

RESOLUTION ON P3 AIRPORT RAIL LINE
Submitted by USWA Local 1998

Whereas the Federal Government's proposed rail link from Union Station to Pearson Airport has been strongly opposed by the community based Weston Community Coalition due to the impact on the Weston area and because public money will build the infrastructure and a private operator will own and operate the transportation link;

Whereas the tendering process failed to meet the basic tests of transparency and fairness because SNC Lavalin was performing both the environmental assessment and would eventually own and operate the public private partnership (P3) air-rail-link, and because the federal government refuses to reveal the names of those who made the decision to make this project a P3 and to pick SNC Lavalin;

Whereas Labour Council opposes P3s because inevitably they cost more and deliver less for the public and usually also for the workers involved

Therefore be it resolved that the Labour Council support the Weston Community Coalition in their opposition to the P3 air-rail-link

There fore be it further resolved that the Labour Council ask the Mayor and City Council to intervene on behalf of area residents and impacted neighbourhoods and ensure that the proposed air-rail-link will not be a P3 and if constructed will be publicly owned , operated, financed and will meet all provincial and federal environmental standards and controls;

Be it further resolved that the Labour Council request that the Mayor and City Council ensure that the environmental process to be conducted by GO Transit consider all other potential routes and alternatives and determine the viability of the business case for this air-rail-link

Be it finally resolved that the Labour Council ask the Mayor and City Council to withhold municipal funding for any proposed project until the new environmental assessment is completed and full debate has taken place in the impacted neighbourhoods and broader communities on the viability of air-rail-link

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