

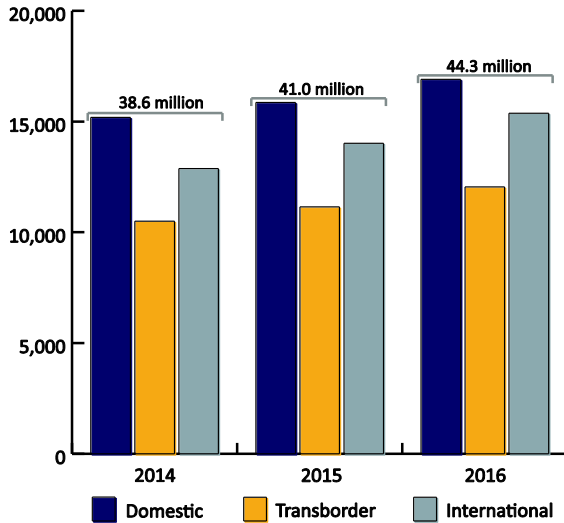
# CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE UPDATE

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## Passenger Traffic at Toronto Pearson (2014–2016)

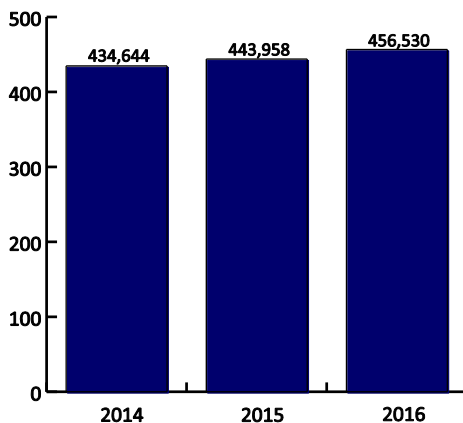
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## Runway Movements at Toronto Pearson (2014–2016)

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## Toronto Pearson poised to become one of the world's top international airports

Toronto Pearson is poised to become one of the world's next top-tier international airports, providing air connectivity to as much as 80 per cent of the world's economies. In late 2016, the GTAA published a report, [Growing Canada with a Mega Hub Airport](#), that outlines the significant economic advantages realized by mega hub airports around the world. The report recommends six concrete steps the Government of Canada should take that would allow Toronto Pearson to realize its potential and deliver economic benefits from coast to coast.



The competitiveness of the Greater Toronto Area, and the entire country, depend greatly on access to international markets. For the Greater Toronto Hamilton Area to compete with other city-regions around the world and reap the economic benefits, a globally competitive mega hub airport is needed. Mega hub airports have a large percentage of international passengers, significant connecting traffic, and are growing at faster rates than their local economies. They also facilitate significant employment around the airport, and indirectly across their local catchment areas.

Currently, the airport offers passengers access to more than 180 destinations through 65 carriers. To support Toronto Pearson's operations approximately 50,000 people are employed at Toronto Pearson through more than 300 employers. In addition, the employment zone around the airport is home to about 300,000 jobs.

## GTAA unveils design of future regional transit centre

On February 7, the GTAA announced it is moving ahead with plans for a regional transit centre to connect the airport area to key employment and residential areas throughout the Greater Golden Horseshoe. In addition to serving as a regional transportation centre, it will also be home to airport passenger processing, including security screening.

GTAA President and CEO Howard Eng unveiled preliminary concept plans for the transit centre at the Brampton Board of Trade's State of the City event, with Brampton Mayor Linda Jeffrey and Brampton Board of Trade Chair Evan Moore.

The centre, proposed to be located across Airport Road from Terminals 1 and 3, with access from Highways 409 and 427 and from Airport Road, will be at the heart of a new mixed-use commercial area that will include office, retail, hotel, and other commercial space.

Last year, the Neptis Foundation, a non-profit, non-partisan research group, published a [study](#) that concluded that the Airport Employment Zone (AEZ) is home to the second largest concentration of employment in Canada, after downtown Toronto. The report explains that due to poor transit connections there are more than 1 million daily car trips to and from the area, with 94 per cent of employees commuting to their jobs by car.



**Preliminary concept for regional transit centre**

Traffic congestion in the area is reaching critical levels, adding to commute times and increasing regional air pollution. While the AEZ has the ability to create more jobs, accessing those jobs will become increasingly difficult for employees. The Union Pearson Express provides a connection downtown, but travellers and employees require connections from other centres as well, including important economic zones like Kitchener-Waterloo.

The transit centre at Toronto Pearson will be strategically located to serve the region, able to act as a connection point for a number of transit lines that are already in development or have been proposed by various levels of government, including Eglinton Crosstown West LRT, Mississauga Bus Rapid Transit, Finch West LRT, Regional Express Rail on the Kitchener line, and Ontario's High-Speed Rail concept.

## Air Services

In February, **WestJet** launched new service to Sudbury, Ont.

In May, **Air Canada** launches new daily service to Memphis, Tenn., and San Antonio, Tex., year round; and six times weekly service to Savannah, Ga., during the summer season.

In May, Toronto Pearson welcomes its newest air carrier **Interjet**, the Mexican airline ABC Aerolineas S.A. de C.V., offering daily service to Mexico City aboard an Airbus 320.

### Community Noise Impacts Report

As Toronto Pearson continues to grow to support our economy, the GTAA remains sensitive to the issue of aircraft noise and how it affects local communities. Since assuming responsibility for the airport in 1996, the GTAA has worked to balance safety and airport operations with the interests of area residents, while coordinating with the aviation community to manage and mitigate aircraft noise.

The following map shows complaints received from neighbouring communities in 2016—a total of 52,953 complaints from 910 callers.

