



# Niagara College Transit

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# Why Are We Here?

- **To convey the importance of a Regional Transit system in the Niagara Region on behalf of over 11,000 Niagara College students.**
  - **Ask the Public Works committee to support the 2019-2020 budget considerations.**
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**Service Area  
Niagara College U-Pass  
until 2017-2018**

# Welland Transit

# St Catharines Transit

# Niagara Falls Transit

## NOTL Transit

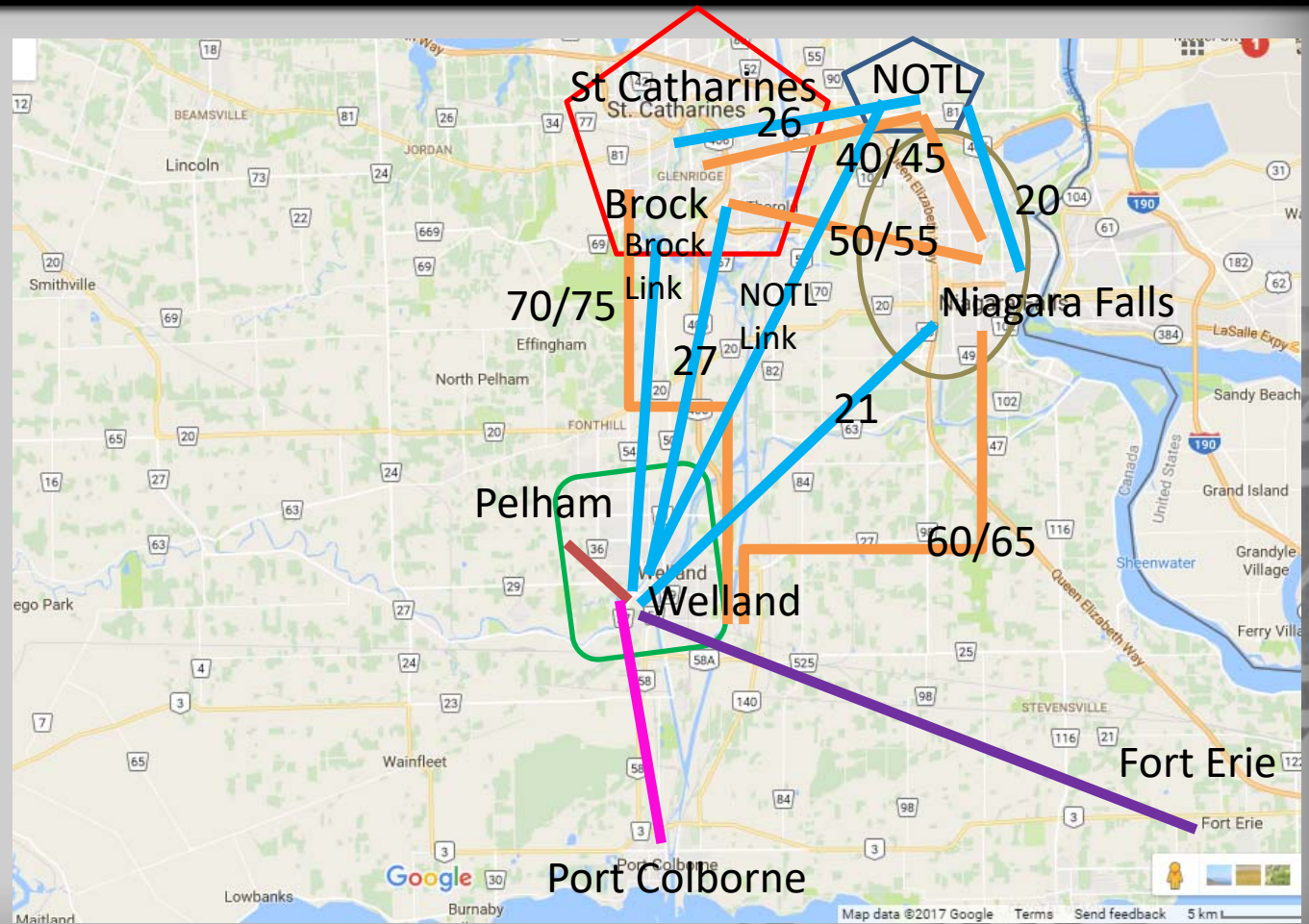
# Niagara Regional Transit

# Port Colborne

## Custom

# Pelham

## Fort Erie



**The state of transit in 2018-2019.**

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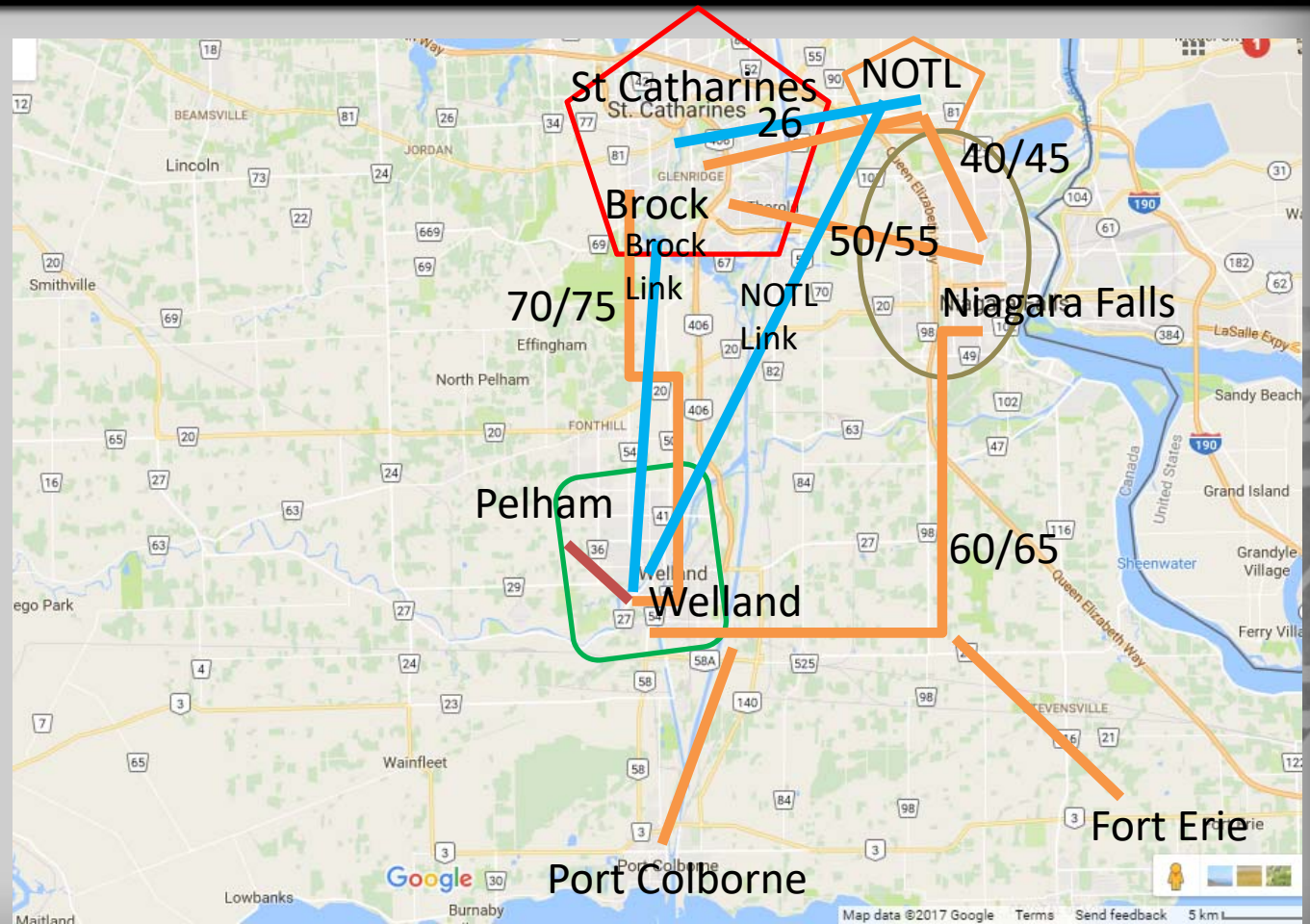
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**NCSAC's transit direction!**

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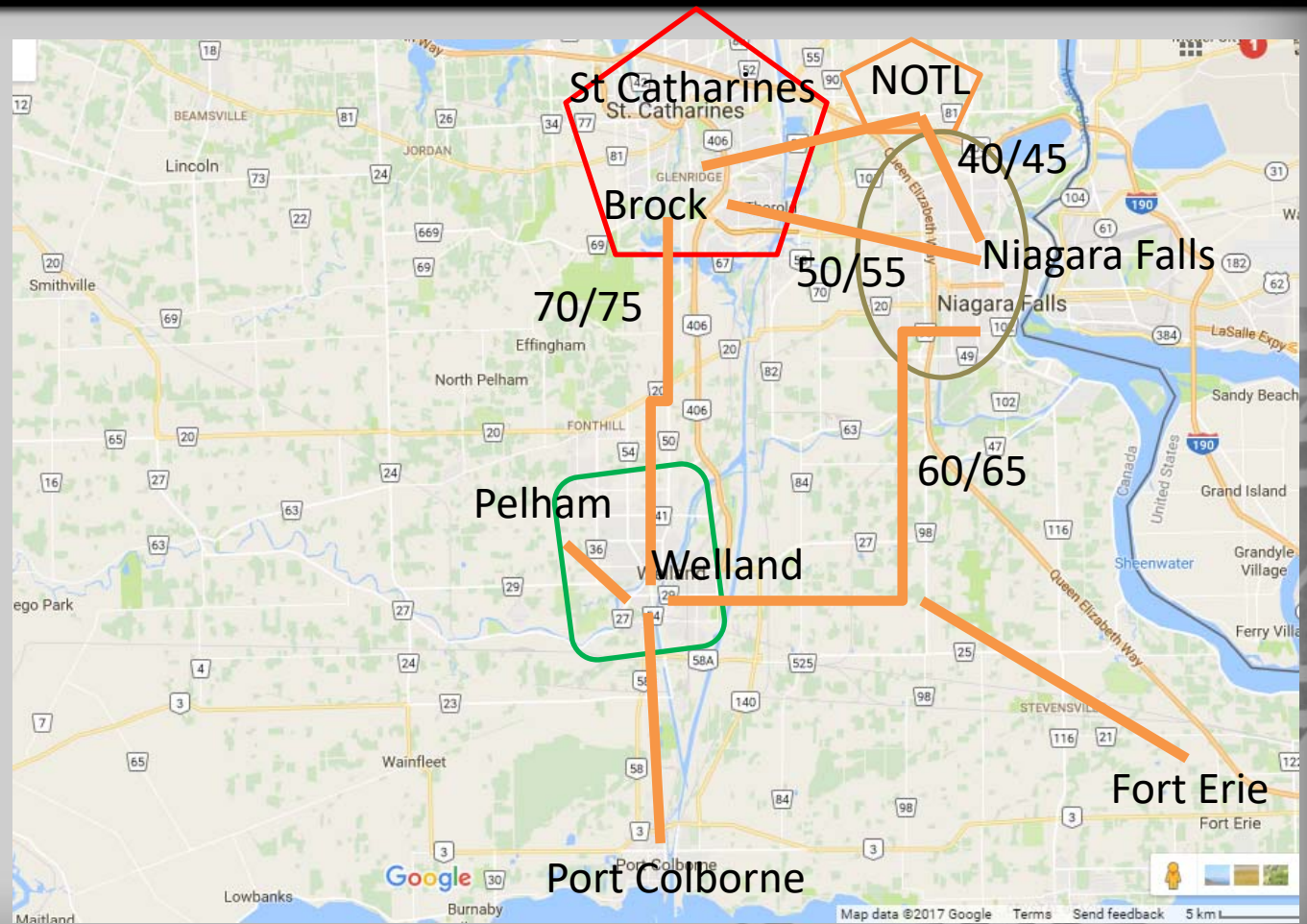
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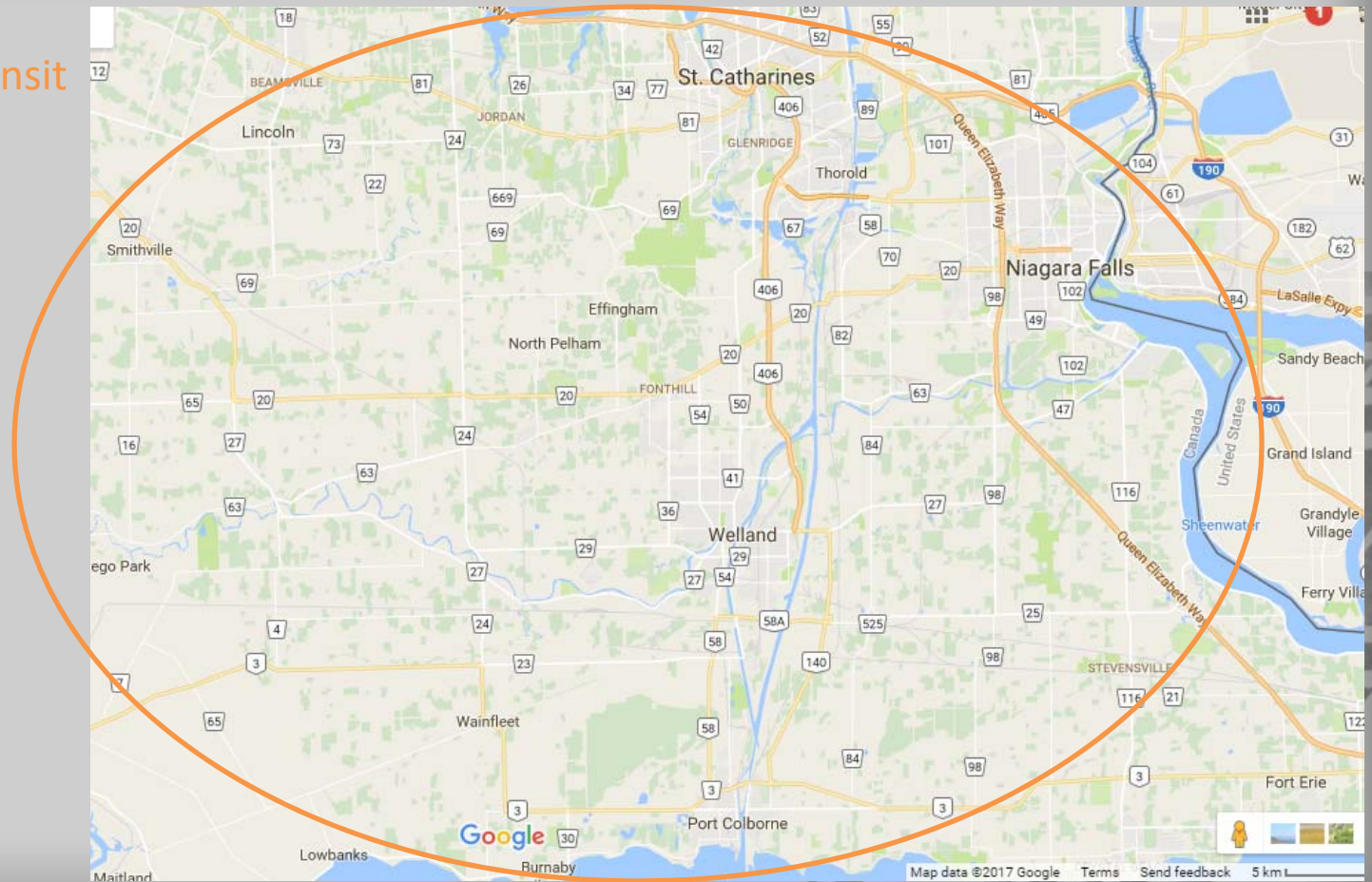
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**Ultimately a truly Regional system!**

# Amalgamated Transit System

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# Service Area

## Other Southern Ontario Colleges



# Amalgamated Regional Transit

## How do we get there?

- ✓ Publish Dillon Report (Jan 2017)
  - ✓ Achieve triple majority (July 2017)
  - ✓ Start to increase efficiencies in system
- Continue investing in Regional transit

# Niagara Falls to Welland Removal of #21

## Remove Redundancy

- RR #60/65 previously operated from Niagara Falls hub to Welland hub.
- RR #60/65 now stops at Niagara College Welland Campus.
- #21 contracted route removed.



# Corridor Example

## Niagara Falls to Welland

### Increase Frequency

- RR #60/65 previously operated 14 daily trips
- NCSAC #21 route operated 22 daily trips

Region now offers 42 daily trips



# Corridor Example

## Niagara Falls to Welland

### Achieve Customer Wins

- Customers get 20-30 minute service (rather than current 60 minute service, resulting in increased frequency and greater choice.
- One bus running between the cities, therefore reducing redundancy and route number confusion.



# NC Student Financial Contributions

2017-19 Upass Financials from **Audited Financial Statements**

| Year Ending    | U-Pass Contribution |
|----------------|---------------------|
| 2017           | \$2,132,757         |
| 2018           | \$2,306,707         |
| 2019 estimated | \$4,000,000         |

# Transit Referendum

## Successful student referendum in February 2018

- 67% in favour of an increase from \$93.16 to \$140 per semester
- 50% increase in cost

# NC Student to Niagara Region

2018-19 Upass Financials from **Audited Financial Statements**

| Year Ending                   | Regional Contribution |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 2018                          | \$441,158             |
| 2019 <small>estimated</small> | over \$2,000,000      |

Because of route amalgamations, Niagara College students are able to further contribute to Niagara Region contributions.

# Issues in September 2018

## September 2018 service issues

- Increased enrollment at Niagara College
- Students required more service
- No buses left in Niagara Region
- NCSAC had to contract private shuttles rather than invest in those dollars in Regional Transit

# Future of Transit in Niagara

- **If The Region continues to invest in transit service routes and bus stock, Niagara College students will do the same!**

# Thank You

- **Thank you for your time and investment in transit.**

