



**Draft Amendment 22
Transportation Policies**

**Public Meeting
May 7, 2009**

Peel is a Dynamic, Growing Region



- Peel's transportation system has contributed to its economic strength
- Rapid growth in population and employment, and the increase in the number of trips that has resulted from this, have placed considerable strain on Peel's transportation system

Region of Peel Official Plan

- The ROP is Regional Council's policy framework for decision making.
- The ROP sets the context for Regional initiatives for protecting the environment, managing resources, directing growth and for providing Regional services in an efficient and effective manner.

Peel Regional Official Plan Review (PROPR)

- The Region is required to review its ROP every five years to reflect changing needs and priorities and to conform to Provincial plans, policies and legislation.
- Transportation is one of fifteen focus areas that will be incorporated in the updated ROP.

PROPR Focus Areas



Progress to Date

- Background and Challenges Paper January, 2008
- Transportation Stakeholder Workshop January, 2008
- Sustainability Workshop June, 2008
- Area Municipal Staff Consultation October, 2008
- Peel Staff Consultation November, 2008
- PROPR Transportation Planning Study Technical Report January, 2009
- Stakeholder Workshop – Draft Policies January, 2009
- Public Open Houses April, 2009

Policy Areas Addressed

- The Transportation System in Peel
- The Provincial Freeway Network
- Major Roads
- Transit
- Airports
- Goods Movement
- Environment
- Transportation Demand Management
- Active Transportation
- Accessible Transportation

Link to Sustainability

The ROPA 22 Transportation Policies are intended to foster increased sustainability of the transportation system in Peel by:

- Considering all modes of travel and promoting the efficient movement of people and goods
- Maximizing the use of transportation infrastructure
- Increasing travel choices to meet diverse needs
- Minimizing the environmental and health impacts of transportation
- Supporting economic development
- Considering social and cultural objectives
- Promoting the integration of transportation planning and land use planning, and
- Pursuing options for sustainable and predictable funding

The Transportation System in Peel

What we want to accomplish:

- Develop a sustainable and integrated transportation system
- Improve transportation mobility and choice
- Maximize the use of transportation infrastructure and services
- Support a transportation system that enhances economic growth
- Promote the integration of transportation planning, transportation investment and land use planning

The Transportation System in Peel

To accomplish this, the Region will:

- Provide a transportation system that facilitates the movement of people and goods and offers a choice of travel alternatives
- Promote increased interaction of transportation planning, transportation investment and land use planning
- Evaluate the effectiveness of policies
- Identify and secure sustainable and predictable funding
- Raise awareness of transportation issues (especially opportunities for sustainable transportation)

The Provincial Freeway Network

What we want to accomplish:

- Advocate for the provision and maintenance of a Provincial Freeway Network that facilitates the movement of people and goods within and through Peel.

To accomplish this, the Region will:

- Encourage the identification, planning and protection of future transportation corridors
- Advocate additional transportation corridor(s) required to serve Peel's needs

Major Roads

What we want to accomplish:

- The safe and efficient movement of people and goods

To accomplish this, the Region will:

- Improve the efficiency of the Regional road network
- Protect and preserve the natural environment
- Protect rights-of-way along Regional roads
- Control access onto Regional roads

Transit

What we want to accomplish:

- Support the development of transit networks and encourage connectivity between transit services
- Support the development of transit-supportive land uses

To accomplish this, the Region will:

- Support the coordination of inter-municipal and inter-regional transit services
- Support the development of mobility and other transportation hubs
- Promote the connectivity and efficiency of the transit system
- Encourage and promote transit-supportive measures

Airports

What we want to accomplish:

- Optimize the economic potential of airports in Peel, having regard for:
 - Existing and future industry, business and employment opportunities; and
 - The interests of existing and future residents

To accomplish this, the Region will:

- Support improvements to and the additional capacity of Toronto Pearson International Airport
- Encourage safe and compatible development adjacent to the Airport

Goods Movement

What we want to accomplish:

- Foster the safe and efficient movement of goods
- Optimize the use of existing goods movement infrastructure and capacity

To accomplish this, the Region will:

- Collaborate with the private sector and other levels of government to:
 - Plan, prioritize and implement improvements to the goods movement system
 - Promote efficient and sustainable goods movement
 - Encourage the location of activities generating substantial goods movement traffic near major transportation facilities

Environment

What we want to accomplish:

- Improve air quality and reduce greenhouse gases produced by vehicles using Peel's transportation system
- Promote a transportation system that encourages energy conservation

To accomplish this, the Region will:

- Minimize traffic congestion and air and noise pollution arising from transportation sources
- Encourage energy conservation
- Educate the public on the environmental impacts of transportation

Transportation Demand Management (TDM)

What we want to accomplish:

- Promote the use of sustainable modes of transportation
- Provide a range of transportation services
- Maximize the capacity of the transportation system

To accomplish this, the Region will:

- Promote and implement TDM programs
- Promote and implement carpool lots
- Develop and support outreach and marketing programs that promote TDM

Active Transportation

What we want to accomplish:

- Increase the share of trips made using active transportation modes
- Develop a bicycle- and pedestrian-friendly environment

To accomplish this, the Region will:

- Develop and implement a Regional plan for active transportation (building on area municipal plans)
- Develop a social marketing and communication plan to encourage use of active transportation
- Support the use of Regional roads and other Regional land as part of a safe and efficient multi-purpose trail network

Accessible Transportation

What we want to accomplish:

- Provide accessible and affordable transportation services for persons with disabilities

To accomplish this, the Region will:

- Support the increased coordination of transportation services for persons with disabilities
- Identify and secure sustainable and predictable funding
- Develop and implement programs and services that meet the transportation needs for persons with disabilities

Comments Received

- Bell Canada
- Caledon OPP
- Chippewas of Rama First Nation
- Conservation Halton
- Niagara Escarpment Commission
- Peel District School Board
- Peel Regional Police
- Peel Region Paramedics
- Toronto and Region Conservation Authority
- Open Houses

Next Steps

ROPA 22 – Transportation Policies

- Deadline for Comments from the Public May 14, 2009
- Consideration of final policies by
Regional Council Fall, 2009

Future ROPA – Transportation Schedules

**For more information on ROPA 22,
please visit our website:**

**[http://www.peelregion.ca/planning/officialplan
/list-amendmts.htm](http://www.peelregion.ca/planning/officialplan/list-amendmts.htm)**

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