



THE **TRUTH** ABOUT ALTO'S HIGH-SPEED RAIL

Alto (formerly VIA HFR - VIA TGF Inc.) is a federal Crown corporation established in 2022 to build a High-Speed Rail (HSR) in the Quebec City-Windsor corridor.

In January 2026, Alto announced it was considering one of two rail options between Peterborough and Ottawa: a northern corridor, which would run along Highway 7, and a southern corridor that would run to about 30 km north of Kingston.

This project seeks to design, construct, and operate a 1,000 km-long, 300 km/hr electrified rail network with a 60-meter-wide track. Along the entire length, there will be continuous 10-foot-high fencing on either side. Trains are projected to run every half hour. Alto's estimated cost is between 60 and 90 billion dollars, although some experts estimate it will be much higher.

On June 22, 2026, Minister of Transport Steven MacKinnon announced that he would instruct Alto to review the viability of an additional stop and station in Kingston, a deviation from the project's original plan of building only 7 stations between Toronto and Quebec City.

United Against Alto is extremely concerned about the lack of benefit to Canadians and the following consequences:

- Ongoing and proven lack of an ethical, transparent democratic process.
- No business plan or financial feasibility, and unrealistic ridership numbers.
- An approximate \$8000 cost per household.
- Displacement by expropriation of 1000s of property owners, destruction of businesses, and resulting devaluation of neighbouring properties.
- Permanent damage to productive farmland, environment, and unique ecological habitats (the UNESCO-designated Rideau Canal and Frontenac Arch Biosphere).
- Rural communities will experience disruption of commute times and diminished access to healthcare, education, and social programs due to severance of smaller roads.
- The threat to public safety due to unknown emergency response times.
- Recreational areas will be severed, including hiking, snowmobiling and hunting.
- Impact on all wildlife, including endangered species and their migration patterns.

Your **voice** matters. Please **act** with us.

WRITE

Tell your MP and local government officials, “NO ALTO”. Write to your local newspaper outlet and share how this federal infrastructure project will affect your home, well-being, and livelihood.

SIGN

MP Scott Reid’s online petition e-7458 is live until September 25, 2026. Use your phone camera to scan the QR code to the right to sign.



SHARE

Talk to neighbours, inform cottagers, and share this message of concern on social media.

SHOW

Display your opposition place a “No Alto” sign on your home, cottage, and business property. Buy a magnetic bumper sticker for your vehicle. Wear a button! These are easy, passive ways to show solidarity and start conversations.

STAY INFORMED

Follow the many United Against Alto chapter groups for updates, and visit www.altno.ca to learn more. Find a chapter near you by using your phone to scan the QR code to the right.



VOTE

Learn about and support candidates in the municipal election who will actively oppose Alto and its requests for councils to sign NDA (non-disclosure agreements).

DONATE

Help support our grassroots advocacy efforts by donating your time and/or resources. Our ongoing expenses include monthly communication and outreach expenses.

UNITED AGAINST ALTO

United Against Alto (UAA) is a coalition of regional groups of Canadian citizens in Ontario and Quebec with one united message: “No Alto”.

They work collaboratively to apply this message into action through community outreach, including using social media to share information, letter-writing campaigns, town hall events, sign distribution, and hosting rallies.

