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Major Upgrades to Durham College Oshawa GO Station

OSHAWA — The Ontario government has started major construction to expand Durham College Oshawa GO Station, marking a major milestone in the province's plan to support two-way, all-day GO train service on the Lakeshore East line. The expansion includes two new tracks to support faster, more frequent GO service for thousands of commuters across Durham Region, connecting more people to housing and jobs and reducing gridlock on Highway 401.

"Under the leadership of Premier Ford, our government is making historic investments in public transit to cut commute times, fight gridlock and keep Ontario moving," said Prabmeet Sarkaria, Minister of Transportation. "Expanding Durham College Oshawa GO Station will unlock more frequent service on the Lakeshore East line, connecting thousands of people to jobs and opportunities as we build a stronger, more resilient and self-reliant economy."

Crews have started construction on two additional tracks as well as other infrastructure to support future electrification. The project also includes a new north platform with a canopy and snow-melt system, an extended south platform, new pedestrian bridges and a bus loop. These enhancements will expand station capacity and improve accessibility, helping to meet the demand for future service, including the Bowmanville Extension project.

Earlier this year, the province broke ground on the Bowmanville GO Extension, which will extend the Lakeshore East line nearly 19 kilometres farther into Durham Region and support an estimated 17,000 daily trips and 4.9 million annual boardings by 2041.

"The upgrades at Durham College Oshawa GO Station are a significant next step in our plan to shorten commute times and strengthen connections across the region with reliable, two-way, all-day rail service," said Todd McCarthy, Acting Minister of Infrastructure. "Under Premier Ford's leadership, our government is building and renewing critical infrastructure through the province's \$236-billion capital plan to support communities, create jobs and protect Ontario."

Ontario has invested over \$15.3 billion through the GO Expansion program to build new transit infrastructure, increase capacity and deliver faster, more reliable service across the GO network.

Last month, the province launched daily round trips between Toronto and Stratford on the Kitchener GO line.

In March, the province signed a five-year, \$1.3 billion contract extension with Alstom to continue operating and maintaining GO Transit fleets.

Ontario is investing nearly \$70 billion in the largest transit expansion in North America and the largest subway expansion in Canadian history.

"Our government is investing in the infrastructure that helps families, workers and communities succeed. Expanding Durham College Oshawa GO Station will make it easier for people to get to work, school and opportunities across the region, while supporting good-paying jobs and economic growth for years to come."

- Peter Bethlenfalvy
MPP for Pickering-Uxbridge

"With more people choosing to call the Region of Durham home every year, ensuring reliable transportation has never been so important. The expansion at the Durham College GO Station will ensure the necessary transit infrastructure is in place to support Durham's growing population while delivering safer, faster, and more convenient travel options for hard working commuters."

- Lorne Coe
MPP for Whitby

"Durham Region is growing, and we're working with the Government of Ontario to deliver the transit infrastructure needed to keep people moving. Improvements at Durham College Oshawa GO Station will modernize the station with a new bus loop, two new pedestrian bridges, a new north platform and canopy, and the reconstruction of the existing south platform. These enhancements will expand station capacity and improve accessibility, helping meet the demand of future service, including the Bowmanville Extension project."

- Michael Lindsay
Metrolinx President and CEO

"As Durham Region continues to grow, investments in frequent and accessible transit are essential to keeping our communities connected. The expansion of Durham College Oshawa GO Station will ensure our transportation network can meet the needs of current and future generations. Thank you to the Ontario government for investing in infrastructure that will make it easier for residents to live, work and travel throughout the region and beyond."

- John Henry
Regional Chair and Chief Executive Officer for The Regional Municipality of Durham

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