



TO IMPROVE TRANSIT AND INTERNET ACCESS

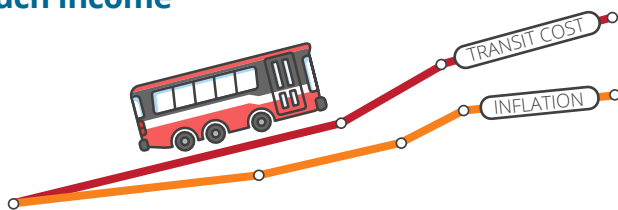
VOTE ON
June 26

Everyone deserves to get around easily and be connected.

When transit and internet services are affordable, reliable, and accessible, we can get to work and school on time, access critical online services without having to leave home, and keep in touch with friends and family. **The upcoming mayoral by-election is an opportunity for you to vote to improve transit and internet access across the city.**

What's the Problem?

Transit Is Too Expensive and Takes up Too Much Income



The cost of a monthly transit pass has been rising **well beyond** the rate of inflation. A family of four with two parents making minimum wage can spend **20%–35% of their disposable** monthly income on transit. The City's **Fare Pass Transit Discount Program** has brought transit costs down for some low-income people, but not enough, and not for enough people.

The Transit System Has Too Many Barriers for Too Many People

The move to PRESTO has created **barriers** — fewer locations to pay with cash, minimum required balances, tickets that expire — that impact low-income residents the most. While the City has made some **progress** on making the transit system accessible for people with disabilities, more than one in five subway stations **are still not accessible**. On top of that, the TTC has made deep cuts to service on multiple routes, resulting in longer wait times and undermining accessibility.



Transit Service Is Unreliable and Frustrating

All too often, transit riders experience delays, long waits, unreliable service, and overcrowding. These problems are even worse for **people with lower incomes, women, and shift workers** who rely heavily on transit, and for people with disabilities.



Internet Access Is a Necessity, but It's Too Expensive



The pandemic has made internet access necessary to work, study, connect with others, access information, and access medical and other critical services. Some

advocates think internet access should even be **guaranteed and seen as a human right**. Yet many residents struggle to afford reliable, high-speed internet. In fact, internet prices in Ontario and Canada have been rising for the past two years.

In 2021 Toronto residents paid about \$105 a month for high-speed internet plans (101–250 Mbps).

Take Action!

1. Ask the Mayoral Candidates If They Will Commit to The Following Actions:

- Reverse the TTC service cuts and provide more transit funding to reduce wait times and overcrowding, attract riders back to the system, and better meet the City's climate action goals.
- Create a truly affordable transit system for all, starting with free passes for low-income residents and seniors.
- Provide discounted/free transfers for travel between the TTC and other transit systems.
- Bring back/increase frequency of transit service on underserved/highly used routes.
- Implement 10 bus and streetcar priority corridors during the next term of Council (as planned in [RapidTO](#)).
- Commit to establishing a municipal broadband network.
- Provide \$10/month internet to all low- and moderate-income people.
- Provide free public WiFi in all City-owned buildings and facilities, including public transit.
- Champion more funding from the provincial government to expand Wheel-Trans service and protect door-to-door Wheel-Trans service for those who need it.
- Provide continued access to transit for people marginalized by poverty by ensuring that the drop-ins and community organizations that serve them can bulk order TTC tickets and by expanding locations to buy and reload PRESTO cards.



2. Learn More About the Candidates

Check out [our election resources](#) and attend an event, such as a Mayoral Debate, to learn more about the election issues and where candidates stand.



3. Pledge to Vote

[Election day](#) is on June 26.

[Advance polls](#) are from June 8-13.

[Apply to vote](#) by mail from May 1-26.