

Ontario Provides More Money for Municipal Public Transit

Province adds \$80 million to gas tax funding to make up for lower gas sales

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Transportation

TORONTO — The Ontario government is providing more than \$379.5 million to help 107 municipalities operate and improve local transit. The funding is being delivered through the gas tax program and can be used to extend service hours, buy transit vehicles, add routes, improve accessibility or upgrade infrastructure.

“Public transit is a key driver of economic growth in Ontario, helping people get to where they need to go, whether it is to work, school, or run errands,” said Caroline Mulroney, Minister of Transportation. “As more people return to public transit, our government is providing municipalities with the funding they need to accommodate growing ridership, while ensuring they can continue to deliver safe and reliable transit service for people in their communities.”

Funding for the gas tax program is determined by the number of litres of gasoline sold in the province during the previous year. Municipalities that support public transit services in their community receive two cents per litre of provincial gas tax revenue collected.

To make up for reduced gas sales due to ongoing recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic, this year’s gas tax program includes one-time additional funding of \$80 million to help ensure municipalities can continue to support their transit systems.

“Once again through the gas tax program the government has demonstrated its support for public transit,” said Kelly Paleczny, Chair of the Ontario Public Transit Association. “We are very thankful for the funding that will help local transit systems continue to operate and provide high levels of service to the more than one million Ontarians who rely on transit every day.”

Quick Facts

- The 2022-23 gas tax program will support public transit in 144 communities in

all Ontarians.

- The provincial and federal governments are providing up to \$2.65 billion through the Safe Restart Agreement to support municipal transit systems in response to COVID-19.
- Ontario is developing regional plans that will help build a better transportation system across the province. The province has released four draft regional transportation plans for Northern Ontario, southwestern Ontario, the Greater Golden Horseshoe and eastern Ontario.

Quotes

"As a rapidly growing and diverse city within the Greater Golden Horseshoe, I am pleased to see the Ontario government is keeping their promise to support public transit and increase travel options here in Brampton. With the more than \$16 million in funding our municipality is receiving from the province through the gas tax program, Bramptonians can continue to expect reliable and efficient public transit to access services, employment and community opportunities throughout our city."

**- Patrick Brown
Mayor of Brampton**

"York Region is home to over 1.1 million people and needs a modern and reliable public transit network to ensure people can get where they need to go every day. That is why we are happy to see the more than \$17 million in funding from the province to York Region through the gas tax program. This funding will provide enormous benefits to our community, including helping people utilize transit and grow our economy."

**- Wayne Emmerson
York Region Chairman and CEO**

"As more people and families are choosing Bradford West Gwillimbury to call home, reliable and safe public transit is more important than ever. Our growing community will be receiving more than \$380,000 in funding to help people get to work, home and access the services they need, and we couldn't be more pleased with this funding from the Ontario government."

- James Leduc
Mayor of Bradford West Gwillimbury

"As a thriving cultural centre and gateway to international border crossings and the GTHA, Niagara region relies on dependable, efficient and accessible public transit. This funding from the provincial government will support the community of Niagara Falls transportation needs, while strengthening supply chains in a trade corridor that is vital to Ontario's success."

- Mayor Jim Diodati
Mayor of City of Niagara Falls

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