



The Municipality of
SOUTH DUNDAS

DATE: July 8, 2026

Resolution: 22-26- 1165

MOVED BY		SECONDED BY	
Deputy Mayor St. Pierre	☒	Deputy Mayor St. Pierre	☐
Councillor Veinotte	☐	Councillor Veinotte	☒
Councillor Smyth	☐	Councillor Smyth	☐
Councillor Ward	☐	Councillor Ward	☐

WHEREAS the Alto high-speed rail project is a nation-building initiative between Quebec City and Toronto, with an estimated cost of 560-590 billion; and,

WHEREAS the project proposes only one stop in the 50,000 km² EOWC region, potentially impacting rural communities, agricultural lands, trails, and environmentally sensitive areas, with unclear long-term benefits; and,

WHEREAS municipal consultation has been insufficient, leaving potential impacts on land use, infrastructure, emergency response, and existing Via Rail service unclear; and,

WHEREAS the EOWC represents 103 communities advocating for the protection of Eastern Ontario's rural, agricultural, and cultural landscapes; and,

WHEREAS the Municipality of South Dundas has had negative experiences associated with the long-term impact of large nation building projects, specifically the St. Lawrence Seaway Project.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Municipality of South Dundas supports the EOWC in opposing the Alto project in its current form due to insufficient consultation, unclear rural impacts, environmental concerns, and misalignment with regional planning priorities; and urges Alto and the federal government to coordinate with Via Rail to maintain and enhance passenger rail service, provide a clear service integration plan, and work with municipalities to ensure rural residents remain connected; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the EOWC will continue to encourage municipalities, partners, businesses, and residents to provide feedback, seek detailed project information, advocate for alternative routes along existing corridors (Via Rail or Highway 401), and collaborate to prevent rural isolation from passenger rail service; and,



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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT copies of this resolution be sent to the Prime Minister, Minister of Transportation, Alto's CEO, EOWC MPS and MPPS, the Premier of Ontario, FCM, AMO, ROMA, OFA, the Eastern Ontario Mayors' Caucus, all EOWC municipalities, and eastern Ontario First Nations Partners.