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Today Premier Kathleen Wynne announced a number of ways that Ontario is lowering the cost of taking public transit:

- Beginning in early 2019, the province is reducing the cost of GO Transit trips to just \$3 for PRESTO users who are travelling under 10 kilometres anywhere on the GO network
- All GO Transit and Union-Pearson Express trips anywhere within the City of Toronto will be reduced to \$3
- With proceeds from Ontario's cap on pollution, the province will also provide fare integration discounts of up to \$1.50 per ride for anyone who travels between the York, Durham, Brampton and Mississauga transit networks and the Toronto Transit Commission (TTC), saving regular commuters up to \$720 every year
- PRESTO card users travelling on GO Transit between Union Station and stations near Toronto, such as Port Credit, Malton, Pickering, Ajax or Markham will see fare reductions.

Premier Wynne was joined by Kathryn McGarry, Minister of Transportation, at Willowbrook Yard in Toronto today, to explain how Ontario's 2018 Budget is making life more affordable for families across the Greater Toronto and Hamilton Region (GTHA) through these significant changes to transit fares. Making travel on the GO network more affordable and improving fare integration by lowering the cost of transferring between transit systems will make travel easier in and around the GTHA for the tens of thousands of people who use transit every day. Reduced fares will also ease congestion on subways and buses by offering transit users more options for travel.

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