

Ontario Line

Tree removals for northern section of Ontario Line

Scheduled Start:

March 2023

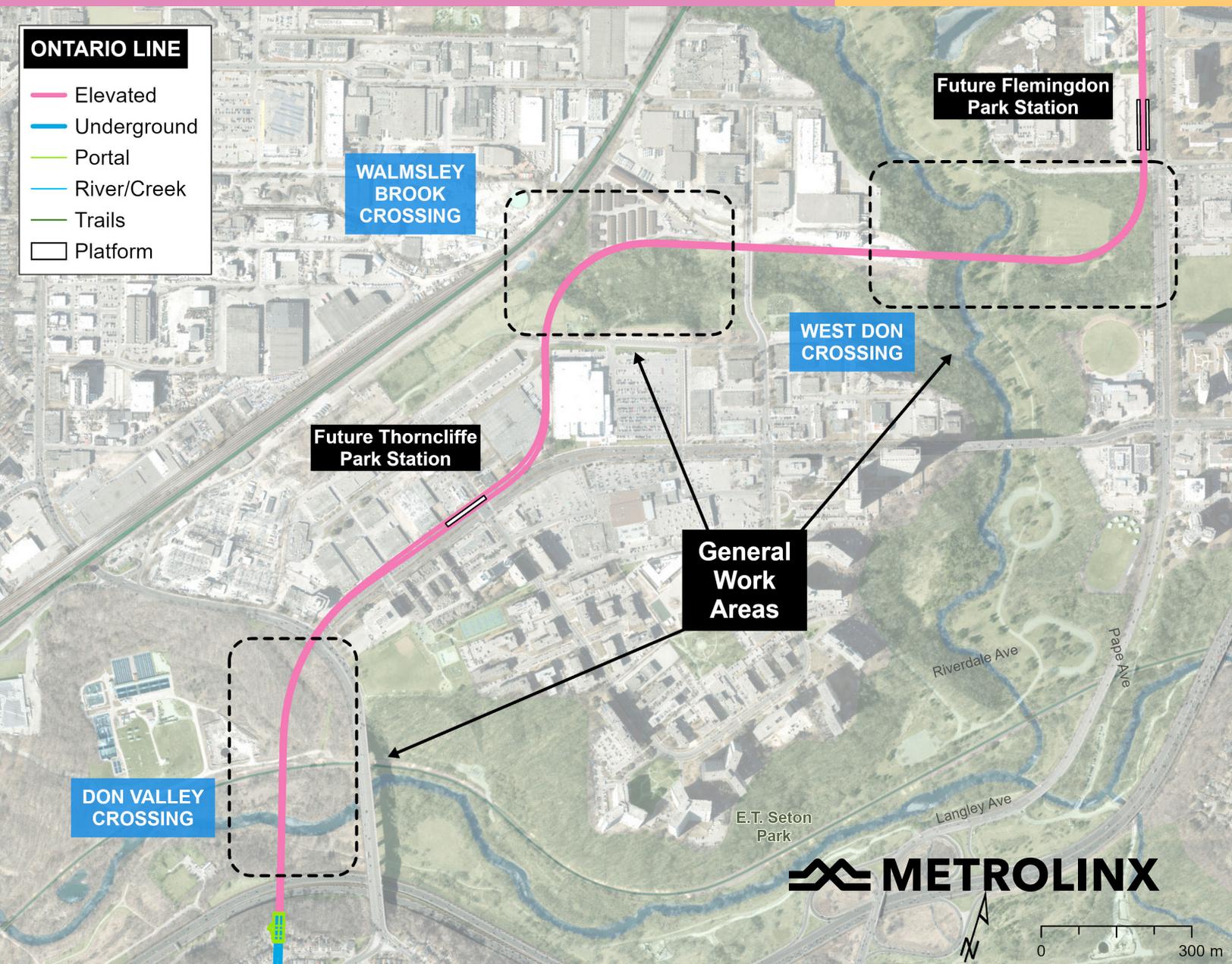
Timing:

Seven days a week

Typical daytime shift:
8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Night-time shift:
9:00 p.m. – 6:00 a.m.

Map of general work areas:



What is happening:

- Work is underway to deliver the long-awaited Ontario Line, a new 15.6-kilometre subway line that will run from the Ontario Science Centre all the way to Exhibition Place with 15 stations along the way.
- At this time, we estimate that crews will be removing 2,787 trees in the areas surrounding the future route of the Ontario Line from the three areas labelled on the map above: the Don Valley crossing, the Walmsley Brook crossing, the West Don crossing.
 - Of these trees, 456 are invasive and 229 are pest or disease-prone. Some remaining trees and vegetation in these areas will also be pruned.
 - Tree removals will happen in phases in the Don Valley. Further removal needs will be determined through additional planning work and outlined in future updates.
- This work is needed to create space to relocate utilities and study ground conditions in an area where a new bridge will carry subway trains across the valley and through the northern part of the line. These spaces will also accommodate future construction activities.
- Where required, crews will install barriers around nearby trees that are being protected and preserved.

- Our Vegetation Guideline specifies how many trees need to be planted when any tree is removed, ranging from 1 to 50 new trees based on the size and location of the tree being removed. On average, our practice is to plant at least three trees for every single tree removed as we build more transit across the Greater Golden Horseshoe.
- Metrolinx will work closely with the City of Toronto and Toronto and Region Conservation Authority on replanting trees in the area, where possible. Learn more at metrolinx.com/vegetation.

What to expect:

- Work areas will be fenced off and secured to ensure public safety. They will also be clearly marked with signage.
- Work will take place during the day and night in areas that are not near residences.
- Nighttime closures from 9:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. are planned for the Lower Don Trail, Crothers Wood Trail, and E.T. Seton Park Archery Range. All other official city trails will remain open.
- People near the sites may hear noise caused by chainsaws and woodchippers.
- Work may be delayed due to weather conditions or other unforeseen circumstances.

For more information:

- Visit metrolinx.com/OntarioLineConstruction for more information on work happening in your community.

Ontario Line Benefits

- More than 40 connections to other transit, including GO train, subway, LRT, streetcar, and bus lines
- Less than 30 minutes from one end of the line to the other
- 28,000 fewer cars on the road each day
- Reduction of 14,000 tonnes in yearly greenhouse gas emissions
- Yearly fuel consumption reduced by 7.2 million litres

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