



## Amalgamated Transit Union Canada

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### **For Immediate Release:**

Ontario Jobs and Taxpayers' Dollars?

ATU Canada is deeply troubled by the news that Metrolinx and Infrastructure Ontario just released the [RFQ for the Hurontario LRT](#).

Metrolinx has remained a relatively small agency, especially in comparison with the Toronto Transit Commission (TTC), which remains by far the region's largest transit provider. Metrolinx has limited experience in managing large-scale projects. This has led it to pursue public-private partnerships (P3's) for some projects in order to secure the necessary experience without relying on the TTC.

History has shown us that P3's does not work and end up costing the taxpayers a great deal more in the end.

Needless to say, the French manufacturer Alstom is very excited to have the opportunity to bid on the production, operation and maintenance of the various projects throughout the GTHA.

Where does that leave Bombardier's Transportation plant in Thunder Bay, ON and its workers? Potentially out in the cold. Let's hope the government will honour its 2010 contract with Bombardier to purchase 182 light rail vehicles. Where does this leave the transit workers that currently operate and maintain the transit systems throughout the GTHA? Only Metrolinx truly knows and they have no comment.

Back in 2008, our Government vowed to keep transit investments working in Ontario. They vowed to promote economic development and protect Ontario's skilled manufacturing jobs. Our current Government is supposed to be looking out for the best interest of the Working Class and yet they make decisions that undermine the lives of the people that voted them into power.

The time has come for Ontarians to rise up and demand the transit you deserve.

The Transit Procurement Policy was developed to protect and create jobs for Ontarians, not give them away to the lowest bidder.

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