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Notice of Completion of Environmental Project Report Stouffville Rail Corridor Grade Separations Project Transit Project Assessment Process

Metrolinx has completed an Environmental Project Report (EPR) in accordance with Ontario Regulation 231/08 for the Stouffville Rail Corridor Grade Separations 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 Stouffville Rail Corridor, the following modifications are proposed as part of the Stouffville Rail Corridor Grade Separations Project (see Figure 1):

- Road-rail grade separation at Denison Street and Kennedy Road in the City of Markham;
- Road-rail grade separations at McNicoll Avenue, Huntingwood Drive and Progress Avenue in the City of Toronto; and
- Road closure with a grade-separated multi-use crossing at Havendale Road in the City of Toronto.

30-Day Public Review: January 6, 2021 to February 4, 2021

The environmental impact of the transit project was assessed and an Environmental Project Report (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*

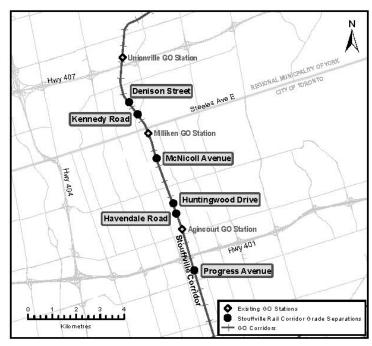


FIGURE 1 STOUFFVILLE RAIL CORRIDOR GRADE SEPARATIONS TPAP **KEY MAP**

Assessment Act). The EPR for the Stouffville Rail Corridor Grade Separations is now available for a 30-day public review period starting January 6, 2021, on the project website at https://www.metrolinxengage.com/en/engagementinitiatives/stouffville-grade-separations-tpap.

Interested persons are encouraged to review the document(s) and provide comments by February 4, 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) or YorkRegion@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 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 February 4, 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: Dorothy Moszynski, Project Officer

tel: 437-247-9628

email: <u>dorothy.moszynski@ontario.ca</u>

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 January 5, 2021.