

Chimney construction at 500 Howard Street

As early as Monday, February 23 – Friday, April 3, 2026

Monday to Friday, 7:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

**Date subject to change as a result of unforeseen circumstances or inclement weather.*

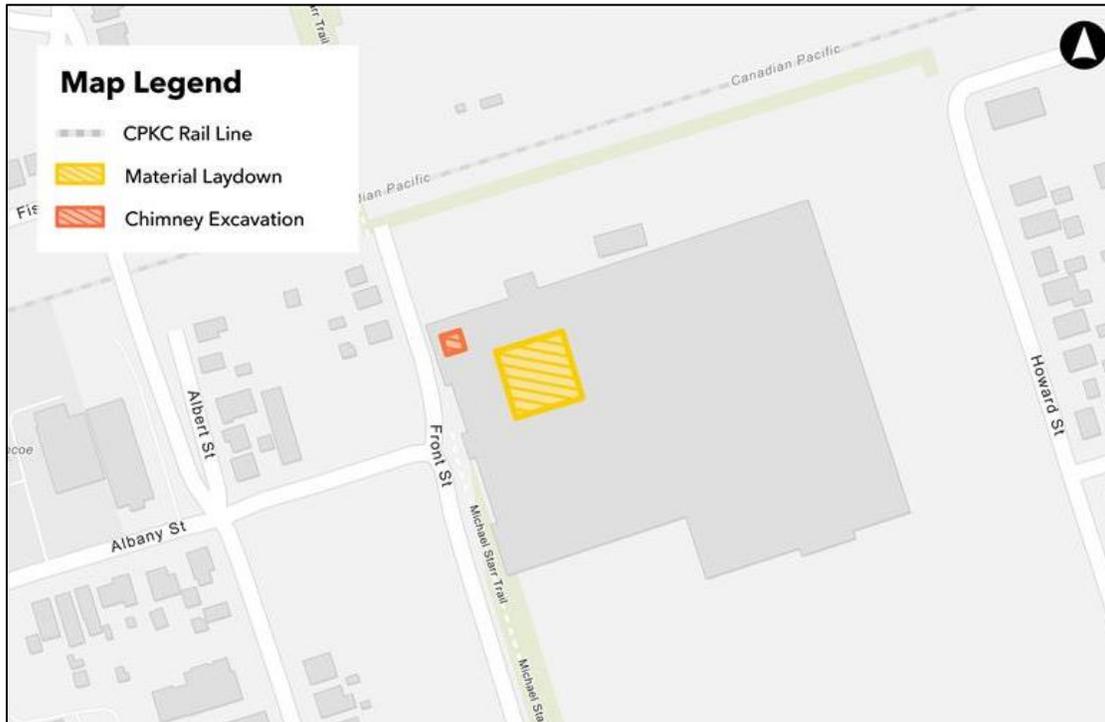


Figure 1: Work zone and material laydown area. Not to scale. Metrolinx image.

Project Overview

The Bowmanville Extension will extend Lakeshore East GO rail service nearly 20-kilometres east of the Durham College Oshawa GO Station to Bowmanville, serving the Region of Durham.

Expanded rail service will provide Durham Region with direct connections to the larger GO Transit network, helping to reduce congestion in the region while better connecting customers to education, family, entertainment, and jobs.

What is happening?

Metrolinx has begun construction for the Bowmanville Extension. As part of preparatory works, Metrolinx will be constructing a stand-alone chimney at 500 Howard Street (see Figure 1) to provide a suitable compensatory habitat for local chimney swift birds in accordance with environmental requirements.

Work will commence as early as Monday, February 23, 2026, and be completed by Friday, April 3, 2026. Activities are planned for daytime hours between 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

WHAT TO EXPECT

- A stand-alone compensation chimney will be constructed at 500 Howard Street.
- Work activities include:
 - Site layout, preparatory activities, and utility locates
 - Excavation, concrete pours, installation of steel reinforcement materials
 - Use of scaffolding for chimney construction
 - Installation of various chimney components
 - Installation of chain-link fence around structure
 - Site restoration and clean-up
- Equipment to be used includes a compact excavator, compact loader, and tamper
- Noise: Residents and businesses near the work zone may hear noise caused by trucks, heavy equipment and material delivery and other construction equipment required for this work. Work will be conducted as efficiently as possible to minimize disturbances in the area.
- Light: Lights will be directed into the work site to minimize light pollution into nearby buildings and businesses.
- Vibration: Vibration monitors will be used as needed to ensure levels stay below allowable limits.

WORK HOURS

- Work hours will be between Monday to Friday from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

LOCATION

- Work will occur at 500 Howard Street (see Figure 1).

TRAFFIC DETAILS:

- There will be no traffic impacts.
- Vehicles carrying equipment will be guided in and out of the laydown area as needed.

TRANSIT INFORMATION

- There are no impacts to GO or Durham Region Transit service.

PEDESTRIAN DETAILS

- There are no impacts to pedestrian pathways or sidewalks.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

- Metrolinx has dedicated community engagement teams available to connect with residents and businesses.
- If you have any questions, please email us at **DurhamRegion@metrolinx.com** or call us at 416-202-3900.

Information as of February 18, 2026

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