

Mobility for Niagara: GO + VIA Rail



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About Transport Action

- Founded in 1976 by citizens concerned about Canada's intercity and urban public transportation systems
- A special interest in VIA Rail Canada and the numerous benefits of rail passenger service for Ontario and the nation

VIA or GO for Niagara?



Both VIA and GO are required to fully meet Niagara's needs

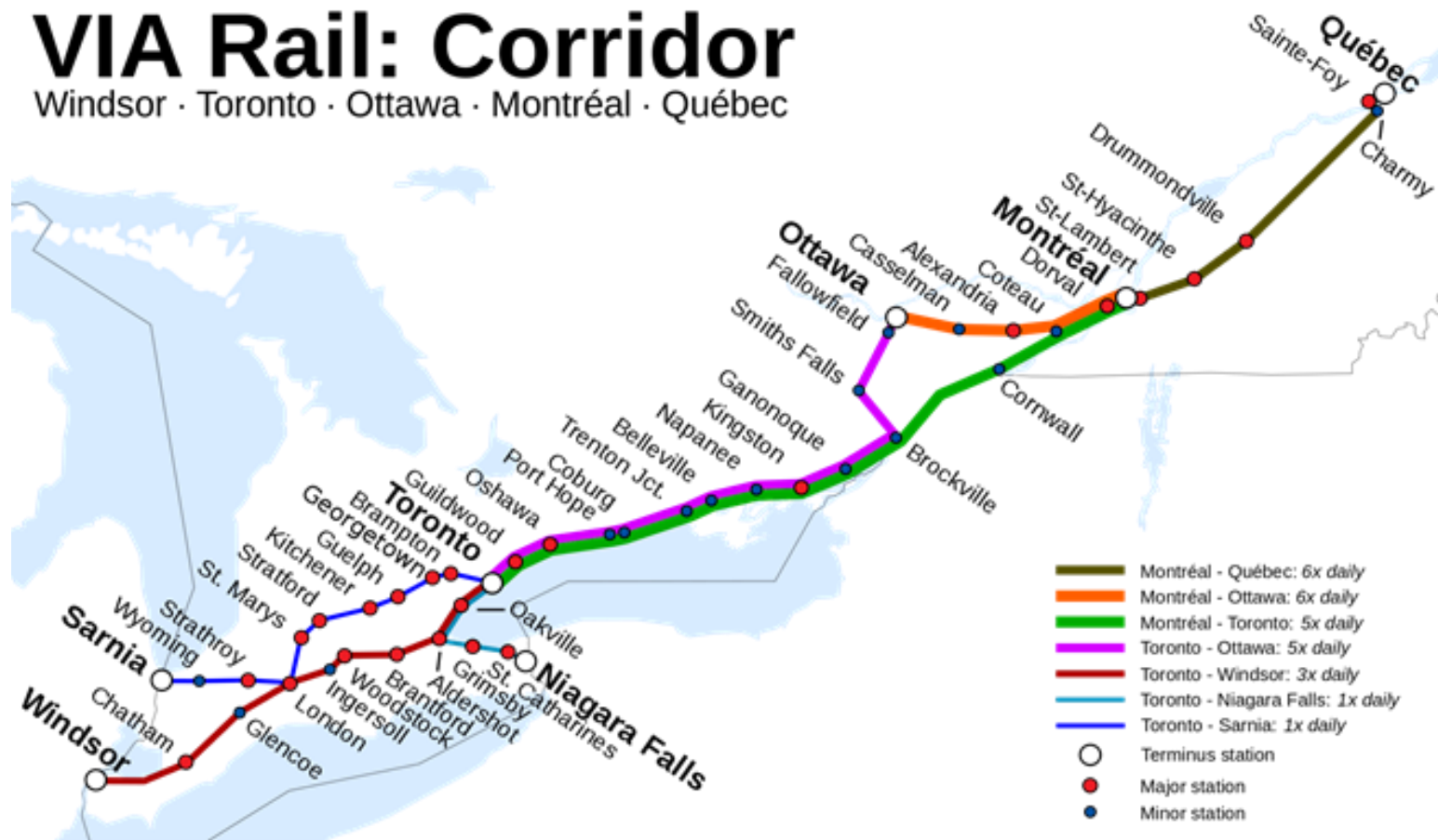
- GO and VIA are not competitors
- Each provides a different type of service
- VIA delivers express service for longer-haul travel
- GO provides a service more geared to local travel
- Both can work together to deliver an integrated, coordinated service known as high-performance rail

The Case for VIA Expansion in Niagara

- Equipment and station facilities available
- Rolling stock better suited for longer-haul trips
- A small service increase would yield big benefits
- VIA has publicly stated it is interested
- A vital connection to other large regional economies

VIA Rail: Corridor

Windsor · Toronto · Ottawa · Montréal · Québec



Amtrak's Empire Corridor



Federal government's agenda favours VIA Rail expansion

- Addressing climate change
- Economic stimulus through infrastructure investment
- Connecting communities to create social and economic opportunities
- Pro-rail MPs and Cabinet Ministers

Why should St. Catharines request VIA Rail expansion in Niagara?

- No cost to St. Catharines or other municipalities
- Multiple economic, social and environmental benefits if implemented by the federal government
- Builds a foundation for future GO service
- A necessary piece of the full transportation system Niagara requires to be competitive and sustainable

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