

RE: OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF NEW TRANSIT PROJECTS

Metrolinx, the provincial arm's length transit planning organization, is only accepting bids from companies that can supply ALL components of new transit builds in Ontario. The components of the bid are: Finance, Design, Build, Operate and Maintain. (FDBOM)

Because existing public transit companies don't Finance, Design or Build, they are ineligible to compete in the tendering process, and they are out of the running to Operate and Maintain new transit projects. This effectively means that only large groups of private companies may even bid on the project. The current procurement process leaves the door open to all new transit in Ontario being entirely privatized.

We the petitioners believe that transit should be publicly operated and maintained – in addition to owned. We know from multiple examples that privatizing transit doesn't work – it ends up more costly, less safe, and robs our communities of our shared public assets and good local jobs.

We have two demands:

- That Metrolinx keep operation of new transit infrastructure public and build the capacity for maintenance in our public sector and remove them from the tendering process.
- That provincial MPPs put pressure on the provincial Liberal government to ensure that our transit stays public.

Keep Transit Public.

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