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**MCGUINTY LIBERALS SINK UNPOPULAR HIGH SPEED RAIL PROJECT:****WESTON TO GET BETTER TRANSIT, MORE ACCESS**

June 15, 2007 - YORK SOUTH-WESTON -- The McGuinty Liberals struck a fatal blow to the unpopular high speed rail link through York South-Weston while making a tremendous leap forward in transit serving the community, thanks to a \$17.5 billion investment in transit throughout Toronto and the GTA, Liberal candidate in York South-Weston Laura Albanese said today.

"York South-Weston residents win convenience, reduced noise, and a direct link to jobs," said Albanese. "Today's announcement is the result of a great deal of hard work by the McGuinty government and by those of us fighting for better transit in York South-Weston."

The announcement puts an end to a project which would have brought high speed rail traffic through York South-Weston without stopping or serving the community. Instead it includes a proposal for enhanced GO service to link Union Station and Pearson Airport, with a stop in the riding, ultimately providing better links between York South-Weston and downtown. It also includes a proposed Jane Street light rail transit, providing residents with improved transit access.

Albanese has made better transit service and elimination of the high speed rail link a top priority in her efforts to serve the community of York South-Weston.

"I said I'd work against the high speed link. I did. It's dead. I've made it very clear that transit is a vital issue for people of York South-Weston. And the people of our community deserve the credit," said Albanese. "I will continue to speak up for improvements to serve the residents of York South-Weston."

"This is another example of progress made by the McGuinty Liberals. There is still progress to be made. We need strong Liberal representation to ensure we continue to move forward instead of backwards into the do-nothing rhetoric of the NDP and the cuts and chaos of the Conservatives."

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