

## **Federal Funding for Toronto Subway Extension No Longer a "Sure Thing"**

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Finance Minister Jim Flaherty is warning that federal money for the subway line to York University, is far from a sure thing. He says there isn't any "firm money" for the proposed \$2-billion expansion that would reach into Vaughan. Flaherty has had discussions with Ontario Finance Minister Greg Sorbara, but a final decision isn't expected until the end of the year. However, Sorbara remains optimistic about future of the proposed line from Downsview Station.

"It would be in their interest to participate," said Howard Moscoe, a Toronto councillor and TTC chairman. "It will serve a region (federal Conservatives) want to have some votes in.

For those lobbying for the expansion of public transit, let's hope that this is not a sign of things to come when the Conservatives eventually run out of previously dedicated money to fund public transit.

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