

New Oshawa Bus Facility Brings More Transit to Durham Families

Ontario Investing in Rapid Transit to Make Commuting Faster and More Convenient

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Ontario is celebrating the opening of a new bus maintenance facility in Durham Region, which will support more bus rapid transit (BRT) and make commuting faster and more convenient for local families.

Transportation Minister Steven Del Duca was in Oshawa today with Durham Regional Chair Roger Anderson, Oshawa Mayor John Henry, and Durham MPP Granville Anderson to officially open Durham Region Transit's new Raleigh Bus Maintenance and Storage Facility.

The state-of-the-art 5,770 square metre maintenance facility replaces the original maintenance area built in 1964. The new facility entirely funded by the province has space to maintain and service 85 buses and is on track to attain Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Silver certification, which recognizes the building's sustainable and energy-efficient features, including a rainwater collection system.

The Raleigh Bus Maintenance and Storage Facility is part of the Durham Highway 2 BRT project, which also includes road improvements to a 31 kilometre route between downtown Oshawa and the University of Toronto Scarborough Campus, with stops in Whitby, Ajax, and Pickering. The maintenance facility will provide essential maintenance and service support to the BRT project

Ontario is making the largest infrastructure investment in hospitals, schools, public transit, roads and bridges in the province's history. To learn more about what's happening in your community, go to Ontario.ca/BuildON.

Building better public transit to improve commuting is part of our plan to create jobs, grow our economy and help people in their everyday lives.

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" Building better infrastructure, like Durham's Raleigh Bus Maintenance Facility, supports better transit for people living in Durham Region – making it easier for everyone to connect to jobs, school or appointments and enjoy a better quality of life. The Raleigh Facility is one more way that our government is supporting public transit in communities across Ontario."

- Steven Del Duca

Minister of Transportation

" This new facility is proof of what we can achieve when all levels of government work together to improve public transit. The Durham Highway 2 BRT makes a huge difference in the daily lives of people in Durham Region and this facility will help ensure the reliable and convenient service people depend on."

- Granville Anderson

MPP for Durham

" This new state-of-the-art maintenance facility will keep the Region's buses running safely, efficiently and reliably for years to come. Our vehicles travel millions of kilometres a year. This investment is an important step to growing ridership in the Region."

- Roger Anderson

Regional Chair and Chief Executive Officer, The Regional Municipality of Durham

QUICK FACTS

- The total cost of the new facility project is approximately \$26 million.
- As part of the Quick Wins program announced in the 2008 Ontario Budget, the province committed \$82.3 million to the Region of Durham to support this project.
- In 2016, the province also committed \$10 million to move forward on the planning, design and engineering work for the proposed BRT route between Oshawa and Scarborough.
- BRT service along Regional Highway 2 was launched in 2013, with a fleet of 26 new, accessible, clean diesel, distinctively branded buses.

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