

On October 26, Vote for Transit for All

What's the Problem and How Do We Fix It?

The Provincial Government Has Taken Control of Decisions about TTC Fares, Discounts, and Service Standards

Passed in May, the Ontario government's [Bill 98](#), Building Homes and Improving Transportation Infrastructure Act, represents another abuse of power in a long line of [provincial attacks on local democracy](#).

The legislation:

- gives the [province sweeping powers](#) over the TTC and other local transit bodies, including the authority to set fares, discounts, and service levels.
- puts [fare capping](#) and the [discount fare program](#) at risk.
- takes transit decisions out of the hands of publicly accountable bodies like Toronto City Council and the TTC Board.
- allows the Province to make transit decisions through regulations with no debate in the legislature or opportunity for public input.
- fails to address the need for fair, sufficient, and sustainable funding,

A City for All needs to protect the TTC as a public service that is safe, inclusive, and accessible to everyone, and to defend Toronto's authority to make its own transit decisions in the best interest of riders.

Toronto Needs a Fast, Reliable, Accessible, Affordable, and Safe Transit System

The City has made [important improvements](#) to the TTC, but there's more work to be done. [RapidTO dedicated transit lanes](#) served Toronto well during the FIFA World Cup, but expansion of this successful plan remains in question. People with disabilities have called for accessibility improvements in subway stations through better wayfinding and by improving and protecting Wheel-Trans service. Transit affordability is critical amidst the cost of living crisis. [Toronto Community Crisis Service's](#) pilot program on the TTC is aiding individuals in distress and supporting community safety. City Council is considering expanding the service to include all subway stations, and it should do so.

A City for All requires expansion of public transit that delivers faster, reliable, accessible, and affordable service. It means fare freezes, fare capping, [door-to-door Wheel-Trans](#), more accessible transit, [electric buses](#) to reduce air pollution, and expansion of mental health supports on the TTC.

Take Action!

1. Learn More About the Issues

Check out our [election resources](#), including events, debates, and [City for All's](#) community-driven vision for a more equitable Toronto.

2. Ask your City Council candidates:

- a. What are your priorities for improving public transit?
- b. What actions would you take to restore local and democratic control of the TTC?
- c. What will you do to create a fully accessible transit system?
- d. Will you support the [City for All](#) recommendations?

3. Pledge to Vote

Election day is on October 26.

Advance polls are from October 6-11.

Apply to vote by mail from September 1-24.

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