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## CONSTRUCTION STARTS ON UNION SUBWAY STATION EXPANSION

Union station will be transit hub for new waterfront communities

**Toronto, May 24, 2006** – Federal Treasury Board President John Baird, Ontario Minister of Public Infrastructure Renewal David Caplan, Toronto Mayor David Miller, TTC chair Howard Moscoe and Peter Smith, the interim chair of the Toronto Waterfront Revitalization Corporation, today officially launched the start of construction of a second passenger platform at Union subway station, the hub for the new transit network that is being developed as part of waterfront revitalization.

“Canada's new government supports a construction project that will improve commuter access, help revitalize the waterfront, and reduce automobile gas emissions,” said Minister Baird. “We are proud to be a part of this expansion as we promote increased public transit use by encouraging commuters to collect the new federal public transit tax credit.”

Union subway station currently has only one passenger platform to serve both north and southbound passengers. It was built in 1954 when the station accommodated 25,000 passengers per day. Now more than 75,000 people use the station on a daily basis.

“This is not just a subway platform. It’s a step up to a higher quality of life for the millions of commuters and travelers who will use this station as a hub that connects our waterfront with the city – and beyond,” said Minister Caplan. “The McGuinty government is on the side of commuters. That’s why expanding the subway platform at Union Station is a major priority for our government.”

The \$90 million expansion will add a second platform to address current overcrowding and safety concerns as well as accommodate the increased numbers of passengers who will live and work in the West Don Lands, East Bayfront and the Port Lands.

“The new improved platform is proof that Toronto is undergoing a city-building renaissance,” said Mayor David Miller. “This project will provide Torontonians with easier and better connections from all parts of the city to the waterfront.”

Once the waterfront is built out it is estimated that 35,000 people living and working there will travel through Union Station on a daily basis.

“Union Station is the most important commuter hub in all of Canada,” says TTC Chair Howard Moscoe. “The addition of a second platform at Union subway station will dramatically ease congestion during rush hour and at major sporting events in the downtown core.”

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“Expanding Union subway station and building new transit lines in West Don Lands and East Bayfront, clearly demonstrates our shared commitment to building transit first on Toronto’s waterfront,” said Peter Smith, TWRC’s interim chair.

As part of a shared commitment to sustainable development, TWRC and the governments want public transit to be the primary mode of transportation in Toronto’s revitalized waterfront. To achieve this objective, waterfront homes and offices will be within a five- minute walk of a TTC stop and transit is being built in the first phase of implementation to ensure that people who live and work on the waterfront choose public transit over cars.

In addition to building a second subway platform, the Union subway station project will:

- Make it more convenient for TTC riders to switch between the waterfront/Habourfront streetcar and the subway by providing a direct connection between the streetcar and the subway
- Support GO Transit’s expansion by widening the passage in the subway station that GO passengers use to get to the PATH system
- Improve overall accessibility in the subway station

Union Subway Station will continue to operate during construction. Initial work involves moving a major sewer line that is located where the new platform will be built. Construction will occur seven days a week. Entrances to the station will not be impacted between the hours of 6:00am to 7:00pm. The sewer relocation is scheduled to be completed by August 2007. The new platform and concourse improvements phase should be completed by 2011.

TWRC and TTC also have work underway to build new transit lines in the West Don Lands and East Bayfront. Environmental Assessments will be complete in 2007. Construction will start on the West Don Lands transit line in 2008 and be complete in 2009. Construction on the East Bayfront line will start in 2009 and be complete in 2011. The West Don Lands line will cost \$20 million and the East Bayfront line \$115 million.

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