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METROLINX UNVEILS NEW AIR-RAIL PROPOSAL

Metrolinx has unveiled its proposal for the Air-Rail Link between Union Station and Pearson Airport, and announced that the environmental assessment will start in the spring of 2009.

The new Metrolinx proposal includes the following upgrades which will be studied in the Environmental Assessment:

- **A STOP IN WESTON**—This will not only slow down the train, it will create the potential for economic development and is vital in creating a transit hub.
- **A NEW GO STATION FACILITY IN WESTON**—Safer and more convenient access to a full GO station rather than current platform access.

- **TUNNELING the Air-Rail Link and GO trains through Weston**—This will reduce noise, address safety issues and reduce traffic disruption at street crossings.

With a GO tunnel, Church and King Street would remain open with fewer rail crossings (for CN trains), and an underpass or overpass would make Denison Road completely free of rail crossings. John Street, however, would be converted to a pedestrian-only crossing.

- **GEORGETOWN CORRIDOR identified for electrification**—The corridor has been designated by Metrolinx to be electrified in the first phase of their regional transportation plan, although a timeline has not been set. Until the conversion, according to Metrolinx, Air-rail Link trains will use fully-modernized clean diesel rail engines with stringent emission controls.
- **INCREASED FULL-DAY GO service**—Expansion of current peak hour service to full-day service linking our community with the rest of the GTA.

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