

PETITION TO THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA

TWO-WAY ALL-DAY GO TRAIN SERVICE

Whereas:

- Waterloo Region residents have long expressed frustration with the unavailability and unreliability of GO Transit for intercity travel throughout the region and for commuting to and from Toronto;
- Lack of reliable public transit has adverse impacts across the region, hindering access to employment, healthcare, post-secondary education, and tourism;
- Ontario’s provincial transit agency, Metrolinx, estimates that GO Transit ridership demand for the Kitchener Line could surge by nearly 400% over 2017 levels by 2031;
- The promise of two-way, all-day GO train service from Kitchener to Toronto was first made to the community over a decade ago;
- In 2018, Metrolinx committed to establishing two-way, all-day train service on the Kitchener Line, including service on weekends as part of the system wide GO Rail Expansion project;
- The Kitchener Line expansion is estimated to cost more than \$1.9 billion and was initially slated for completion as early as 2025, but this timeline has now been pushed back to as late as 2031; and
- Despite the project receiving significant federal investment, covering nearly 40% of Metrolinx's total estimated cost, amounting to over \$752 million for the Kitchener Line expansion, no definitive completion timeline has been provided by the province.

We, the undersigned call upon the Government of Canada to:

1. Hold Ontario’s provincial transit agency and ministries accountable to delivering on their commitments by assessing the use of federal funding and current progress made on the Kitchener Line expansion;
2. Demand comprehensive project completion timelines from the province, given the substantial investment provided by the federal government; and
3. Report the results of the assessment and the established timelines to municipal and regional leaders, as well as to the public.

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6. If a petitioner cannot sign because of illness or a disability, this must be noted on the petition and the note signed by a witness. Aside from this exception, you can only sign for yourself.
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