Region seeking all-day GO train service into Milton

Answer expected early next year

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The Region is pushing for several improvements to GO transportation in Halton, including an all-day train service into Milton.

Halton staff made a presentation to that effect Friday to the Greater Toronto Transportation Authority (GTTA), which will ultimately decide how almost \$12 billion in provincial 'MoveOntario 2020' funds designated for public transit will be spent.

Regional Chair Gary Carr, who also sits on the GTTA board of directors, told the Champion that Halton said it would like to see an all-day train service in Milton and

Georgetown and a third track added to the Burlington/Oakville line.

"Amongst the concerns of people in Halton, transportation is one of the big issues," said Carr.

In addition, he said Halton asked for a bus rapid transit service on Hwy. 407.

No decisions were made at the GTTA meeting on the projects. The authority is expected to finalize its plans and report back to the Province early next year on its long-term strategy for transportation in the GTA, including MoveOntario projects.

The GTTA's mandate is to milli ensure all levels of government year work together to develop a car to long-range transportation plan lion.

in consultation with a broad range of stakeholders.

The agency is responsible for regional transit and transportation planning, purchasing transit vehicles on behalf of municipalities, the future management of GO Transit and ultimately the operation of the GTA fare card system for Greater Toronto and Hamilton.

The MoveOntario 2020 initiative aims to improve transit service in the GTA. It includes 52 projects and calls for 66 per cent of them to be completed by 2015 and 95 per cent of them by 2020.

It's expected that the improvements will result in 800 million new transit trips per year and reduce the number of car trips in the GTA by 300 million.

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the courtroom, Bakhsh sat hunched over with his elbows on his knees and his head down. When his case was addressed, he stood but continued to look down.

Bakhsh has been charged with two counts each of impaired driving causing death and dangerous driving causing death, as well as one count of

refusing to provide a breath sample.

The charges are in connection with the July 19 deaths of an elderly husband and wife from Rockwood who were waiting for a GO train to pass when their vehicle was struck from behind and pushed into the path of the oncoming train.

Bakhsh remains in custody at Maplehurst Correctional Centre.



