

# **An Integrated Approach to become Climate Resilient**

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# WHO IS METROLINX?



Plan



Build



Operate



Connect

# CURRENT SYSTEM AND ASSETS



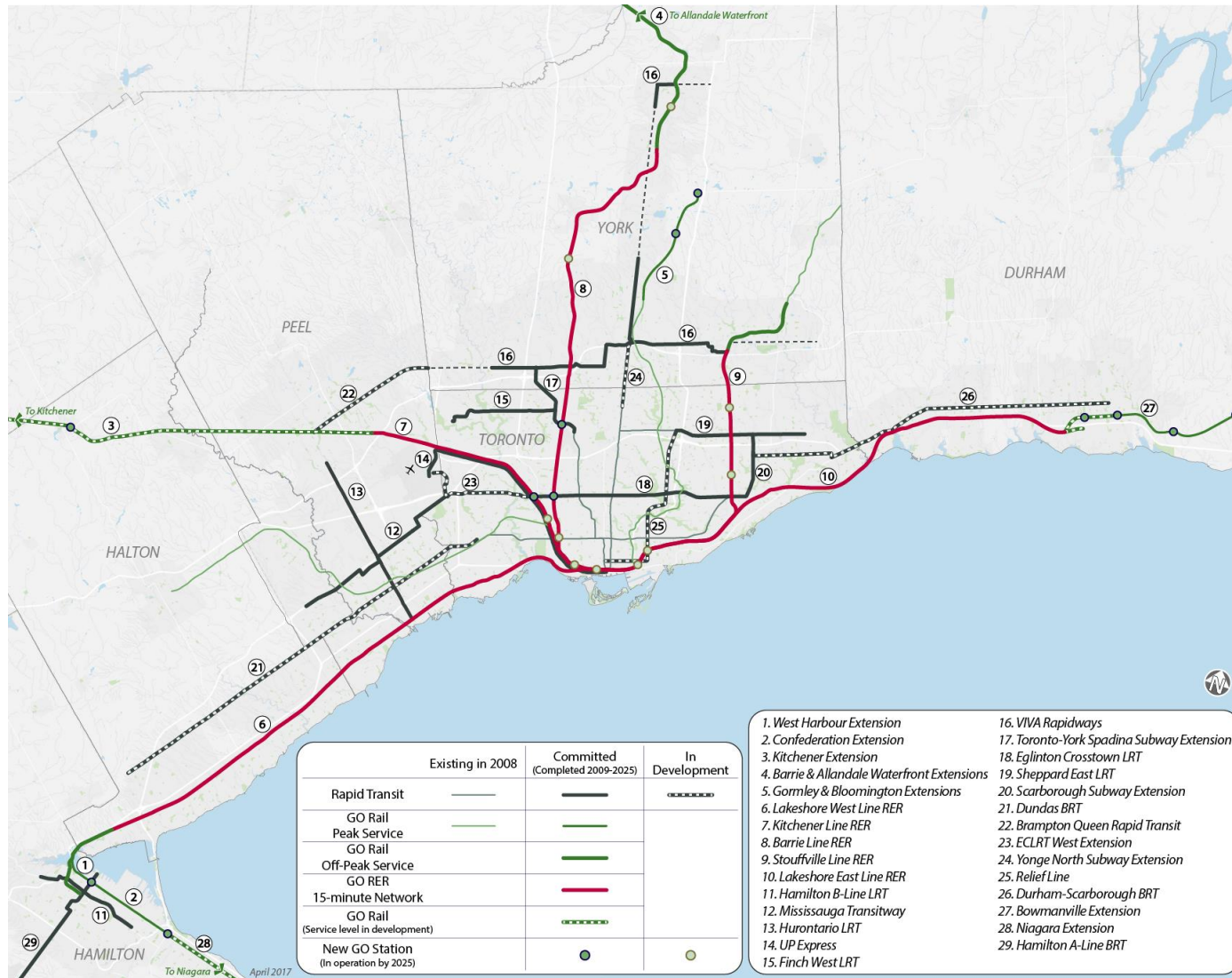
## ASSETS (March 31, 2016)\*

Stations:	64
Route kms:	452
Route kms on owned corridor:	366
Active train sets:	52
Locomotives:	75
Bi-Level passenger railcars:	630
Bus Terminals:	15
Single-level buses:	383
Double-decker buses:	127
Parking spaces:	69,217
Park and Ride spaces:	3,418
Parking Structures:	10
Stations with Carpool Parking:	49
UP Express Stations:	4
Route kms:	25
Active train sets:	5
Diesel multiple unit railcars:	18

\*2016-2017 Metrolinx Business Plan



# REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN



- Since 2008, Metrolinx has been guided by its Regional Transportation Plan which is a multi-modal, long range plan for the GTHA
- Developed in consultation with municipalities, residents and many stakeholders across the region
- Provides strategic direction for planning, designing and building a regional transportation network that enhances our quality of life, our environment, and our prosperity
- Currently being updated

# OVER \$30B IN INVESTMENT IN THE GTHA'S RAPID TRANSIT NETWORK



## EXPANDING GO TRAIN SERVICE

- **More service** on all lines
- Electric trains, **every 15 minutes or better** in both directions, for most GO customers
- **23 more stations** and **line extensions** to serve new markets



## 74 KM OF NEW LIGHT RAIL TRANSIT

Under construction:

- **Eglinton Crosstown**

In procurement:

- **Finch West**
- **Hurontario**
- **Hamilton B-Line**

In design / planning:

- **Sheppard East**



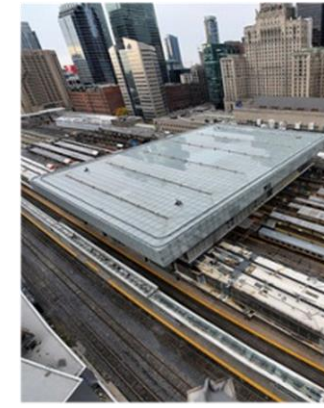
## 68 KM OF NEW BUS RAPID TRANSIT

Partially in-service, with remainder under construction:

- **Viva** in York Region
- **Mississauga Transitway**

In design / planning:

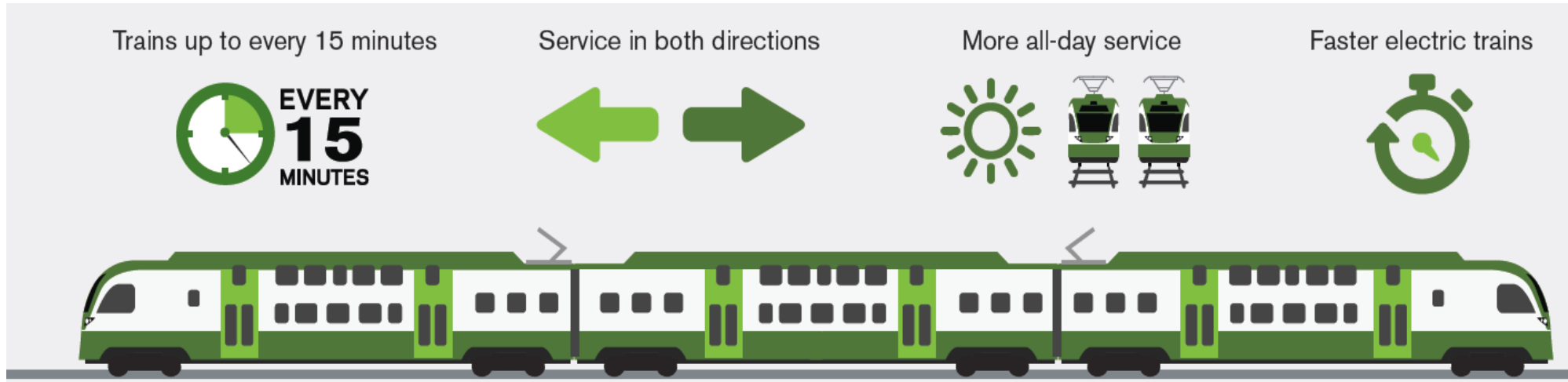
- **Hamilton A-Line**



## CONNECTING IT ALL TOGETHER

- Expanding and revitalizing **Union Station**, the heart of the regional network
- Completed **PRESTO** deployment on TTC

# GO RAIL EXPANSION



- We are transforming GO Rail from primarily a 9-to-5 commuter service to a comprehensive regional transit option
  - Four times the number of trips outside of weekday rush-hour periods, including evenings and weekends
  - Twice the number of trips during weekday rush-hour periods
- Accompanied by electrification, new fleet and new train control technologies
- Over \$13.5 billion commitment from provincial government to expand infrastructure to support more service



# METROLINX IS EXPERIENCING CLIMATE CHANGE



2013



- 126 mm of rain in 2 hours
- 1,400 passengers stranded on flooded Richmond Hill GO train
- Washouts on Lakeshore W and Richmond Hill



2013

- Ice storm
- Blackouts across GTHA
- Widespread disruption in service



2015

- 22 cm of snowfall overnight
- Widespread disruption in service

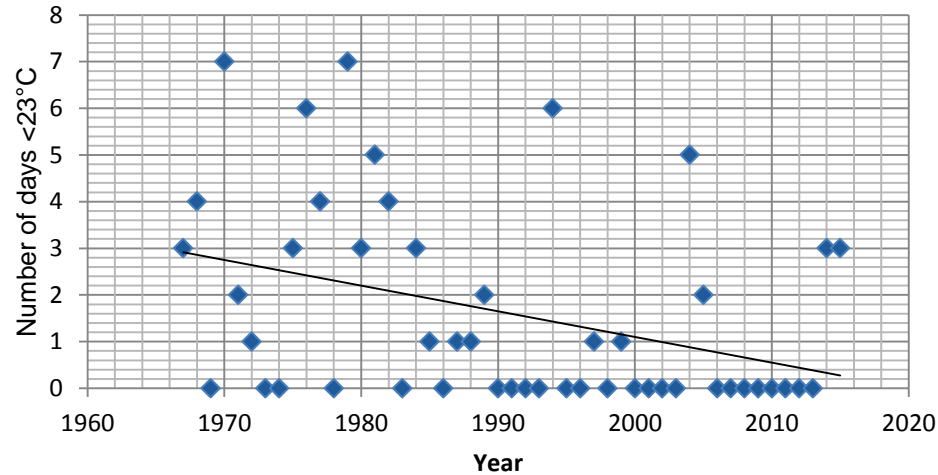


2016

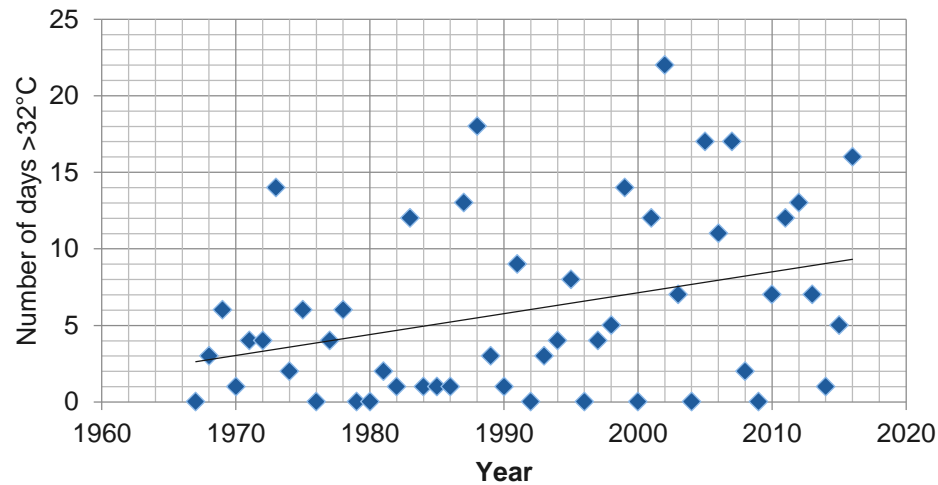
- 16 days  $>32^{\circ}\text{C}$  in 2016, the 5<sup>th</sup> highest year since 1967
- Risk of track warping, sun kinks and grass fires
- First September when slow order issued

# CLIMATE HISTORY AND TRENDS: PAST 50 YEARS

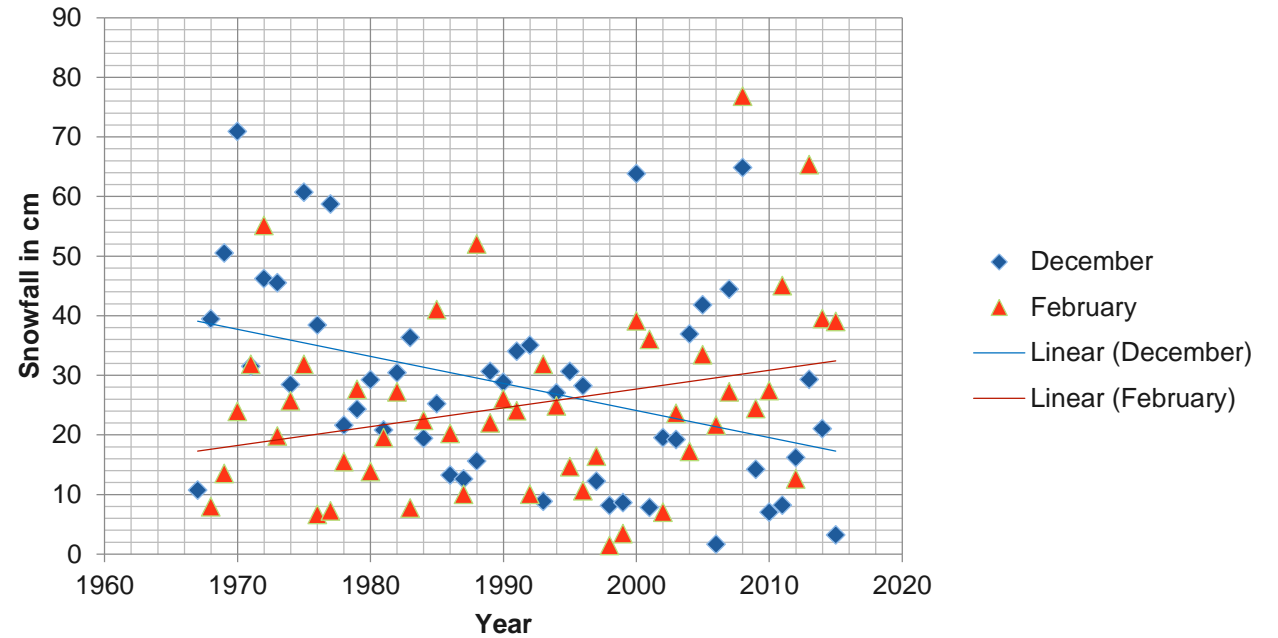
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## EXTREME HOT TEMPERATURES\*



## WINTER SNOWFALL\*



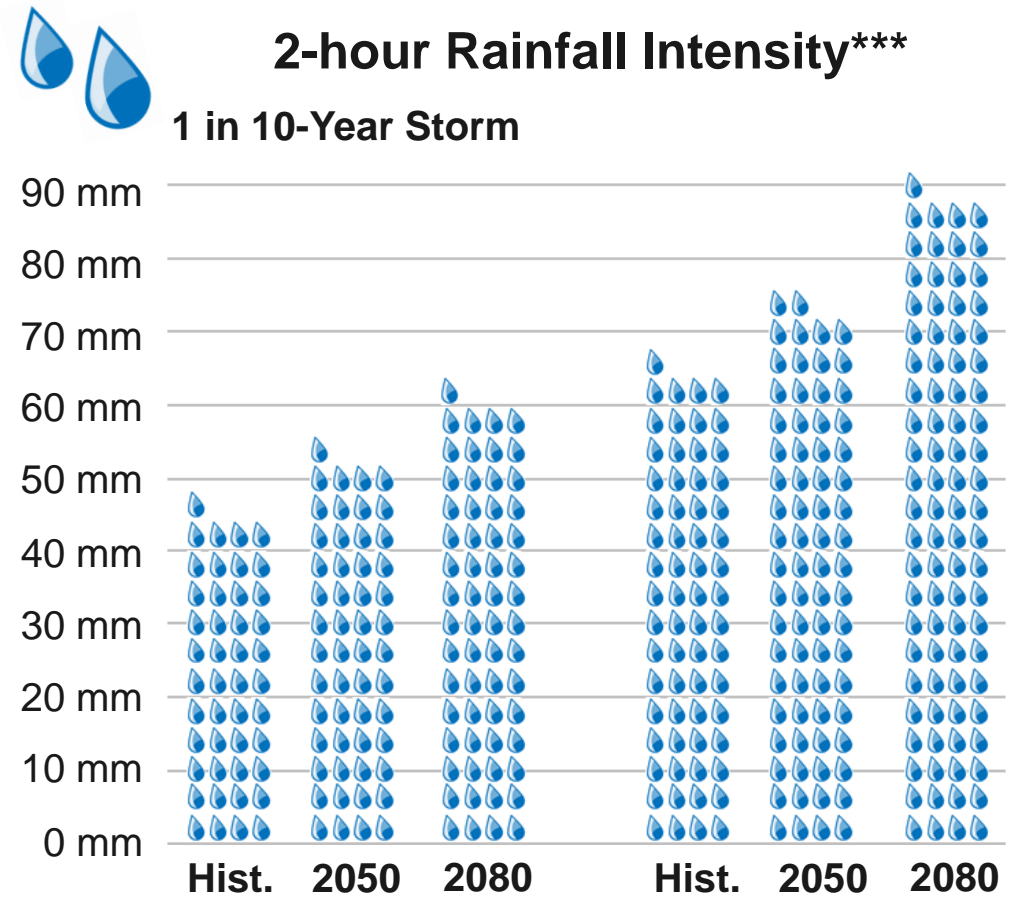
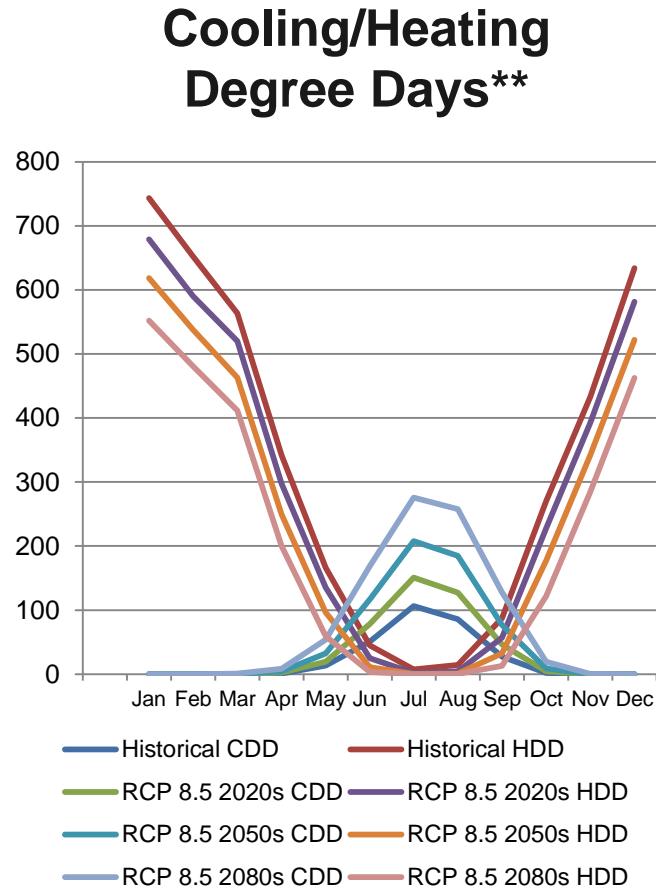
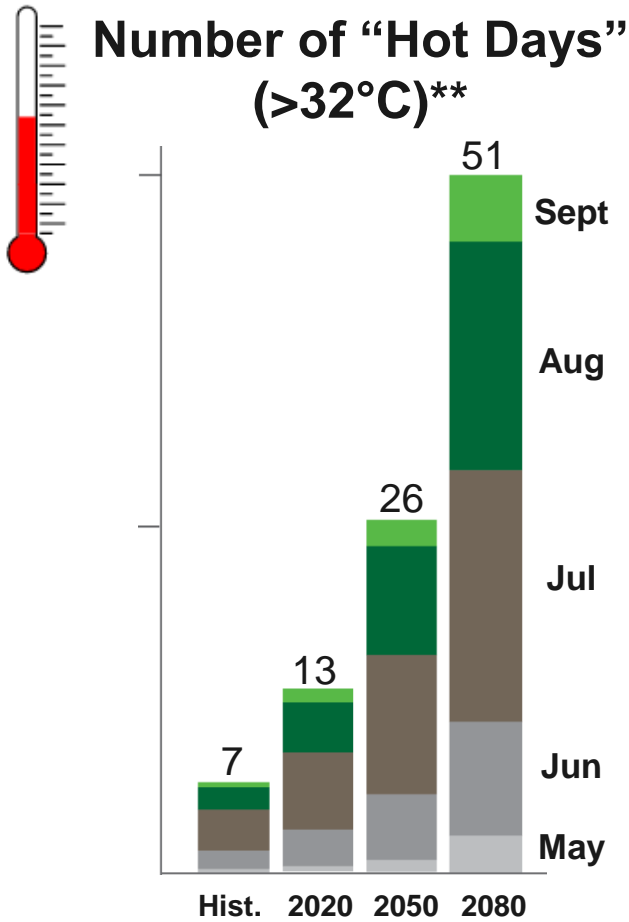
## RECORDED FLOOD EVENTS SINCE 1979 ALONG THE LOWER DON RIVER\*\*

1981, 2000, 2011, 2013, 2014, 2015

\*RSI Climate Change Hazards Information Portal (CCHIP); \*\* Metrolinx

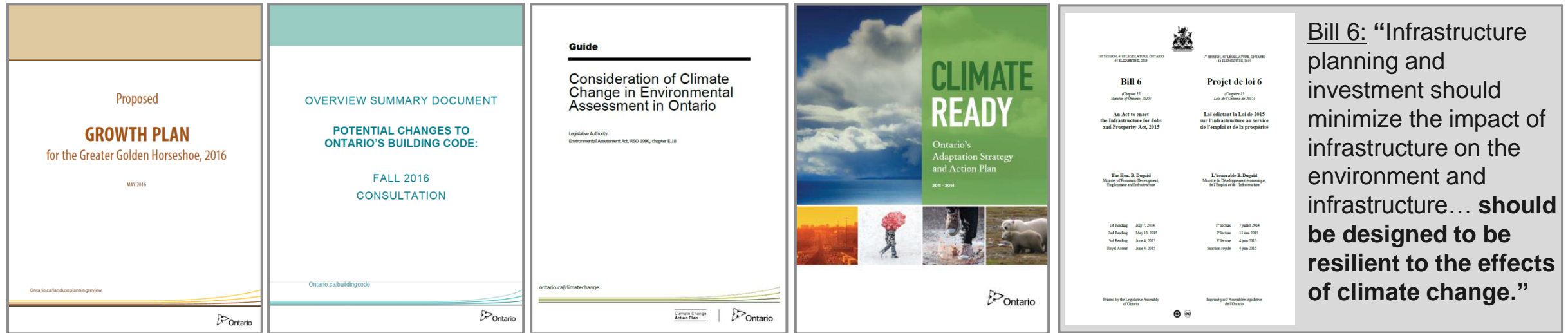


# WHAT TO EXPECT FROM CLIMATE CHANGE\*



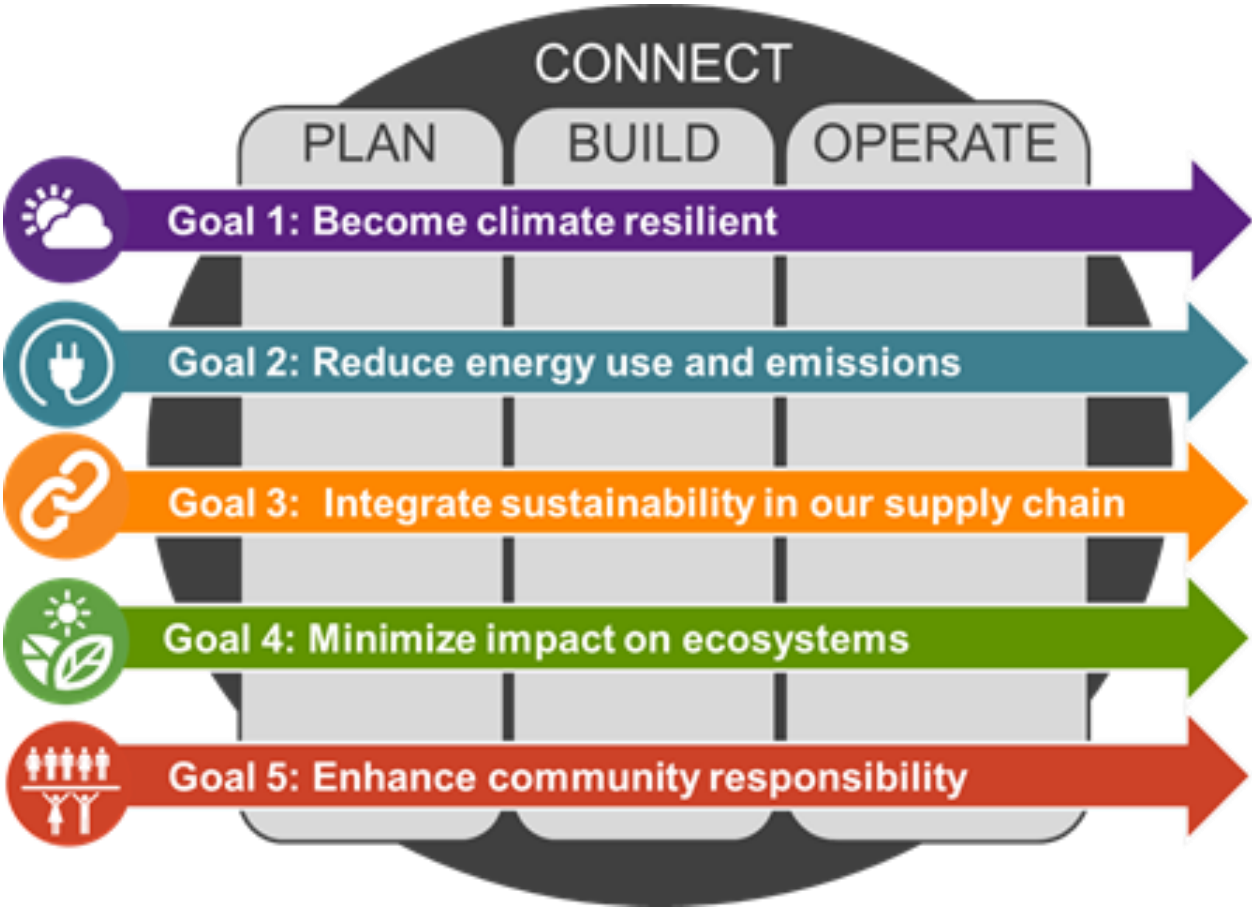
\*Based on climate data and projections from Environment Canada, Western University and Risk Sciences International (RSI). \*\*Toronto Pearson International Airport \*\*\* Toronto Island Airport

# EVOLVING PROVINCIAL POLICY: EXPECTATIONS TO DEMONSTRATE RESILIENCY



- Evolving policy landscape presents immediate challenges and opportunities:
  - Metrolinx actions on resiliency will be impacted by Provincial policy and/or guidelines (e.g. Building Code; Environmental Assessments; Infrastructure for Jobs and Prosperity Act 2016)
  - Metrolinx has provided input into future Provincial plans pertaining to climate resiliency (e.g. Proposed Growth Plan 2016; Climate Adaptation Plan 2017, Changes to the Building Code)

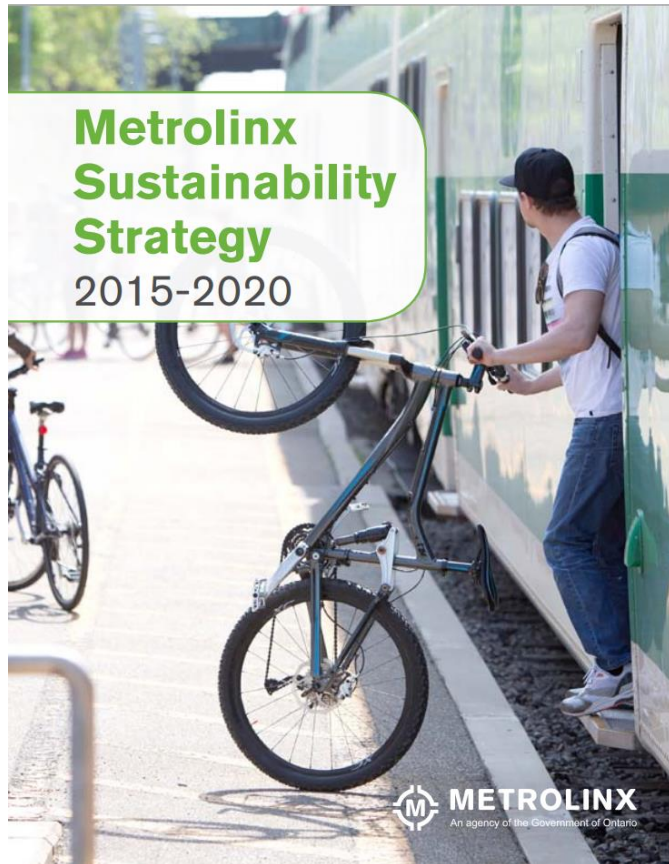
# OUR COMMITMENT TO BECOMING CLIMATE RESILIENT





# GOAL 1: BECOME CLIMATE RESILIENT

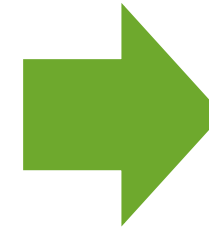
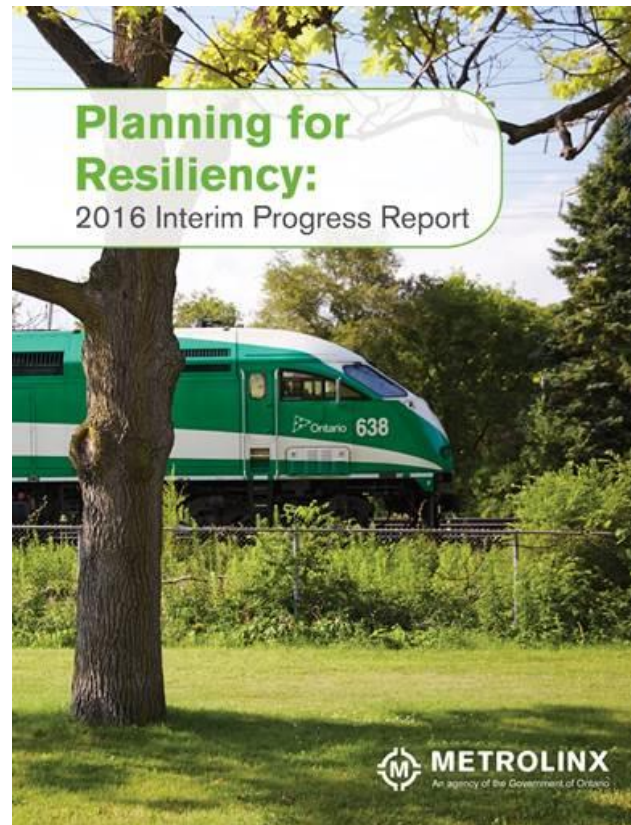
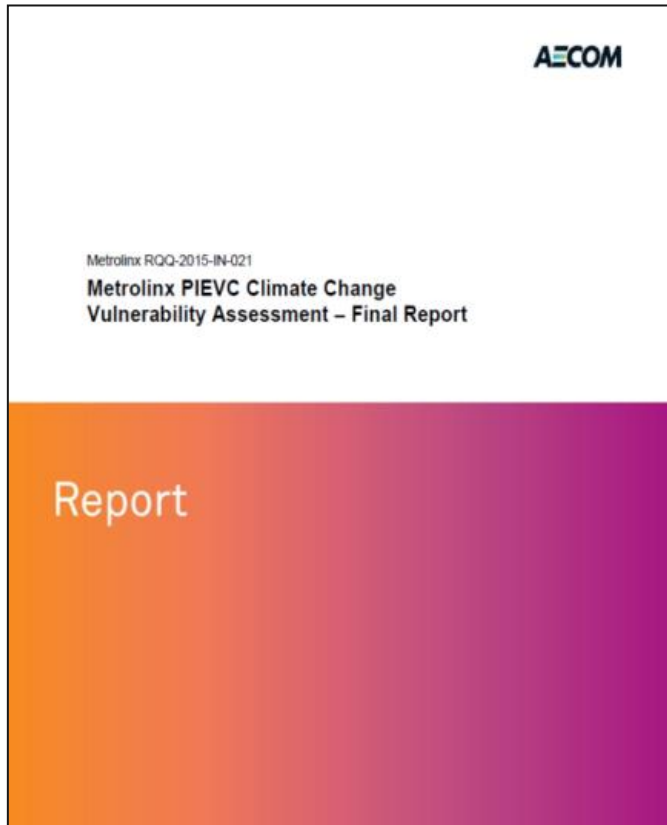
## 2 Key Actions to achieve Goal 1 in the Sustainability Strategy:



1.1 Finalize our corporate Climate Adaptation Plan. This includes strategies to ensure that capital assets that are designed, built, and delivered by Metrolinx are resilient to the impacts of climate change.

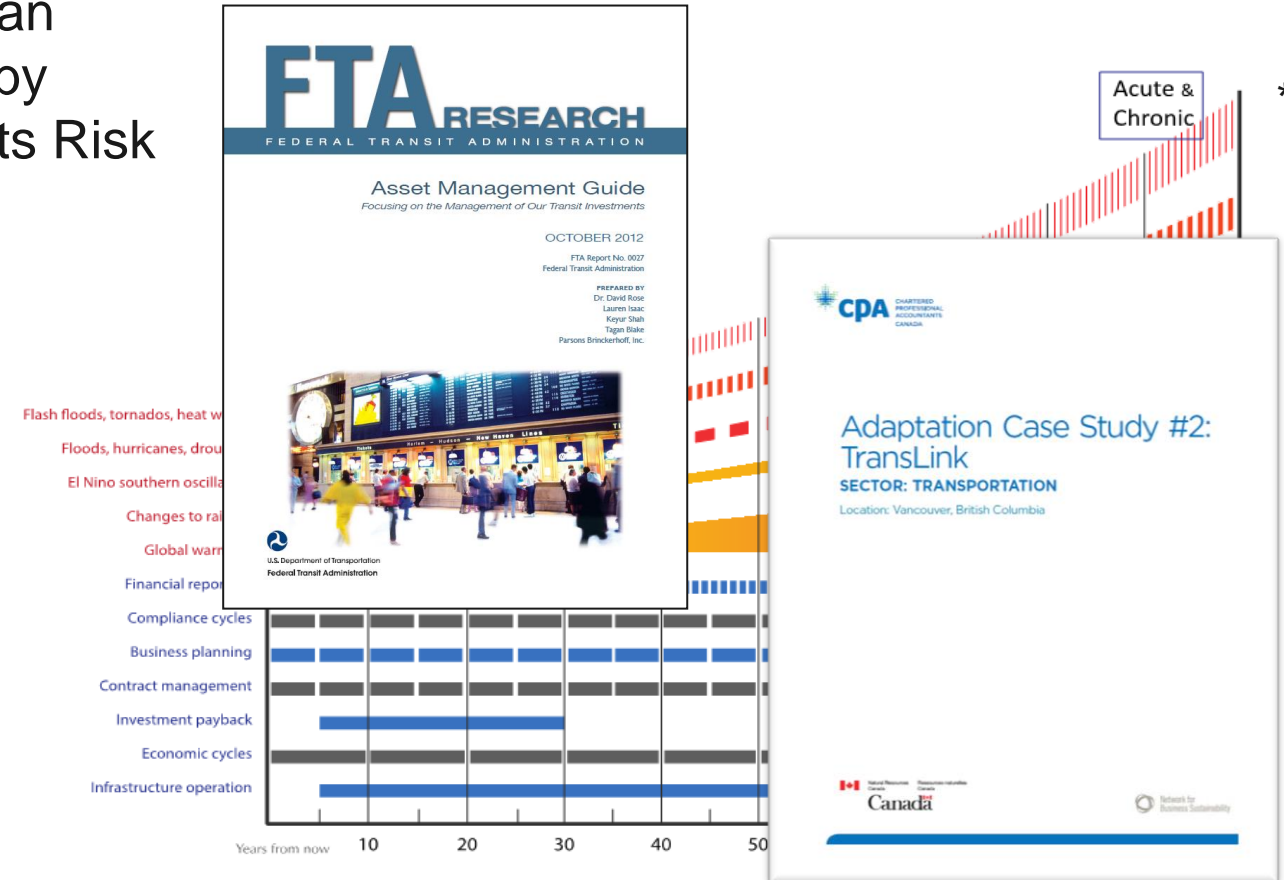
1.2 Develop climate resilience requirements for inclusion within technical standards, manuals, guidelines, Alternative Finance Procurement (AFP) project agreements, and project specific output specifications.

# WORK TO DATE: CLIMATE VULNERABILITY AND RISK



# BEST PRACTICES: RISK AND ASSET MANAGEMENT

- As a large public organization, Metrolinx has an opportunity to protect its growing asset base by embedding climate resiliency measures into its Risk and Asset management practices.
- Best practices show that climate resiliency is linked to strategic, operational, financial, reputational, regulatory, and safety risks.
  - FTA Asset Management Guide
  - TransLink CPA Adaptation Case Study
  - City of TO created a Chief Resiliency Officer position in 2016



\* Mott MacDonald 2015

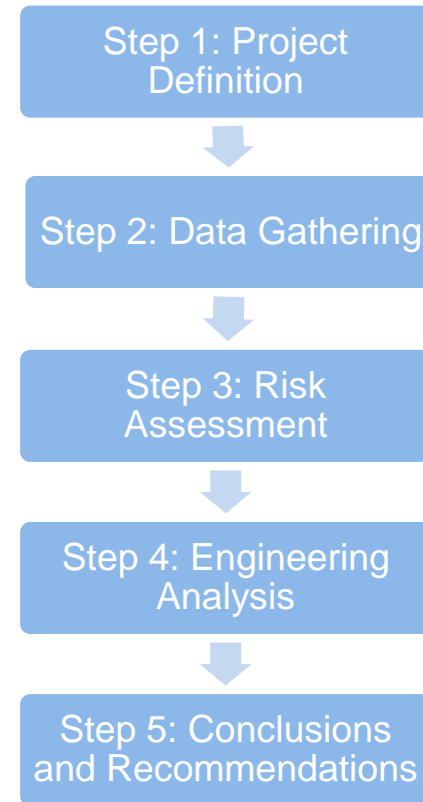
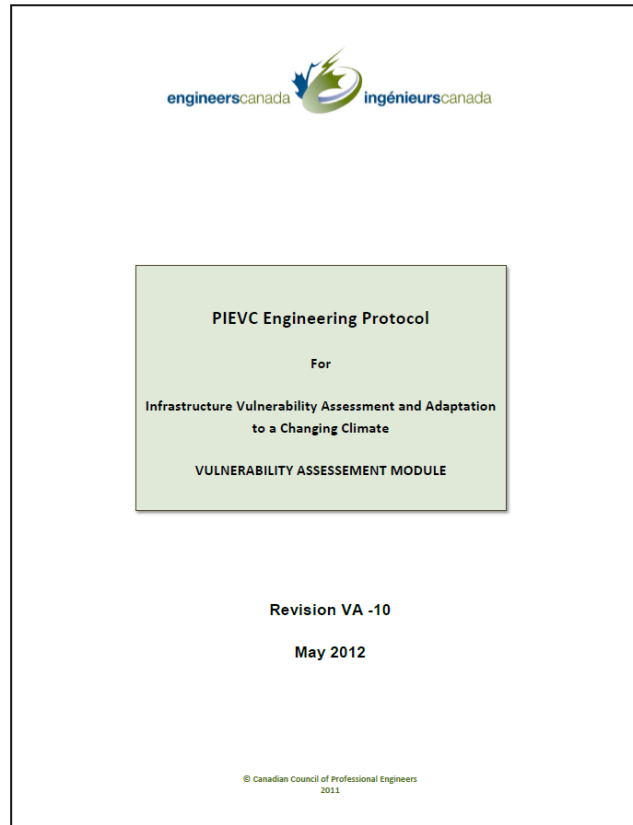


# ASSESSING CLIMATE VULNERABILITY AND RISK

- In 2016, with assistance of a consultant, we completed a PIEVC vulnerability assessment of six key assets representative of the network

AECOM  
RSI  
TRCA

Workshop:  
~40 internal  
and external  
experts/  
stakeholders



## SIX ASSETS:

- Segments of two rail corridors
- Two GO stations
- Two maintenance facilities
  - Bus
  - Rail

# CLIMATE DATA AND PARAMETERS

- 1. Identify climate parameters that may impact the asset (i.e., high temperature, wind, snowfall);
- 2. Identify the threshold(s) at which the particular climate parameter may become a concern for the asset (i.e., temperature over 40°C, wind gusts over 120 km/hr); and
- 3. Estimate the probability that the climate parameter will exceed the threshold during the study period

Parameter	Reason for Inclusion
Extreme Temperatures	Design parameters for HVAC systems, Occupational Health and Safety for staff
Temperature Range	Expansion/contraction of rail
Reduced Visibility	Minimum sight distances for trains
Frost Penetration	Frost heave, damage to pads, foundations
High Winds (gusts)	Structural damage to buildings and other above ground infrastructure; debris
Horizontal Rain	Penetration into HVAC, cladding, other building envelope concerns; passenger safety
Tornadoes	High impact, low probability events, potential for severe impacts to assets
Heavy Rain	Overland flooding impacts, rail washout, riverine flooding
Freezing Rain	OHS of staff, switch gear, falling ice, incoming power
Snow	Impacts to service, access to sites
Hail	Damage to equipment, vehicles in parking lots
Lightning	Communications, electrical systems

# APPLICATION TO DETERMINE VULNERABILITY AND RISK

Climate Parameter	Threshold	Annual Probability		Prob. of Occurrence for Study Period (2015-2050)
		Historical	2050s	
Extreme Temperatures	40°C	~0.01 per year	1-7 days per year	~100%
	32°C	6.5 days per year	27.5 days per year	100%
	-30°C	0.05 days per year <sup>7</sup>	<0.01 days per year	<70%
	-23°C	1.1 days per year	0.1 days per year	100%
Temperatures Range	60°C in one year	0.1 days per year	<0.01 events per year	<90%
Reduced Visibility (e.g., fog, blowing snow)	400 m (or ¼ mile)	49 hours per year, 15.1 days per year	strong trend ↓, stable recent period	100%
	200 m	33 hours per year, 11.9 days per year	strong trend ↓, stable recent period	100%
Frost Penetration	1.2 m or below	0.17 <sup>4</sup> per year	Trend ↓ but some conflicting factors	>90%
High Winds (Gusts)	90 km/h	2 per year	>2.5 per year	100%
	120 km/h	0.05 days per year	Likely ↑	~85% or higher
Tornadoes	EF1 +	1-in-6,000	Unknown <sup>5</sup>	~0.6%
Overland Flood/Heavy Rainfall	≥25 mm in 2 hour	~0.8 events per year	Very likely ↑	100%
	≥60 mm in 2 hours	≤0.03 events or less per year	Very likely ↑	~70%
Freezing Rain	≥ 10 mm	~0.2 days per year	~0.3 days per year	~100%
	≥ 25 mm	0.06 days per year	>0.09 days per year	>95%
Snow	Blowing snow	7.8 days per year	Trends not significant to scoring	100%
	≥ 20 cm in one day	0.1 days per year	Conflicting trends, likely remaining similar	>95%
	Design Loads (snow-water equivalent)	184 mm (Willowbrook/ Port Credit <sup>6</sup> )	No observed trend, some factors indicate ↑	~20%
		153 mm (Streetsville <sup>5</sup> )		~40%
		133 mm (Oakville <sup>5</sup> )		~40%
Hail (Mississauga Area example)	"Golf ball" / 45 mm or larger	0.07 per year	Unknown	>90%
Horizontal Rain	Gusting 50 km/h + >25 mm rain	1.8 days per year	Slight trend ↑	100%
Lightning	Direct strikes	~0.3% per year	Likely ↑	>99%

## INFRASTRUCTURE COMPONENTS

### RAIL CORRIDORS TRACK

Rail  
Road bed  
Turnouts

### STRUCTURES

Culverts  
Bridge superstructure  
Bridge substructure  
Signal bridges

### SIGNALS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Switches  
Track circuits  
Wayside signals  
Bungalows and cabinets  
Radio towers  
Electrical power supply

FACILITIES  
ROOFS  
Building  
Roof canopies  
Green roofs  
Solar Panels

FACILITIES  
WALLS  
Solid  
Glass

FACILITIES  
SITE  
Parking lots  
Street access  
Back-up power

STATIONS  
ROOFS  
Main building  
Roof canopies

STATIONS  
WALLS  
Solid  
Glass  
Mechanical (elevator, sprinkler systems)

STATIONS  
SITE  
Platforms  
Platform canopies  
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# POTENTIAL RELEVANCE TO STANDARDS AND SPECIFICATIONS

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### ELECTRIFICATION

Overhead contact systems

Transformers and substations

Electrical power supply

### FACILITIES

#### ROOFS

Building

Roof canopies

Green roofs

Solar Panels

### FACILITIES

#### WALLS

Solid

Glass

### FACILITIES

#### SITE

Parking lots

Street access

Back-up power

### STATIONS

#### ROOFS

Main building

Roof canopies

Enclosures

### STATIONS

#### WALLS

Solid

Glass

Mechanical (elevator, sprinkler systems)

### STATIONS

#### SITE

Platforms

Platform canopies

Parking lots

Parking structures

Street access

Back-up power

### OTHER

Hydrogen fuel cells

# DEVELOP CLIMATE RESILIENCE REQUIREMENTS

## Examples of where we have begun to integrate climate resilience language:

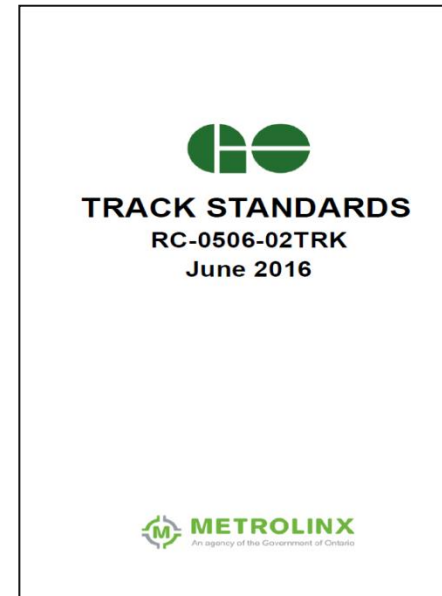
*GO Design Excellence  
Guidelines*



*GO Design Requirements  
Manual*



*GO Track  
Standards Manual*



- Alternative Finance Procurement Project Agreements
- Project Specific Output Specifications
- Request for Proposals
- Transit Project Assessment Process
  
- RER Projects
- RT Projects

# KNOWLEDGE AND INFORMATION GAPS

- Standards development funded by Infrastructure Canada
  - National Research Council
  - Canadian Standards Association
  - Standards Council of Canada
- City of Toronto Resilient City Working Group
  - Interdependencies with Stormwater Infrastructure and Electricity Infrastructure
- Flood risk mapping: Riverine and Overland/Urban – TRCA, other CA's and Municipalities
- Urban Heat Island mapping: Regions and Municipalities
- Other climate parameters at the micro scale



## NEXT STEPS

- Working with business units to develop Corporate Climate Adaptation Plan
  - e.g. Operations, Enterprise Asset Management, Risk Management and Insurance, System Planning, Emergency Response Planning, Business Continuity Planning, Communications
  - Capital Projects Group
    - Climate resilience requirements
- Address knowledge gaps on vulnerability and risk
- Explore options for applying TBL or C/B analysis to help prioritize resiliency/adaptation measures
- Consider applying evaluation tools (e.g. ENVISION) to help manage climate resiliency and risk in infrastructure projects

