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GO Derailment Shows Urgent Need for New East–West Rapid Transit Across Northern Greater Toronto Area

Toronto, ON, - February 3, 2026, In the wake of yesterday’s derailment and its ripple impacts across the Greater Toronto area transit network, Toronto City Council’s December 2025 decision to endorse my request to Metrolinx to reinstate the Lakeshore–Midtown east–west rapid transit line shines brightly! Yesterday’s unfortunate derailment tremendously underscores the urgent need for greater resilience and redundancy in our regional transportation system.

City Council adopted a Motion by myself ([EX28.3](#)) in December 2025, requesting Metrolinx to reinstate the Lakeshore–Midtown Line within its business model, as a priority project aligned with the 2041 Regional Transportation Plan. My Motion also is requesting City staff to report back on integration opportunities within existing and planned transit infrastructure.

“When a single incident can disrupt travel across the city and the region, it’s clear our transit network needs more resilience,” said Deputy Mayor Paul Ainslie, Councillor for Scarborough–Guildwood and author of EX28.23. “A new east–west Metrolinx line across northern Toronto would provide riders with real alternatives, reduce pressure on existing corridors, and help keep the city moving when disruptions occur,” he stated further.

The Lakeshore–Midtown Line was previously proposed as a strategic east–west corridor connecting Oakville through Mississauga, Midtown Toronto, and northern Scarborough before terminating in Oshawa. Its reinstatement would support a complete, connected rapid transit network by improving cross-city travel, strengthening system reliability, and better connecting people to jobs, schools, and services.

Deputy Mayor Ainslie noted yesterday’s GO system disruption, coupled with TTC issues strongly reinforces the importance of building a comprehensive transit network with multiple east–west routes, particularly as Toronto and the broader region continue to grow.

“This is about building a transit system which works not just on a perfect day, but when something goes wrong,” said Ainslie. “Investing in a complete east–west network is essential to reliability, economic competitiveness, and public confidence in our transit system.”

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