

# The Air Rail Link (ARL)

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## Fact Sheet

- The highly anticipated Air Rail Link will be a high-quality express rail service providing convenient, reliable and rapid transportation in a relaxing, stress-free atmosphere between Canada's busiest transportation hubs, Union Station in downtown Toronto and Toronto Pearson International Airport.
- The Air Rail Link will travel the 25-minute journey along a rail corridor between Union Station and Toronto Pearson Terminal 1.
- A fully accessible service, the Air Rail Link will offer a host of conveniences including modern, comfortable interiors. Other features being considered are power outlets for laptops, ticketing options for the ARL and some airlines, onboard refreshments, Wi-Fi, luggage facilities, screens with flight information, and self-service airline check-in machines.
- The ARL will share the upgraded GO Transit Kitchener (formerly Georgetown) corridor. A new, three-kilometre rail spur will be constructed and will run off the Kitchener line at Highway 427 and connect to Terminal 1 at Toronto Pearson.

### ARL by the numbers

- More than five million people travel between downtown Toronto and Pearson International Airport, and that number is expected to reach nine million by 2020.
- Travel time between Union Station and Pearson will be approximately 25 minutes along the 25-kilometre rail corridor.
- Departing every 15 minutes, the Air Rail Link is expected to provide 5,000 passengers a day with unprecedented efficiency, reliability and peace of mind travel.
- The ARL will service four stations: Union Station, Bloor GO Station, Weston GO Station, and the Air Rail Station at Toronto Pearson Terminal 1.
- Service will operate every 15 minutes and run during regular Toronto Pearson hours
- The Air Rail Link is expected to remove 1.2 million car trips from our roads in its first year of operation alone.

### Construction

- Construction began on the Kitchener (formerly Georgetown) line in 2011. In addition to increased capacity for GO Transit's rail service, this work will also support the Air Rail Link.
- The Air Rail Link spur to Toronto Pearson will be built by AirLINX Transit Partners Inc., a consortium between Aecon Construction and Materials Limited and Dufferin Construction Company, overseen by Metrolinx and Infrastructure Ontario.
- The Air Rail Link will run Tier 4 clean diesel multiple units (DMUs) which are convertible to electric propulsion as the opportunity becomes available and partner infrastructure is constructed.
- Construction for the Air Rail Link will be on budget and on time for completion by the 2015 Pan/Parapan American Games.