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GTAA PRAISES METROLINX REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN

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TORONTO— Today's release of the Regional Transportation Plan by Metrolinx was applauded by the Greater Toronto Airports Authority (GTAA). The plan, which outlines the need for improved, integrated transit and transportation infrastructure, has a focus on access to Toronto Pearson, but more importantly, offers a far-sighted view of transportation for the region well into the future.

According to Toby Lennox, GTAA Vice President, Corporate Affairs and Communications the plan is a step in the right direction. "Metrolinx has shown an understanding of the value which convenient access throughout the region creates. By pointing out the need for effective transit options throughout the region, this plan demonstrates the importance of moving people efficiently."

Metrolinx has identified in their plan a need to connect Toronto Pearson and Union Station to create a reliable, sustainable direct link between the region's two most significant mobility hubs. "With tens of thousands of passengers using Toronto Pearson each and every day, it only makes sense to have direct access to downtown," said Mr. Lennox.

The concept of the airport as a mobility hub connecting areas west of the airport with all of Toronto is one which should be celebrated. Such forward thinking shows that this plan is the result of thorough analysis of the transportation needs of the community.

The GTAA looks forward to its continued work and consultation with Metrolinx. The plan shows the value of integrating regional planning to meet the needs of all municipalities. Support for the plan at all levels of government is encouraged, as connectivity between Toronto Pearson and the surrounding region benefits the economy in the form of increased tourism and business development.

The GTAA is the non-share, not for profit authority that operates Toronto Pearson. All revenue generated by the GTAA is reinvested back into the airport. In 2007, 31.5 million passengers travelled through Toronto Pearson.

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