

Where do Ontario's political parties stand on expanding rapid transit?



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Rapid transit for the whole region



The Liberals would continue building the Big Move, which would give 80 per cent of Greater Toronto and Hamilton residents access to rapid transit. They have already invested \$16 billion in transit as part of the \$50-billion plan.



The NDP support continuing to build the Big Move, which would give 80 per cent of Greater Toronto and Hamilton residents access to rapid transit.



The PCs would build new subways and move some light rail lines underground. However, their subway-heavy plan would cost \$2.6 billion more than the Big Move while building 124 fewer kilometres of rapid transit lines.

New dollars for new transit



The Liberals have committed to raising new dollars for the Big Move and to securing financing with green transit bonds. They have not yet identified the specific sources of revenue they would use.



The NDP would raise new dollars using a "fairness" tax and corporate taxes. It's unclear whether or not this revenue would be used strictly for transit and transportation.



The PCs would cut other parts of the provincial budget and reallocate those dollars to transit. With no new sources of revenue, and other promises from the PCs to both cut taxes and balance the budget, it's unclear how this would pay for their transit plan.

Creating a dedicated fund for transit and transportation



The Liberals expressed the need for a dedicated fund in the 2013 provincial budget. It's currently unclear how this would be put into action.



The NDP would earmark revenue from specific sources to pay for transit expansion, but have not outlined a detailed plan for a fund.



The PCs would create a new dedicated fund to "address gridlock." It's unclear whether that means expanding transit or just improving traffic flow on roads and highways.

Fast-tracking transit improvements



The Liberals would continue to increase GO train service and would create new high-occupancy toll lanes to help ease traffic.



The NDP would cover 50 per cent of municipalities' transit operating costs. This would free up municipal budgets to invest in improved service or new infrastructure.



The PCs have not committed to short-term transit improvements. They would introduce new technologies to improve the flow of traffic.



On track for transit



Some forward movement



Stuck in traffic

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