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Politicians urged to tackle traffic woes

87% of residents say public transit should be regional spending priority

Toronto – April 29, 2014 – On the eve of a new provincial budget, a majority of residents in the Greater Toronto and Hamilton Area (GTHA) say they are more likely to vote for politicians who support new, dedicated dollars to get us moving. That's the message [CivicAction](#) and a coalition of nearly two dozen business, labour, health, community, and environmental groups are delivering to Ontario MPPs and party leaders.

The group points to the results of an April Angus Reid Forum poll* showing that 87% of GTHA residents want to see transportation as a regional spending priority, and 83% said they would more likely support new taxes or fees if they were put into a dedicated fund for transportation.

Half of the GTHA's elected officials - including more than 50% of MPPs across the three major political parties - have signed CivicAction's "Get a Move On" [pledge](#) that calls for dedicated, efficient, and sustainable investment in our regional transportation priorities. They have been joined by thousands of GTHA residents. ***See the full list below of politicians who have signed the CivicAction pledge.*

CivicAction and its partners are looking to all of Ontario's party leaders to be clear on how they will invest in the next wave of transportation improvements for the region – both in the spring budget and in their party platforms.

Quotes:

"We cannot pass the buck for our aging infrastructure to the next generation," says Sevaun Palvetzian, CEO of **CivicAction**. "The need is there, the support is there, and it's time for our provincial politicians to take the wheel to fund a better transportation network."

"Our members throughout the region recognize that transportation has to be a priority for investment," said Allan O'Dette, President and CEO of the **Ontario Chamber of Commerce**. "Congestion is a big drag on our region's competitiveness".

"We need to invest in transit options that move people from point A to B, faster and in ways that reduce stress on the commuter and the amount of toxic pollutants in the air," says Doris Grinspun, Chief Executive Officer of the **Registered Nurses' Association of Ontario** (RNAO), adding "lower emissions and shorter commute times are vital to the health of our region and our residents."



Quick Facts:

- 87% of residents agree public transit should be a regional spending priority
- 60% of respondents said they would support an increase in taxes and fees to improve transportation infrastructure.
- 83% of residents would be more likely to support new revenue sources if they were put into a dedicated fund for transportation
- 59% of residents said they would more likely support a political leader who proposed funding ideas to directly support transportation improvements in their community
- 189 GTHA politicians from all major parties have signed CivicAction's Your32 pledge to support new ways to fund a better transportation network

**Survey conducted from April 4-7, 2014 with 1042 GTHA-resident members of the Angus Reid Forum. For more information go to www.movethegtha.com*

21 organizations supporting today's call for action:

Asthma Society of Canada, Canadian Association of Physicians for the Environment, Canadian Environmental Law Association, Clean Air Partnership, CodeRedTO, Cycle Toronto, David Suzuki Foundation, Environmental Defence, Evergreen CityWorks, the Greater Toronto CivicAction Alliance, Ontario Chamber of Commerce, The Pembina Institute, Pollution Probe, Registered Nurses' Association of Ontario, Toronto & York Region Labour Council, Toronto Atmospheric Fund, Toronto Centre for Active Transportation, Toronto Environmental Alliance, Toronto Public Health, Transport Action Ontario, TTCriders.

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About CivicAction's Your32 campaign - CivicAction and its 50+ team of civic Champions and Regional Co-Captains have built support for a better regional transportation system and new sustainable ways to pay for it. For more information, visit www.your32.com.

About CivicAction

For the past 10 years, the Greater Toronto CivicAction Alliance (CivicAction) has brought together senior executives and rising leaders from all sectors to tackle some of our region's toughest social, economic, and environmental challenges. For more information, visit: www.civicaction.ca, @CivicActionGTA

About Move the GTHA

Move the GTHA is a group of organizations working together to build awareness and engagement in support of investment in our region's transportation system. The group represents a diversity of constituents and perspectives – health, labour, business, policy, environment, and citizen advocacy. Specifically, Move the GTHA is advocating for long-term dedicated funding for an efficient, accessible, affordable, and fully integrated regional transportation system, with an accountable and an effective regional governance system.



189 Elected Officials who have signed CivicAction's [Your32 Pledge to Get a Move On](#)
(as of April 29, 2014):

HALTON REGION

Rick Goldring	Burlington	Mayor
Blair Lancaster	Burlington	Councillor (Ward 6)
Jack Dennison	Burlington	Councillor (Ward 4)
Marianne Meed Ward	Burlington	Councillor (Ward 2)
Rick Bonnette	Halton Hills	Mayor
Ann Lawlor	Halton Hills	Councillor (Ward 4)
Clark A. Somerville	Halton Hills	Regional Councillor (Ward 1&2)
Jane Fogal	Halton Hills	Regional Councillor (Ward 3&4)
Gordon Krantz	Milton	Mayor and Regional Councillor
Arnold Huffman	Milton	Local Councillor (Ward 5)
Brian Penman	Milton	Local and Regional Councillor (Ward 1,6,7,8)
Greg Nelson	Milton	Local Councillor (Ward 2)
Mike Cluett	Milton	Local Councillor (Ward 6)
Rick DiLorenzo	Milton	Local Councillor (Ward 7)
Rick Malboeuf	Milton	Local Councillor (Ward 4)
Sharon Barkley	Milton	Local Councillor (Ward 1)
Zeeshan Hamid	Milton	Local Councillor (Ward 8)
Rob Burton	Oakville	Mayor
Alan Johnston	Oakville	Regional Councillor (Ward 1)
Allan Elgar	Oakville	Regional Councillor (Ward 4)
Dave Gittings	Oakville	Town Councillor (Ward 3)
Jeff Knoll	Oakville	Regional Councillor (Ward 5)
Marc Grant	Oakville	Town Councillor (Ward 5)
Pam Damoff	Oakville	Town Councillor (Ward 2)
Ralph Robinson	Oakville	Town Councillor (Ward 1)
Tom Adams	Oakville	Regional Councillor (Ward 6)
Kevin Daniel Flynn	Oakville	MPP

HAMILTON

Brian McHattie	Hamilton	Councillor (Ward 1)
Monique Taylor	Hamilton Mountain	MPP
Paul Miller	Hamilton East-Stoney Creek	MPP
Chris Charlton	Hamilton Mountain	MP



David Christopherson	Hamilton Centre	MP
Wayne Martson	Hamilton East-Stoney Creek	MP

REGION OF DURHAM

Steve Parish	Ajax	Mayor
Colleen Jordan	Ajax	Regional Councillor (Ward 3-4)
Joanne Dies	Ajax	Councillor (Ward 3)
Marilyn Crawford	Ajax	Councillor (Ward 1)
Pat Brown	Ajax	Councillor (Ward 4)
Renrick Ashby	Ajax	Councillor (Ward 2)
Shaun Collier	Ajax	Regional Councillor (Ward 1-2)
Wendy Partner	Clarington	Councillor (Ward 4)
Doug Sanders	Oshawa	City Councillor
David Pickles	Pickering	Councillor (Ward 3)
Doug Dickerson	Pickering	Councillor (Ward 2)
Peter Rodrigues	Pickering	Councillor (Ward 3)
Beverly Northeast	Uxbridge	Councillor (Ward 1)
Don Mitchell	Whitby	Regional Councillor
Elizabeth Roy	Whitby	Councillor (Ward 2)
Lorne Coe	Whitby	Deputy Mayor & Regional Councillor
Joe Dickson	Ajax-Pickering	MPP

REGION OF PEEL

Emil Kolb		Chair
Elaine Moore	Brampton	Regional Councillor (Ward 1&5)
Gael Miles	Brampton	Regional Councillor (Ward 7&8)
John Hutton	Brampton	City Councillor (Ward 2&6)
John Sanderson	Brampton	Regional Councillor (Ward 3&4)
John Sprovieri	Brampton	Regional Councillor (Ward 9&10)
Paul Palleschi	Brampton	Regional Councillor (Ward 2&6)
Marolyn Morrison	Caledon	Mayor
Allan Thompson	Caledon	Regional Councillor (Ward 2)
Doug Beffort	Caledon	Councillor (Ward 1)
Gord McClure	Caledon	Councillor (Ward 2)
Patti Foley	Caledon	Regional Councillor (Ward 5)
Richard Paterak	Caledon	Regional Councillor (Ward 1)
Richard Whitehead	Caledon	Regional Councillor (Ward 3&4)



Hazel McCallion	Mississauga	Mayor
Bonnie Crombie	Mississauga	Councillor (Ward 5)
Chris Fonseca	Mississauga	Councillor (Ward 3)
Frank Dale	Mississauga	Councillor (Ward 4)
George Carlson	Mississauga	Councillor (Ward 11)
Katie Mahoney	Mississauga	Councillor (Ward 8)
Nando Iannicca	Mississauga	Councillor (Ward 7)
Pat Saito	Mississauga	Councillor (Ward 9)
Patricia Mullin	Mississauga	Councillor (Ward 2)
Ron Starr	Mississauga	Councillor (Ward 6)
Hon. Charles Sousa	Mississauga South	MPP
Jagmeet Singh	Bramalea-Gore-Malton	MPP
Vic Dhillon	Brampton West	MPP

TORONTO

Adam Vaughan	Trinity-Spadina	Councillor (Ward 20)
Ana Bailao	Davenport	Councillor (Ward 18)
Chin Lee	Scarborough-Rouge River	Councillor (Ward 41)
Frances Nunziata	York South-Weston	Councillor (Ward 11)
Gary Crawford	Scarborough Southwest	Councillor (Ward 36)
Glenn De Baeremaeker	Scarborough Centre	Councillor (Ward 38)
James Pasternak	York Centre	Councillor (Ward 10)
Janet Davis	Beaches-East York	Councillor (Ward 31)
Jaye Robinson	Don Valley West	Councillor (Ward 25)
Joe Mihevc	St. Paul's	Councillor (Ward 21)
John Fillion	Willowdale	Councillor (Ward 23)
John Parker	Don Valley West	Councillor (Ward 26)
Josh Colle	Eglinton-Lawrence	Councillor (Ward 15)
Josh Matlow	St. Paul's	Councillor (Ward 22)
Karen Stintz	Eglinton-Lawrence	Councillor (Ward 16)
Kristyn Wong-Tam	Toronto Centre-Rosedale	Councillor (Ward 27)
Maria Agumeri	York Centre	Councillor (Ward 9)
Mark Grimes	Etobicoke-Lakeshore	Councillor (Ward 6)
Mary Fragedakis	Toronto-Danforth	Councillor (Ward 29)



Mary-Margaret McMahon	Beaches-East York	Councillor (Ward 32)
Michael Thompson	Scarborough Centre	Councillor (Ward 37)
Mike Layton	Trinity-Spadina	Councillor (Ward 19)
Pam McConnell	Toronto Centre-Rosedale	Councillor (Ward 28)
Paul Ainslie	Scarborough East	Councillor (Ward 43)
Paula Fletcher	Toronto-Danforth	Councillor (Ward 30)
Peter Milczyn	Etobicoke-Lakeshore	Councillor (Ward 5)
Raymond Cho	Scarborough-Rouge River	Councillor (Ward 42)
Sarah Doucette	Parkdale-High Park	Councillor (Ward 13)
Shelley Carroll	Don Valley East	Councillor (Ward 33)
Bas Balkissoon	Scarborough-Rouge River	MPP
Cheri DiNovo	Parkdale-High Park	MPP
David Zimmer	Willowdale	MPP
Donna H. Cansfield	Etobicoke-Centre	MPP
Hon. Eric Hoskins	St. Paul's	MPP
Hon. Glen Murray	Toronto Centre	Minister of Transportation & Infrastructure, MPP
Hon. Kathleen Wynne	Don Valley West	Premier, MPP
Jonah Schein	Davenport	GTA Issues Critic, MPP
Laura Albanese	York South-Weston	MPP
Lorenzo Berardinetti	Scarborough Southwest	MPP
Mario Sergio	York West	MPP
Michael Coteau	Don Valley East	MPP
Michael Prue	Beaches-East York	Finance Critic, MPP
Mike Colle	Eglinton-Lawrence	MPP
Mitzie Hunter	Scarborough-Guildwood	MPP
Monte Kwinter	York Centre	MPP
Peter Tabuns	Toronto-Danforth	MPP
Rosario Marchese	Trinity-Spadina	Urban Transportation Critic, MPP
Soo Wong	Scarborough-Agincourt	MPP
Tracy MacCharles	Pickering-Scarborough East	MPP
Andrew Cash	Davenport	MP



Chungsen Leung	Willowdale	MP
Craig Scott	Toronto-Danforth	MP
Dan Harris	Scarborough Southwest	MP
Hon. Carolyn Bennett	St. Paul's	MP
Hon. John McKay	Scarborough- Guildwood	MP
Hon. Judy Sgro	York West	MP
Kirsty Duncan	Etobicoke-North	MP
Mark Adler	York Centre	MP
Matthew Kellway	Beaches-East York	MP
Mike Sullivan	York South-Weston	MP
Peggy Nash	Parkdale-High Park	MP
Rathika Sitsabaiesan	Scarborough-Rouge River	MP

YORK REGION

Bill Fisch	York Region	Chair
Geoffrey Dawe	Aurora	Mayor
Chris Ballard	Aurora	Councillor
John Abel	Aurora	Councillor
Paul Pirri	Aurora	Councillor
Virginia Hackson	East Gwillimbury	Mayor
Robert Grossi	Georgina	Mayor
Danny Wheeler	Georgina	Deputy Mayor/Regional Councillor
Ken Hackenbrook	Georgina	Councillor (Ward 4)
Steve Pellegrini	King	Mayor
Cleve Mortelliti	King	Councillor (Ward 1)
Debbie Schaefer	King	Councillor (Ward 5)
Linda Pabst	King	Councillor (Ward 3)
Frank Scarpitti	Markham	Mayor (Ward 1-8)
Alan Ho	Markham	Councillor (Ward 6)
Alex Chiu	Markham	Councillor (Ward 8)
Carolina Moretti	Markham	Councillor (Ward 4)
Colin Campbell	Markham	Councillor (Ward 5)
Don Hamilton	Markham	Councillor (Ward 3)
Gordon Landon	Markham	Regional Councillor (Ward 1-8)
Howard Shore	Markham	Councillor (Ward 2)
Jack Heath	Markham	Deputy Mayor (Ward 1-8)



Jim Jones	Markham	Regional Councillor (Ward 1-8)
Joe Li	Markham	Regional Councillor (Ward 1-8)
Logan Kanapathi	Markham	Councillor (Ward 7)
Valerie Burke	Markham	Councillor (Ward 1)
Tony Van Bynen	Newmarket	Mayor
John Taylor	Newmarket	Regional Councillor
Dave Barrow	Richmond Hill	Mayor
Brenda Hogg	Richmond Hill	Regional and Local Councillor (Ward 1-6)
Castro Liu	Richmond Hill	Councillor (Ward 3)
Godwin Chan	Richmond Hill	Councillor (Ward 6)
Lynn Foster	Richmond Hill	Councillor (Ward 4)
Nick Papa	Richmond Hill	Councillor (Ward 5)
Vito Spatafora	Richmond Hill	Regional and Local Councillor (Ward 1-6)
Maurizio Bevilacqua	Vaughan	Mayor
Alan Shefman	Vaughan	Councillor (Ward 5)
Deb Schulte	Vaughan	Regional Councillor
Marilyn Iafrate	Vaughan	Councillor (Ward 1)
Michael Di Biase	Vaughan	Regional Councillor
Rosanna DeFrancesca	Vaughan	Councillor (Ward 3)
Sandra Yeung Racco	Vaughan	Councillor (Ward 4)
Tony Carella	Vaughan	Councillor (Ward 2)
Wayne Emmerson	Whitchurch-Stouffville	Mayor
Ken Ferdinands	Whitchurch-Stouffville	Councillor (Ward 1)
Frank Klees	Newmarket-Aurora	Public Infrastructure Renewal Critic, MPP
Helena Jaczek	Oak Ridges-Markham	MPP
Hon Michael Chan	Markham-Unionville	MPP
Reza Moridi	Richmond Hill	MPP
Hon. John McCallum	Markham-Unionville	MP