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Deputy Mayor Paul Ainslie Celebrates Major Job Creation in Ward 24 with Hitachi Rail Contract Award

TORONTO, ON – Deputy Mayor Paul Ainslie welcomes yesterday's announcement by the Toronto Transit Commission (TTC) awarding the contract for the Line 2 Bloor-Danforth signalling upgrade to Hitachi Rail Canada.

The installation of modern Communications-Based Train Control (CBTC) will transform passenger transit across Toronto while directly boosting the local economy in Scarborough-Guildwood, home to Hitachi Rail's Canadian headquarters.

The project will support approximately 200 high-quality jobs across the TTC and Hitachi Rail. Approximately 90 of these positions will be created directly at Hitachi Rail, whose Canadian headquarters and global signalling competence centre is located in Ward 24. These skilled local jobs will span engineering, software and systems design, project and construction management, testing, and commissioning.

"I am pleased to welcome this contract, which directly invests in the highly skilled workforce of Scarborough-Guildwood," said Deputy Mayor Paul Ainslie. "With Hitachi Rail located right here in Ward 24, this project secures local jobs. I am incredibly proud that our community will lead the team designing and delivering the technology to modernize Toronto's transit."

The introduction of CBTC technology—which replaces outdated fixed-block systems with real-time automatic train speed and separation controls—will significantly increase passenger capacity and reduce signal-related delays on Line 2. This modernization is also a critical, mandatory prerequisite for the future installation of platform edge doors, marking a major leap forward for transit safety in Toronto.

Design and engineering work begins this year, with phase-by-phase implementation continuing through to project completion in 2037.

[TTC awards contract for Line 2 signalling upgrade to support more frequent and reliable service](#)

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