

# SURVEY SHOWS HALTON SUPPORTS PROVINCIAL TRANSIT AGENCY FOR SOUTHERN ONTARIO

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Nearly 90 per cent of Halton residents who took part in a survey in the summer said they would support a provincially funded transit agency that would oversee a large part of

southern Ontario. The Toronto Region Board of Trade (TRBT) released results from an Environics Research survey done Aug. 13-21.

The 10-minute questionnaire polled 1,000 adult residents in the Greater Toronto Area (GTA), Hamil-

ton and Waterloo regions with targeted samples for each GTA region.

Eleven months ago, the TRBT released a concept paper called Superlinx: An Uploading Strategy for a Modern Provincial Transit Agency, which called for all Toronto region transit to be transformed into a single regional transit agency.

The goal, according to the paper, is to get transit lines financed and built more quickly, offering commuters a modern, seamless transit system, according to a media release.

"We've spent 20 years urging the province to move growth revenues, financing capacity and planning authority down to cities to get transit built faster, and it hasn't worked," said Jan De Silva, TRBT president and CEO.

"It's time to try to upload transit responsibility to the province instead, since that's where growth revenues, planning authority

and financing capacity already exist."

Those who took the survey were asked if they would support a single regional transit agency funded by the provincial government.

Eighty-nine per cent of York residents surveyed said they would, followed by Halton (88 per cent), Peel (87 per cent), Durham (78 per cent), Toronto (74

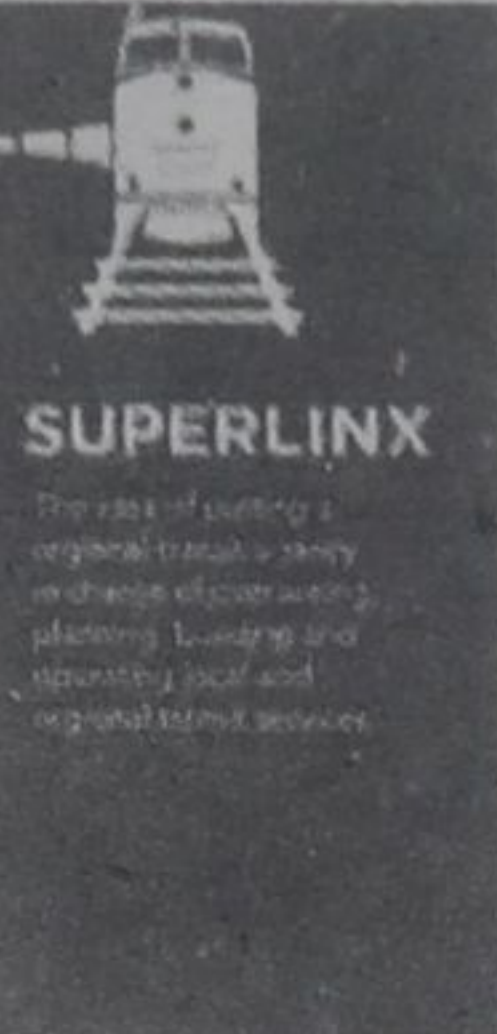
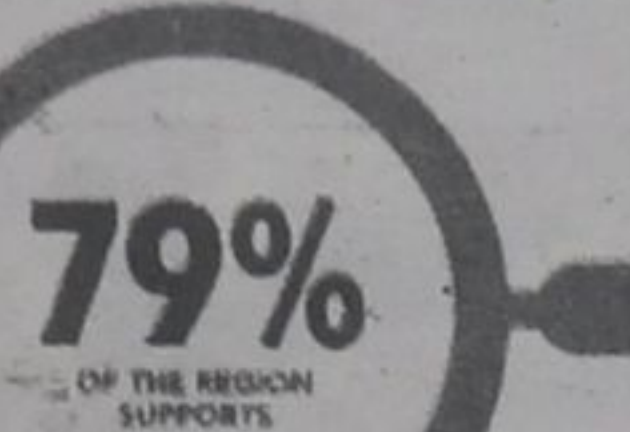
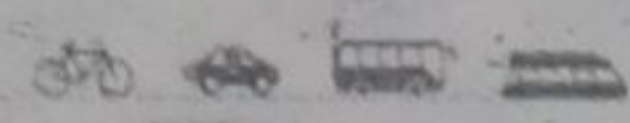
per cent), Waterloo (67 per cent) and Hamilton (65 per cent).

The age groups of the respondents included: 55-plus (38 per cent), 35-54 (35 per cent) and 18-34 (27 per cent).

The survey was conducted with an online panel and weighted for age and gender, and as a result there was no attributed margin of error, stated a

media release. "The survey comes at a time when the (provincial government) is exploring options to upload Toronto's subway system as it promised during the 2018 provincial election," the release stated. "The board supports a subway upload as a first step because it should lead to other steps that will ensure a more regional model."

## THE REGION WEIGHS IN ON UPLOADING TRANSIT



RESPONSES BY REGION

	WATERLOO	HAMILTON	HALTON	PEEL	TORONTO	YORK	DURHAM
Transition with the local transit system	63%	67%	60%	71%	59%	53%	67%
Support the Superlinx proposal	67%	60%	68%	87%	74%	78%	78%



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An infographic from the Toronto Region Board of Trade showing results from an Environics Research survey done from Aug. 13-21 that polled 1,000 adult residents in the Greater Toronto, Hamilton and Waterloo regions.



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