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Deputy Mayor Paul Ainslie Welcomes Federal Announcement on High-Speed Rail Project – Public Consultations Coming to Toronto in February 2026

Toronto – I am very thrilled to share that last Friday, the federal Minister of Transport and the CEO of Alto announced the first phase of work on the **High-Speed Rail project** connecting Quebec City to Toronto. The first phase will run from **Ottawa to Montreal**, with the Toronto route to follow.

Public consultations will begin in early 2026, with several sessions scheduled in Toronto:

- **February 4 and 5, 2026** – St. Lawrence Market North
- **February 10, 2026** – Scarborough Civic Centre

One year ago, City Council adopted my motion [MM24.23](#), which called for Toronto to proactively engage with federal and provincial partners on High-Speed Rail planning and ensure Scarborough and Toronto residents are part of the conversation. I am proud to see this work moving forward and to know that our city's voice is being included in shaping this transformative project.

"This is a once-in-a-generation investment in sustainable transportation and regional connectivity," said Deputy Mayor Ainslie. "I encourage residents to participate in the upcoming consultations. Together, we can ensure Toronto and Scarborough are well-positioned to benefit from High-Speed Rail."

The High-Speed Rail project is expected to deliver faster, cleaner, and more efficient travel across the Quebec–Toronto corridor, supporting economic growth and reducing congestion.

Find more: [Full speed ahead: Ottawa–Montreal chosen as starting point for Alto High-Speed Rail | Alto](#)

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