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Pertains to an foi request on Bruce's comment that "our marketing analysis shows that there is a business case for ARL...only document that we have is a draft report done during GTS/ARL environmental assessment.

From: Tom Aylward-Nally
Sent: Thursday, July 28, 2011 10:53 AM
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Subject: ARL FOI questions

Hi Ian,

Below is Metrolinx's extended response to the two questions you had posed:

Q: How does the information contained in the report compare to the information that has been publicly disclosed?

A: The high-level results of these studies have been communicated publicly but this is the first time the detailed analysis and report is being disclosed.

Q: Does the info in the report differ from MTO/Metrolinx understanding of existing data regarding ridership and revenue?

A: Metrolinx has disclosed that its base planning assumption for Air Rail Link ridership on day 1 of service in 2015 was 5000 riders per day, or about 1.83 million per year. This is a highly-rounded, conservative estimate. This estimated ridership level of 5000 informed our greenhouse gas (GHG) modelling, which indicated that there would be a 11% reduction in GHGs on day 1 of service, increasing to 73% as ridership grew to fill the ARL shuttles.

The information in the report indicates that--based on 2006 passenger volumes at Pearson--the service model closest to what is anticipated for the ARL (option 3A, alternative B2) would attract about 1.56 million riders per year, or 4269 riders per average day.

The Greater Toronto Airports Authority is forecasting 2015 passenger volumes at Pearson to be 28% higher than the 2006 input figures used in the report. Rather than scale ARL ridership up by the full 28% to 5470 per day (~2 million per year), Metrolinx has used the more conservative figure of 5000 per day.

More refined forecasting work is currently underway which could potentially provide a revised forecast for public release in the near future. At this time, 5000 remains the only publicly-quoted figure.

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