

## METROPOLITAN TORONTO: URBAN GOODS STUDY

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**Services Provided:** TEMS provided a comprehensive economic analysis of urban goods movement for Metropolitan Toronto and the Ontario Ministry of Transportation.

**Description of Project:**

TEMS staff directed and managed the Toronto Urban Goods Study, which was undertaken for Metro Toronto and the Ontario Ministry of Transportation. The study collected data on the generation of commercial goods traffic, developed an origin-destination matrix, and estimated the movement of goods on the roads of the Greater Toronto Area.



The study quantified the impact of urban congestion on goods movement and provided estimates of the likely value of increasing congestion over the next 10 years. TEMS provided an economic impact analysis, which assessed the contribution of urban goods movement to the economy and its impacts by major industrial sector, and evaluated the constraints on economic growth. In particular, the effects of congestion were quantified and related to industrial employment. The implications of increased congestion for service, retail, and manufacturing were estimated. Specific studies were also carried out into major policy issues such as dangerous goods, exceptional loads, and courier services in the downtown region.

**Project Start Date**

August 1987

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