



## Toronto's Streetcar Network

# FACT SHEET



## History

We've got history. From horses to electricity to the "Red Rocket" to today's modern low-floor accessible vehicle, Toronto's streetcars have a proud heritage.

Over the past 90 years the TTC has had four streetcar vehicle series, but the first streetcars hit the road before the TTC even existed. Horse-drawn streetcars arrived in Toronto in 1861, followed by the first electric-powered vehicle in 1892. The TTC was established in 1921 and the "Peter Witt" streetcars began driving the streets until they were retired in 1963. The familiar "PCC" or "Red Rocket" was introduced in

1938, and the last of this fleet was retired in 1995. The current fleet includes the CLRV and the ALRV – ready to retire after over 30 years of service.

As Toronto has grown and changed, and TTC ridership continues to break records, the time has come for a new streetcar, one that can carry more people more comfortably, and be accessible to everyone who wants to ride it. We are proud to introduce to you the made-for-Toronto Bombardier Flexity.

## Streetcar Network

The TTC's extensive streetcar network covers a vast area of the city with 11 routes and 82 kilometres of service.

Toronto's streetcar network carries 250,000 passengers each day, more than GO Transit's entire daily ridership. In 2011 our vehicles rode through city streets logging over 13 million km and picking up more than 87 million passengers.

Routes with the highest ridership include:

Route	Ridership (per day)
504 King	57,000
510 Spadina / 509 Harbourfront	55,000
501 Queen	52,000

## Streetcar Barns

Streetcars need to be stored and maintained in specially equipped "carhouses" or "barns." Of the eight carhouses that have existed in Toronto, only two remain – the Roncevalles and Russell Carhouses are still active after a century after opening.

The new streetcar needs a new carhouse, and TTC is building a new streetcar storage and maintenance facility at Lake Shore and Leslie Street. Currently under

construction, the state-of-the-art complex will be built to Toronto Green Standard and include a storm water

Facility Name	Open Date	Close Date
Yorkville Carhouse	1861	1922
Roncevalles Carhouse	1895	Open
Dundas Carhouse	1897	1931
Lansdowne Carhouse	1911	1966
Danforth Carhouse	1915	1966
Russell Carhouse	1916	Open
St. Clair Carhouse	1914	1978
Eglinton Carhouse (at Yonge St.)	1922	1954

management pond and a green roof. The facility is scheduled to be fully operational in 2016.