

Notice of Completion of Environmental Project Report

GO Expansion Program - New Track and Facilities

Transit Project Assessment Process

Metrolinx has completed an Environmental Project Report (EPR) in accordance with *Ontario Regulation 231/08* for the New Track & Facilities Project.

The Project

The population of the Greater Golden Horseshoe is increasing, and with it, traffic and transit congestion. Metrolinx is committed to improving the GO Rail Network to bring 15-minute, two-way electrified service to core parts of the rail network through the GO Expansion Program. Metrolinx has identified various infrastructure requirements to achieve GO Expansion service level targets across the GO Rail Network.

To support GO Expansion and increased service along the Lakeshore West, Kitchener, Barrie, Stouffville, Lakeshore East, and Richmond Hill corridors, the following rail infrastructure is proposed (see Figure 1):

- Three (3) new rail layover/storage facilities needed to facilitate train storage and maintenance:
 - Don Valley Layover Facility, City of Toronto;
 - Unionville Storage Facility, City of Markham; and
 - Walkers Line Layover Facility, City of Burlington;
- Three (3) new GO Station platforms at:
 - Oshawa GO Station;
 - Mount Joy GO Station; and
 - Unionville GO Station.
- Thicksen Road bridge expansion, Town of Whitby;
- Electrification of a portion of the Richmond Hill rail corridor (along Bala Subdivision, north to Pottery Road), City of Toronto;
- New or upgraded tracks; and
- New switches along six (6) rail corridors:
 - 60 proposed switches on the Lakeshore West Corridor
 - 21 proposed switches on the Kitchener Corridor
 - 32 proposed switches on the Barrie Corridor
 - 3 proposed switches on the Richmond Hill Corridor
 - 10 proposed switches on the Stouffville Corridor
 - 23 proposed switches on the Lakeshore East Corridor
 - Detailed mapping of proposed switch locations is available at <https://www.metrolinxengage.com/en/content/new-track-facilities-important-documents-0>

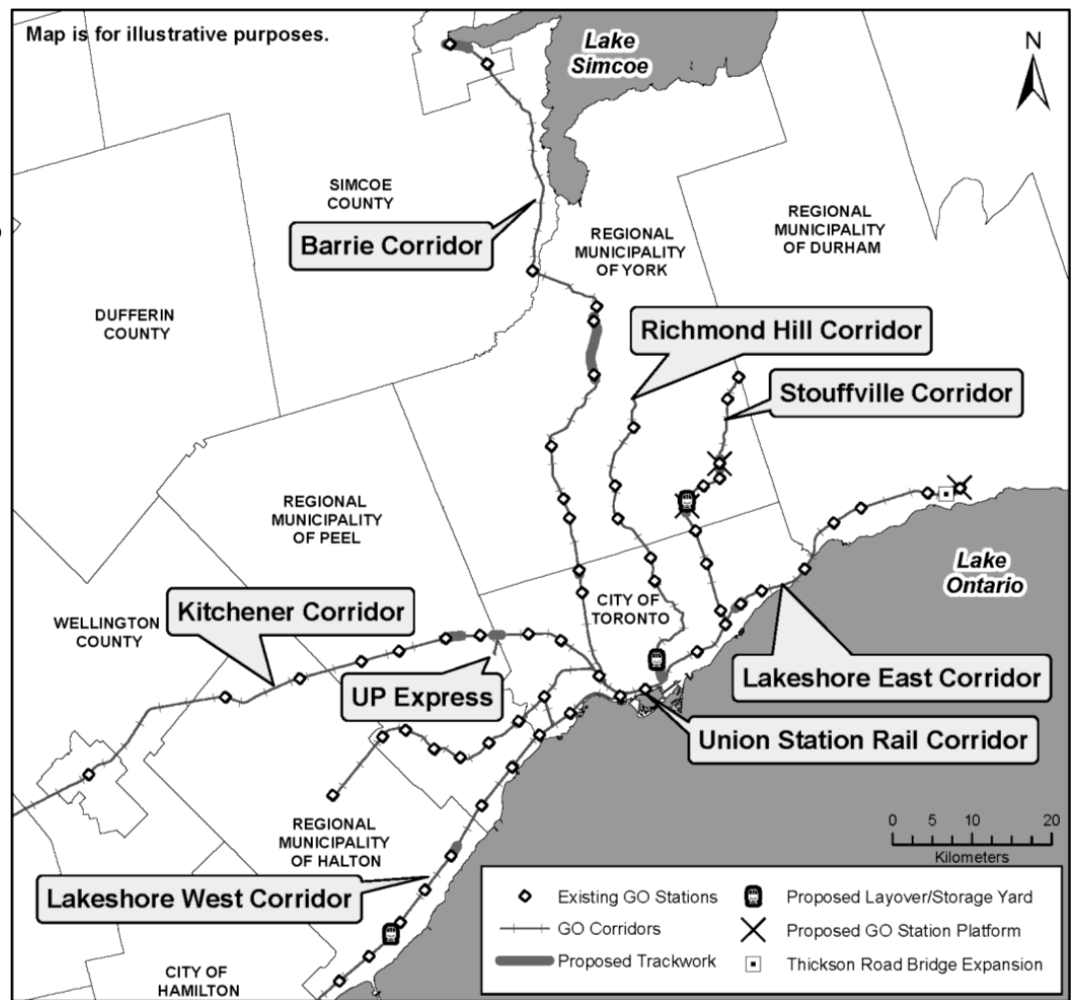


FIGURE 1: NEW TRACK & FACILITIES TPAP KEY MAP

30-Day Public Review: December 30, 2020 to January 28, 2021

The environmental impact of the transit project was assessed and an EPR was prepared in accordance with the Transit Project Assessment Process (TPAP) as prescribed in *Ontario Regulation 231/08 - Transit Projects and Metrolinx Undertakings* (made under the *Environmental Assessment Act*). The EPR for the New Track & Facilities is now available for a 30-day public review period starting December 30, 2020, on the project website at <https://www.metrolinxengage.com/en/newtrackfacilities>

Interested persons are encouraged to review the document(s) and provide comments by January 28, 2021 to:

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Contact the regional address relevant to where your area of interest is located: TorontoEast@metrolinx.com (East of Don River); TorontoWest@metrolinx.com (West of Don River); HaltonRegion@metrolinx.com; DurhamRegion@metrolinx.com; YorkRegion@metrolinx.com; Peel@metrolinx.com; or SimcoeCounty@metrolinx.com.

There are circumstances where the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks has the authority to require further consideration of the transit project or impose conditions on it. These include if the Minister is of the opinion that:

- The transit project may have a negative impact on a matter of provincial importance that relates to the natural environment or has cultural heritage value or interest; or

- The transit project may have a negative impact on a constitutionally protected Aboriginal or treaty right.

Before exercising the authority referred to above, the Minister is required to consider any written objections to the transit project that he or she may receive within 30 days of first publishing the EPR Notice of Completion. If you have discussed your issues with the proponent(s) and you object to the project, you can provide a written submission to the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks by no later than January 28th, 2021, to the email provided below. All submissions must clearly indicate that an objection is being submitted and describe any negative impacts to matters of provincial importance (natural/cultural environment) or Aboriginal rights.

Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks

Environmental Assessment Branch

Attn: Adam Sanzo, Project Officer

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Comments and information regarding this project are being collected to assist in meeting the requirements of the *Environmental Assessment Act*. All personal information included in a submission - such as name, address, telephone number and property location - is collected, maintained and disclosed by the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks for the purpose of transparency and consultation. The information is collected under the authority of the *Environmental Assessment Act* or is collected and maintained for the purpose of creating a record that is available to the general public as described in s. 37 of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*. Personal information you submit will become part of a public record that is available to the general public unless you request that your personal information remain confidential. For more information, please contact the Senior Privacy Officer for Metrolinx at 416-202-5941.

Metrolinx is working to provide residents and businesses in the Greater Golden Horseshoe with a transportation system that is modern, efficient and integrated. Find out more about Metrolinx's Regional Transportation Plan at www.metrolinx.com.

Pour plus de renseignements, veuillez composer le 416 874-5900 ou le 1 888 GET-ON-GO (438-6646).

This Notice was first issued on December 29, 2020.