

February 16, 2022

Re: Key Investments for Transit Riders in Brampton: Heritage Road Layover and the Silver Grade Separation

Dear Mr. Wright:

I am a Brampton resident and a master's of urban planning student at Ryerson University ([name change](#) pending). Further to the [Capital Projects Group Report](#), I want to express my support for the Heritage Road Layover in Brampton. The project page is here: <https://www.metrolinxengage.com/en/content/kitchener-corridor-heritage-road-layover>

The Heritage Road Layover is a critical piece of infrastructure for the Kitchener Line and for providing more all-day, two-way GO train service for Brampton transit riders. I also hope that this can lead to weekend GO train service one day. Investments like the Heritage Road Layover will help transit riders in Brampton and people visiting or working in Brampton.

While the Heritage Road Layover is important and I'm happy to see the progress on it, I urge Metrolinx to create a public project page as soon as possible for the Silver Grade Separation which was referenced in the March 2021 Preliminary Design Business Case [here](#). In response to a question from Councillor Paul Vicente when Metrolinx staff presented to Brampton Council on September 22, 2022 (see [here](#)), Metrolinx staff said that the Silver Grade Separation was being designed. I hope that this design can be made public as soon as possible so that transit riders in Brampton can advocate to our MPPs that the Silver Grade Separation should receive funding as soon as possible. The Silver Grade Separation should have been done in [1974](#) when the Kitchener (nee Georgetown) Line opened to reduce the track conflict with CN Rail freight trains. Highways 401-403-410 meet at a grade separated interchange and not at a traffic light. Transit riders deserve the same level of service as car drivers on 400-series highways.

With federal approval for the CN Rail Milton Logistics Hub, the construction of the Silver Grade Separation is an important project. Given the time to build it, funding should be allocated as soon as possible.

The Heritage Road Layover and the Silver Grade Separation are important projects for Brampton and I appreciate Metrolinx's efforts to make them happen for more GO train service east and west of the Bramalea GO Station.

Thank you,
Alexander Adams
Brampton resident and transit rider