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TORONTO PARTY MAPS OUT TRANSPORT VISION FOR THE FUTURE

New subways, first inner city highways in almost 40 years

TORONTO (Monday, September 21, 2009) – Less Transit City more Subway City is a major part of The Toronto Party's strategy to handle transportation growth in the city for the next 20 years.

Get Toronto Moving is the first comprehensive transportation plan to balance the needs of drivers with new investment in public transit, and the only plan to recognize the need for new highways to move people in and out of the city freely. Get Toronto Moving is a \$9 billion transportation plan to be phased in over 20 years, with priorities being built over the first 12 years.

"It's green and it's real," said James Alcock, a transportation specialist and chair of The Toronto Party's Transportation Committee. "Mayor Miller's Transit City is a short-term solution that will choke our city over the longer term. Our plan is to cancel Transit City and complete the subway network. We would start by replacing the Scarborough RT with an eastern extension of the Bloor-Danforth line and extend the Sheppard line to connect with the Bloor-Danforth line."

The plan also proposes the first two new expressways to be built inside Toronto since 1971, connecting the northwest and the east. Both expressways would be built exclusively within existing rights-of-way and be tunneled under built-up areas.

"Cars are a fact of life in this city. Even the Mayor and most members of City Council drive to work. But Toronto drivers have not had a major new strip of roadway since the

early '70s." Stephen Thiele, president and co-founder of the Toronto Party said. "Transit City is just coloured lines on a map and will be five years from now. Get Toronto Moving is real and affordable."

The plan will be financed through public-private-partnerships, a model that is building critical infrastructure, including bridges, roads and airports around the world, including a major piece of the Union Station redevelopment.

Did you know ...

- Subways can carry ten times the number of passengers as streetcars
- Subway systems make a profit
- World-wide, private sector investment, including pension funds, in public infrastructure is expected to top US\$650 billion over the next two years
- Major world cities such as Bangkok, Mumbai, Paris and Santiago are investing heavily in public transit and traffic corridors
- The Toronto Party has received acclaim for its plan to replace the Gardiner Expressway

To learn more ...

- To learn more about Get Toronto Moving, including the Toronto Party's plan for bicycle lanes, please go to www.gettorontomoving.ca

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