

# 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.

# The state of transit until 2017-2018.

# Service Area Niagara College U-Pass until 2017-2018

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**St Catharines Transit** 

Niagara Falls Transit

**NOTL Transit** 

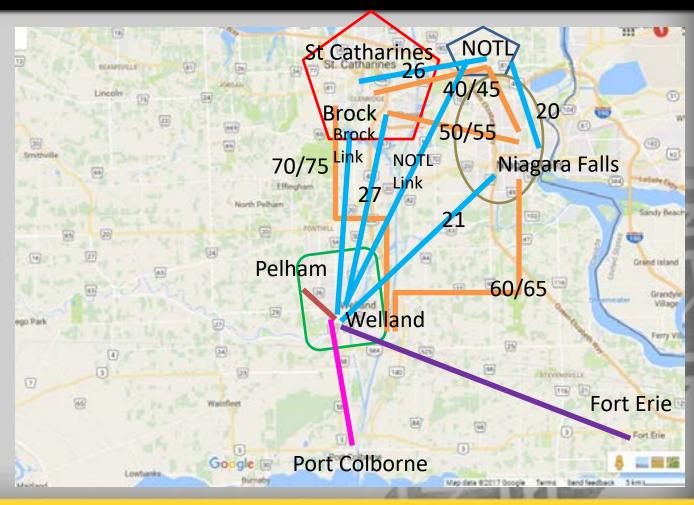
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Fort Erie



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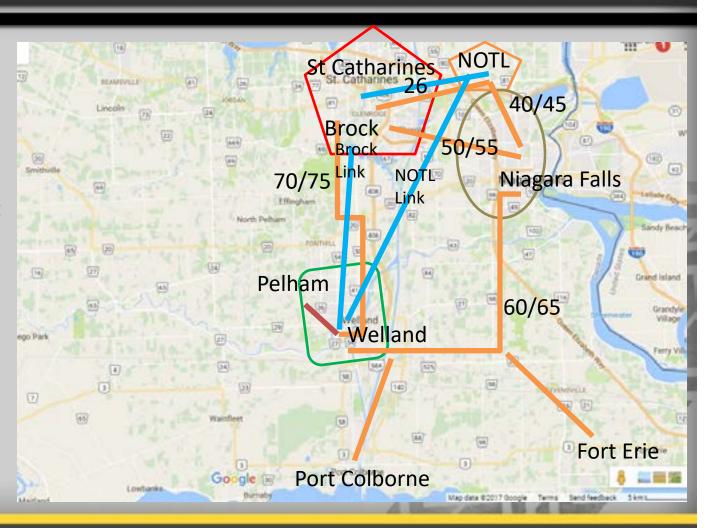
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# NCSAC's transit direction!

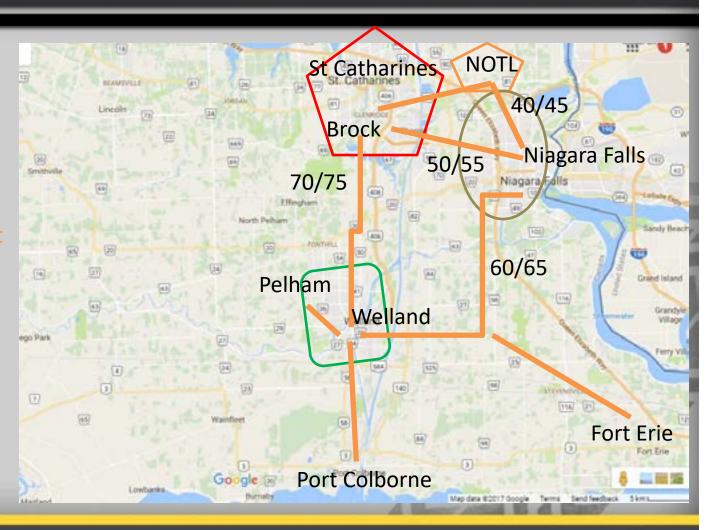
# **Amalgamated Transit System**

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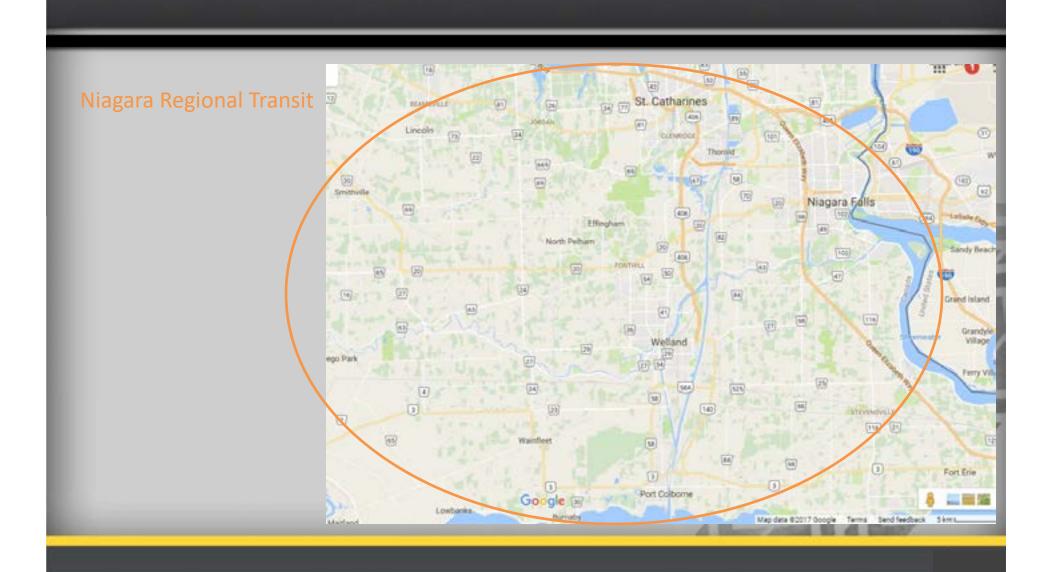
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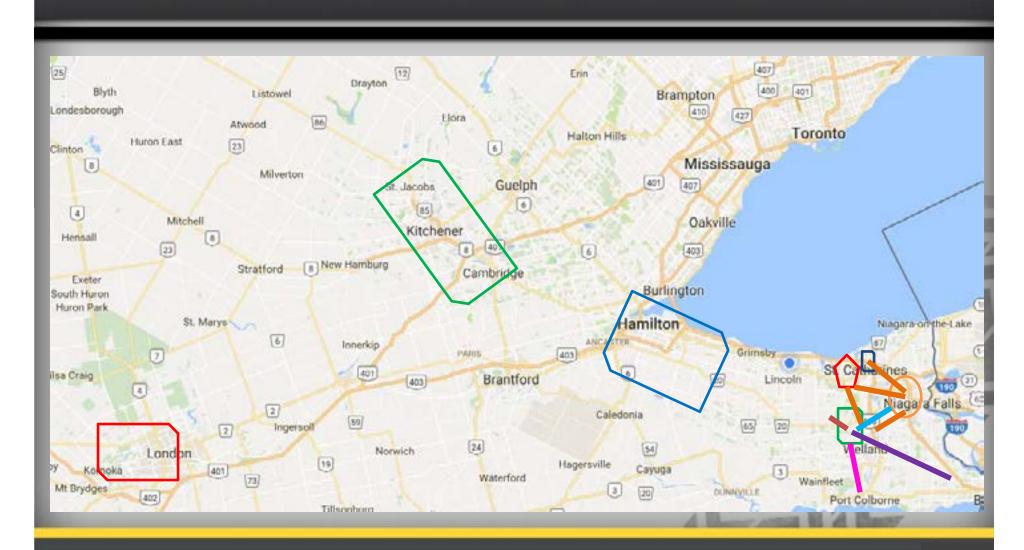


# **Ultimately a truly Regional system!**

# **Amalgamated Transit System**



# 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.

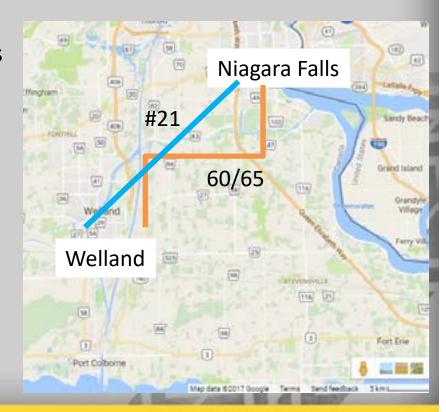


# Corridor Example Niagara Falls to Welland

# **Increase Frequency**

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

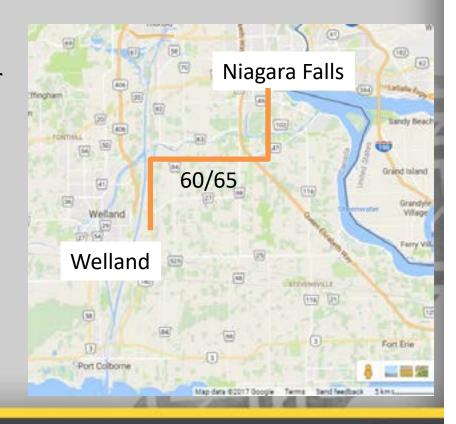
Region now offers 42 daily trips



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### **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**

	U-Pass
Year Ending	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**

	Regional
Year Ending	Contribution
2018	\$441,158
2019 estimated	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.