped communities (e.g. transit-supportive street network, 3.5m lanes, bus facilities).
- 3. Municipal transportation master plans need to continue to be incorporated into new/redeveloped/TOC community planning, to ensure sufficient transit services and efficient connections to the local and regional transit network.
- 4. More information is required on stated municipal obligations (and current challenges) related to providing MTO and MOI with authority to request information and data from municipalities and municipal agencies to support Provincial transit projects, TOCs, infrastructure projects.
- 5. Developers' requirements for providing transit stop infrastructure (e.g. bus pad, appropriate connections) need to be incorporated in a systematic way.
- 6. Updates to local growth plans as a result of revised Provincial growth targets will need to account for updates to transportation infrastructure and service requirements.

7. Should consider major BRT lines that are directly supporting TOC's (MTSA's) and are already under preliminary design development track – e.g. Queen St – Hwy 7 BRT.

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1. The City recommends that the Province ensures to incorporate municipal infrastructure interests such as AT crossings, and MUP's on MTO highway crossings.

The City of Brampton would like to thank the Province for the opportunity to provide feedback and comments on the proposed changes. The City requests that clarification be provided on the questions identified herein and that the Province takes the recommendations provided into consideration prior to enacting any changes to the Act.

Sincerely,

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