# **Transportation**

• This profile contains information on highways, ground, air and water transportation services; customs services, and public transit systems.

# Road

## **Highways**

- As the only city in the Greater Toronto Area (GTA) serviced by seven major highways, Mississauga offers fast, convenient access to major destinations in Canada and the USA.
- Highway 401 is a multi lane highway running from Windsor on the
  west to the Quebec border on the east. Often called "Ontario's
  Main Street", it is by far the busiest highway in Canada and
  North America. Running through the Greater Toronto corridor, it
  is a complex system of express lanes, collector lanes and ramps.
  Highway 401 passes through Mississauga with six interchanges
  within the City.
- Highway 403 is a multiple lane highway which connects the QEW with Highway 401 and provides an east/west highway link through the centre of Mississauga. There is a convenient interchange at Hurontario St. (Highway 10) with access to the Mississauga City Centre: a major concentration of mixed uses including office, residential, retail and entertainment. Carpool lanes (HOV High Occupancy Vehicle lanes) are operational on Hwy. 403 allowing vehicles carrying more than one passenger to cut travel times.
- Highway 409 provides a direct link from Highways 401 and 427 to Toronto Pearson International Airport.
- Highway 410 provides a link northwards from Highways 403 and 401 through the City of Mississauga to the City of Brampton. It services a major portion of Mississauga's industrial area west of Pearson International Airport.

- Highway 427 is a north/south highway system linking the City of Toronto with Mississauga and areas to the north.
- The Queen Elizabeth Way (QEW), is a highway that connects the GTA with the international border at Niagara. The QEW provides entry to the USA at Lewiston, Niagara Falls and Buffalo and passes through Mississauga en route to downtown Toronto.
- For further information, contact: Ministry of Transportation, Tel: 416-235-4686.
- Highway 407 is the world's first all-electronic toll road; a 108 km east-west highway which travels across the northern and western boundaries of Mississauga. This new multi-lane highway spans the northern section of the Greater Toronto Area from Highway 403 in Burlington to Highway 7 in Oshawa.
- For further information about the 407 ETR, contact: 407 ETR, Tel: 1-888-407-0407, Fax: 905-264-5315

## Air

## **Toronto Pearson International Airport**

- Canada's largest and busiest airport (and North America's fourth largest airport), Toronto Pearson International, handling more than 32 million passengers in 2010, is located right here in Mississauga.
- More than 65 airlines operate out of Pearson International
- Service to more than 180 destinations, including 29 Canadian destinations, 46 US cities, and 106 international destinations
- Serves a wide area surrounding the Greater Toronto Area (GTA) and its location is especially convenient for those in Mississauga who travel frequently or who use air cargo shipments.

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- Pearson is a leading air cargo gateway in Canada, offering world class facilities and infrastructure for all cargo operators.
- 5 runways are equipped to handle heavyweight aircraft and there are more than 1.2 million square feet of cargo handling facilities and 2.5 million square feet of dedicated apron space for cargo operations.
- Toronto Pearson is capable of handling 1 million metric tonnes of cargo annually, representing 45% of all air cargo in Canada.
- For further information, contact: Greater Toronto Airports Authority, Tel: 416-776-3000, Fax: 416-776-7746,

# **Travel Times from Toronto Pearson International Airport** (Mississauga) to Major Destinations

The Americas				
Montreal	1 hr. 11 min.			
Vancouver	5 hr. 2 min.			
Winnipeg	2 hr. 33 min.			
Atlanta	2 hr. 24 min.			
Boston	1 hr. 33 min.			
Chicago	1 hr. 47 min.			
Dallas	3 hr. 25 min.			
Los Angeles	5 hr. 21 min.			
Miami	3 hr. 15 min.			
New York	1 hr. 38 min.			
San Francisco	5 hr. 33 min.			
Mexico City	4 hr. 58 min.			
Havana	3 hr. 30 min.			
Buenos Aires	13 hr. 48 min.			
Sao Paulo	10 hr. 3min.			
Source: Greater Toronto Airports Authority (GTAA), 2011				

Asia Pacific				
Beijing	13 hr. 15 min.			
Hong Kong	15 hr. 30 min.			
Tokyo	12 hr. 56 min.			
Shanghai	14 hr. 18 min.			
Delhi	17 hr. 45 min.			
Dubai	12 hr. 52 min.			
Abu Dhabi	13 hr. 6 min.			
Sydney	21 hr. 52 min.			
Source: Greater Toronto Airports Authority (GTAA), 2011				

Europe				
Amsterdam	7 hr. 13 min.			
Lisbon	7 hr.			
London	7 hr. 5 min.			
Paris	7 hr. 21 min.			
Rome	8 hr. 35 min.			
Frankfurt	7 hr. 44 min.			
Athens	7 hr. 35 min.			
Source: Greater Toronto Airports Authority (GTAA), 2011				

#### Intermodal

- CN and CP Rail provide intermodal services from terminals in Brampton, just north of Mississauga, (CN); Etobicoke, just east of Mississauga, (CP); and Vaughan, northeast of Mississauga, (CP).
- Clients may deal directly with the rail companies to pick up a container or a conventional truck load for shipment by rail and delivery by local delivery truck or transport at the receiving end.
- Due to flexibility, intermodal is rapidly growing as a regular rail service in direct competition to highway trucking.

- For further information, contact: Intermodal Services, CN Rail, Tel.: 1-888-888-5909, CP Rail, Tel.: 1-800-263-0804
- In Milton, our neighbours to the north-west, CPR Expressway puts truck trailers on specially designed platform railcars.
- Unique railcars and the expressway business systems were designed in conjunction with the trucking industry and private fleet owners.
- For further information, contact: Canadian Pacific Railway, Expressway Terminal, 7251 Trafalgar Rd, Milton ON LOP 1E0,
- Tel.: 1-888-476-6499

## **Passenger**

- Intercity and long distance rail passenger service is provided by VIA Rail Canada and AMTRAK.
- The main passenger rail station is Union Station, located in downtown Toronto, 18 km (11 miles) east of Mississauga.

- Commuter service is provided throughout the Greater Toronto Area on all rail lines by GO Transit (see Public Transit section).
- For more information on rates and schedules, contact: VIA Rail, Tel.: 416-366-8411 (within the GTA) or Tel.: 1-800-361-1235 (outside the GTA)

## Water

#### **Port Facilities**

- Mississauga is between two of the largest ports on the Great Lakes: the Port of Toronto and the Port of Hamilton, both on Lake Ontario which have direct access to all lake ports as well as to the Atlantic Ocean via the St. Lawrence Seaway.
- The navigation season on Lake Ontario is based on the opening and closing of the St. Lawrence Seaway and generally runs from April 1 to mid-December.

#### **Port Information**

Port	Location	Cargo Handled in 2008	Transportation	Warehousing	Lifting Capabilities
Toronto	11 miles (18 km) east of Mississauga	2.07 Million Tonnes	Rail; truck; container	Covered Space 320,000 sq. ft. (29 728 m2); Outdoor Space 40 acres; Heated cargo storage 150,000 sq. ft.	Full Service
Hamilton	21 miles (33 km) west of Mississauga	11 Million Tonnes	Rail; truck	Covered Space 2.5 million sq. ft. on over 600 acres.	Full Service

- For further information, contact: The Toronto Port Authority, 60 Harbour St, Toronto ON M5J 1B7, Tel.: 416-863-2000
- The Hamilton Harbour Commissioners, 605 James St N, Hamilton ON L8L 1K1, Tel.: 905-525-4330

# **Transportation Services**

#### **Customs Clearance**

- Toronto Pearson International Airport in Mississauga is the customs port of entry for air freight shipments.
- Interport, a customs warehouse located on Dixie Rd. south of Highway 401, is Mississauga's custom clearance office.
- Rail shipments destined for Mississauga from outside the country are cleared at Pearson.
- Ocean freight is cleared at Pearson International, Port of Hamilton or Brampton, our neighbouring community to the north.
- For further information, contact: Canada Border Services Agency, Tel.: 905-676-3626

## **Customs Brokers & Freight Forwarders**

- Close to 300 companies are in the freight forwarding and customs brokering business.
- The customs brokers will prepare the necessary import or export documents they receive from the freight forwarder, correctly classify the goods and pay the duty, and forward the shipments as directed.

### **Trucking Services**

- Within one day's drive of Mississauga are cities that include Chicago, New York, Boston, Washington, D.C. and Montreal; within two day's drive are Minneapolis, St. Louis, Nashville and Atlanta.
- Direct access to North America's market of more than 400 million consumers.

- 164 million consumers live within a 500 mile radius (one day's drive or 1 hour flight) of the Greater Toronto Area.
- Close to 200 Mississauga companies in the truck transportation business have established facilities here because of the strategic location relative to Ontario's major highways.
- Mississauga has everything from local delivery and courier companies to long distance freight lines with many truck terminals where large cargos are broken down and transferred to smaller vehicles for local delivery.

# **Public Transit**

## Mississauga Transit

- Mississauga Transit is the third largest municipal transit system in Ontario servicing approximately 43 million riders per year.
- It provides efficient public transit with a modern fleet of regular and articulated buses servicing more than 3,700 bus stops.
- 88 routes throughout the City connect with the Toronto Transit Commission, Brampton Transit, Oakville Transit and all GO Transit stations.
- Mississauga Transit operates regular as well as express service from the Toronto Islington Subway to Mississauga City Centre, Airport Corporate, Gateway and Meadowvale business districts.
- Transit service is provided to newer areas when potential ridership reaches a sufficient level to make the service viable.
- For further information about Mississauga Transit, contact: Tel.: 905-615-4636

## Mississauga's Proposed Bus Rapid Transit

- The proposed Mississauga Bus Rapid Transit System (BRT), scheduled for completion in 2012 is a high-efficiency transit corridor running east-west across Mississauga.
- The BRT will support all-station stop and extensive express bus service for thousands of riders per day traveling from and through Mississauga and the GTA.
- For further information, contact: City of Mississauga, Transportation & Works Dept., 905-615-3200, ext. 5745

#### **Go Transit**

- GO Transit operates three train lines and several GO Bus routes through Mississauga providing frequent service throughout the day.
- GO service runs between Milton and downtown Toronto with 4 stops in Mississauga.
- The Georgetown line running between Georgetown and Toronto has a stop in the north-east quadrant of Mississauga.
- The third GO Transit line; the Lakeshore line, which runs from Hamilton to Oshawa has two stops in Mississauga connecting communities to downtown Toronto.
- Several GO bus routes provide not only non-rush hour service to the GO train stations but also has service to York University from Square One.
- In addition, bus routes serve north Toronto, Oakville, Brampton, the airport area and two of Mississauga's major shopping centres.
- For further information, contact: GO Transit, Tel: 416-869-3200 or 1-888-438-6646

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