

Canada's Moment:



The Economic Opportunity of High-Speed Rail

High-speed rail is a strategic investment needed to unlock connectivity in the Toronto-Québec City corridor. It will deliver significant and lasting benefits, including improved mobility, expanded labour markets and sustained economic growth.

Central Canada is being held back by a lack of connectivity



POPULATION
~17 MILLION people
41% of Canada's population (2025)



ECONOMY
~\$1.2 TRILLION
Over 40% of Canada's GDP (2023)



EDUCATION
700,000 students
30 colleges and universities

The core transportation system connecting Toronto to Québec City was built more than 50 years ago, for a smaller population and a different economy.



ROADS
97% of intercity trips are made by car. The current highway network is over capacity



AIR
travel is facing growing capacity pressures, particularly at major urban airports



EXISTING RAIL
is constrained by priority given to freight trains

The cost goes beyond transportation

In 2024, Canada's real GDP per capita declined by 1.4%, the weakest performance among OECD economies.

Investments in existing transportation cannot solve the issue



HIGHWAY EXPANSION
Provides temporary relief. Does not deliver improvements in travel times



AIRPORT EXPANSION
For 300-800 km trips, access, security, boarding and airport constraints erode the in-air speed advantage



CONVENTIONAL RAIL IMPROVEMENT
Would require safety and technical standards beyond the limits of existing infrastructure



HIGH-FREQUENCY RAIL
Requires dedicated tracks, without high-speed travel times

High-frequency rail is the high-cost, low benefit option

MEASURE	DEDICATED HFR	HSR
Capital cost	\$45-75B	\$60-90B
Speed	200 km/h	300 km/h+
GDP increase	\$4.9B	\$24.5B

Canada's biggest region does not need a partial fix. It needs a transformative solution.

Building the infrastructure that Canada needs



Alto's proposition

Fast. Frequent. Reliable. Affordable.

 TRACKS ~1,000 km of grade-separated dedicated tracks	 TRAINS All-electric, built to reach 300 km/h or more
 STATIONS Multi-modal stations connected to local and regional transportation networks	 FACILITIES Maintenance facilities and operations control centre

Making high-speed rail accessible to more travellers

 PRICE-SENSITIVE TRAVELLERS Low fares to encourage a shift from car and bus to rail
 VALUE-FOR-MONEY TRAVELLERS Give customers the flexibility to choose the level of service that best meets their needs
 TIME-SENSITIVE TRAVELLERS Meeting the needs of last-minute and peak-period travellers, with premium services and added flexibility

Alto is a national investment in a long-term, revenue-generating Canadian asset, designed to deliver benefits for generations to come.

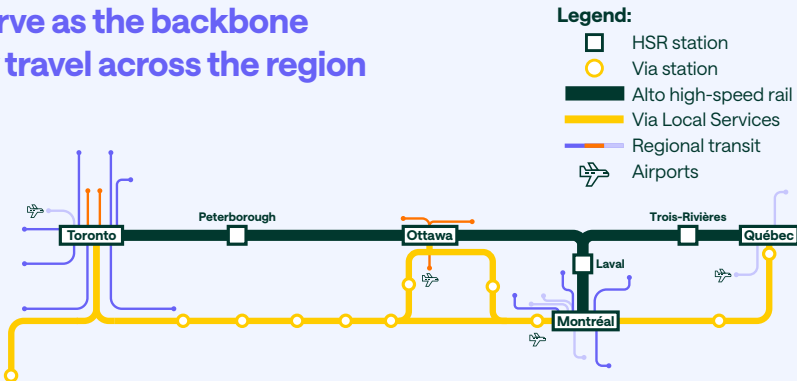
Alto will have a transformational economic impact across the corridor

\$49.5B direct benefits over 60 years
9.3B hours saved

Up to **\$24.5B** in additional GDP

5,000 operations jobs
50,000 construction jobs

Alto will serve as the backbone of intercity travel across the region



How high-speed rail transforms travel choices

Preliminary ridership forecasts, developed in 2024, suggest that services could carry up to 24 million riders per year by 2055, and up to 43 million by 2084.

