

The Highway 401RT: Essential. Urgent. Affordable.

Why a 401RT?

- 1 Current rapid transit plans will not generate enough modal shifts to transit to stop increases in road congestion or greenhouse gas emissions. By 2051, 900,000 more vehicles will be on Toronto's roads each day.
- 2 The functionality of the Highway 401 corridor in Toronto is at risk. The 401 will not be able to accommodate much more travel demand growth resulting from population and job growth.
- 3 Trips to, from and within northern Toronto, including cross-boundary trips, are poorly served by rapid transit. A 401RT rescues transportation in northern Toronto.
- 4 The Eglinton Crosstown LRT is too far south in Toronto to be useful to most travelers whose trip origins or destinations are in the northern half of Toronto.
- 5 The 401RT is highly affordable. Economic, transportation, environmental, social and household benefits exceed the costs of building and operating the 401RT.
- 6 The 401RT and the Ontario Line extension northward from the Eglinton LRT are essential if growth in road traffic congestion in Toronto is to be stopped.
- 7 Mass transit is essential to the effort to fight climate change. The urgency of reducing greenhouse gas emissions is emphasized in warnings about drastic and permanent damage to earth's climate and all life forms.
- 8 An extension of the Ontario Line to the 401RT is essential to avoid further overcrowding of the Yonge Street subway, and to reduce congestion on the Don Valley Parkway.
- 9 The Highway 401 corridor is the least expensive option, and is ideally located to maximize modal shifts to transit.



