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Talking turkey

Turkey anyone? Wearing their custom-made turkey hats, Alida Shepherd (left) and Mark Ireland, both 3, were among the students at Harmony Preschool at Halton Hills Christian School who enjoyed their

own Thanksgiving dinner Tuesday. The kids enjoyed all the fixings, including potatoes and gravy, and naturally, turkey.

Photo by Ted Brown

Transportation plan calls for big drop in residents' use of cars

By **CHRISTINA COMMISSO**
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Will one in five residents be taking public transit by 2031?

The Region is banking on it, according to its master transportation plan that went before council yesterday (Wednesday).

The report, entitled *Road to Change*, looks at road, highway and GO Transit expansions, along with increasing active transportation and local public transit use.

The Region's latest estimates show five per cent of trips in Halton during rush hour are made on public transit, while 92 per cent are made by car.

Twenty years from now, planners are forecasting that 72 per cent of trips will be made via cars. That percentage will be the basis for the road widenings and new roadways planned between now and 2031.

The remaining 20 per cent will be accommodated by public transit, five per cent by walking or biking and three per cent through telecommuting or ride sharing.

But members of the planning and public works committee said achieving that transportation split will take a major shift in attitude amongst Halton's car-reliant population.

Oakville Councillor Allan Elgar asked what Halton's roads will look like if the 20 per cent transit target isn't reached during the committee meeting last week.



Halton Region's Road to Change plan calls for less reliance on cars and more use of public transit in the coming years.

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