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RAIL LINK TO AIRPORT—A STEP CLOSER TO REALITY

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TORONTO—The GTAA applauds the decision this week by Ontario’s Minister of the Environment, John Gerretsen, to approve the environmental assessment for the Union Pearson Rail Link and Georgetown South Service Expansion project. The Minister has shown that there are benefits and value in connecting Toronto Pearson and Union Station in a reliable and efficient manner.

“We are very pleased with Minister Gerretsen’s decision that will allow this project to move to the next step,” said Lloyd McCoomb, President and CEO of the GTAA. “We are eager to be able to connect Toronto Pearson to the downtown core and give our passengers the ability to travel seamlessly between the airport and Union Station. This is a critical piece of the transportation equation for our region. Furthermore, getting people out of their cars and on to transit is good for the environment and an important step forward in the right direction.”

The GTAA actively supports improving transit to and from the airport and will continue to work with all levels of government and transit operators to make Toronto Pearson easily accessible using all modes of transportation. The GTAA is working to develop Toronto Pearson as a quintessential mobility hub that will offer convenience to passengers and airport employees alike, and will allow for continued growth in support of economic development and tourism across the region.

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 2006, 31 million passengers travelled through Toronto Pearson.

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