# WELCOME **SCARBOROUGH SUBWAY EXTENSION & Transit Corridor Lands** VIRTUAL Q&A

### Scarborough Subway Extension

The Scarborough Subway Extension will provide seamless travel between Scarborough and the downtown core. It will improve access to transit for area residents, reduce daily travel times for commuters and also create job opportunities.

Number of proposed stations	3	
Proposed station locations	<ul> <li>Lawrence Avenue and McCov</li> <li>Scarborough Centre</li> <li>Sheppard Avenue and McCov</li> </ul>	
	Stouffville GO	at Kennedy Station
Connections to transit	Future Durham Region Bus Rapid Transit	at Scarborough Centre Station
	Future Eglinton Crosstown LRT	at Kennedy Station
	Various bus connections	at all stations
Approximate length	7.8 km	
Anticipated boardings	105,000 daily bo	bardings
Access to transit	38,000 more people within wal	king distance to transit
Access to jobs	More than 34,000 jobs within a new Scarborough Subway	
Anticipated capital costs	Approximately \$5	5.5 billion
Targeted in- service date	2029 - 203	30

# What's New?

- On March 5, Metrolinx and Infrastructure Ontario identified Strabag as the team who will design, build and finance the tunnel for the Scarborough Subway Extension.
- Strabag will proceed with early design work and begin setting up for construction at the launch shaft site.
- In December, we refined our construction approach from two launch shafts to one launch shaft to reduce impacts to the community.
- We've completed over 120 geotechnical investigations to gather data about soil and water conditions.
- Preparatory works continue along the project route as utilities are relocated and surveys are completed.
- Up next: transit corridor lands designation



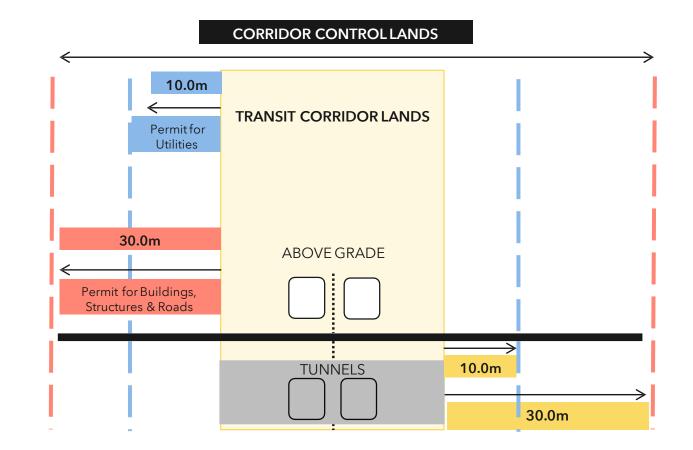
### **Transit Corridor Lands**

- Building transit in built-up urban areas means working with property owners along proposed transit routes to support the planning, design and construction of important projects.
- Under the Building Transit Faster Act, 2020, the Province now allows land that may be needed for transit construction to be designated as transit corridor land. This change will help Metrolinx build transit faster, resulting in fewer inconveniences for neighbouring communities while avoiding issues that have caused delays in the past.
- Transit corridor lands will be identified for each Subway project - the Ontario Line, the Scarborough Subway Extension, the Eglinton Crosstown West Extension and the Yonge North Subway Extension.



# **Determining Transit Corridor Lands**

- The borders for transit corridor lands were set by looking at existing infrastructure in the area, the route and design of the transit line, and how it can be built.
- A 30-metre buffer area was then set around the transit corridor lands to allow for any other needs that could come up during further design and construction work - the same changes that apply to transit corridor lands apply to these buffer areas as well.



# What does this mean for your property?

- Many who own or occupy transit corridor lands will likely experience little to no impacts. For others, it may mean a small change to business as usual.
- If your property is on or within 30 m of transit corridor lands, there will be some changes in the following areas:
  - How titles of properties appear in the land registry
  - How properties can be accessed for transit planning and construction
  - Permits required for planned work

# Notice on title

# The title of your property will include a notice about it being on or within 30 metres of transit corridor land.

- This notice will appear on the title of your property in the land registry. Having this notice on title will also help ensure any future owners of the property are aware of the designation.
- This does not restrict or prevent you from renting, leasing or selling your property now or in the future.
- The notice will be in effect during planning and construction, but will be removed once the project is complete.

# Allowing access for transit planning & construction

### Metrolinx may need to visit your property to help prepare transit plans.

- This could be for inspections, to make records or to conduct tests related to the planning or construction of a transit project.
- Typically, Metrolinx will work with you to negotiate a "permission to enter" agreement, which outlines the details of where, when and how Metrolinx will visit your property.
- If an agreement can't be reached within project timelines, Metrolinx will schedule a visit providing you are given 30 days advance notice. If this is the case, workers will not enter any homes and will follow all necessary health measures to ensure your safety.

# The plans Metrolinx prepares may identify a need to remove something that could interfere with construction, such as a shed, tree, or hedge.

- If this applies to your property, Metrolinx will also give you at least 30 days advance notice. If an object or structure poses an immediate construction safety risk, providing advance notice may not be possible.
- Metrolinx will work with you to come to an agreement on how to best carry out the work, restore property if required and determine compensation.

# **Getting permits for planned work**

### If you are planning to build, change or place a building, other structure or road on or under your property, a permit from Metrolinx may be required.

- Examples for things that would require a permit include extensions of homes, decks, pools or sheds. Interior renovations would not require a permit.
- Metrolinx permits would be required in addition to (and prior to) any necessary municipal permits; no application fee will be charged for a permit from Metrolinx.

This new permitting requirement will help avoid conflicts with nearby transit construction and reduce the likelihood that you might have to stop or redo your work in the future.

• If you are currently undergoing or planning any of these activities, please contact Metrolinx at <u>development.coordinator@metrolinx.com</u> to determine if a permit is necessary.

# How will I know if my property is affected?

- If the property you own or occupy is on transit corridor land or within the 30 metre buffer area, you will be notified by letter.
- If you live in a condo, it is the condo boards who will be notified and asked to share this information through their usual communication channels.
- We will also be asking property owners to notify tenants of this designation through their usual communication channels.
- Receiving a letter does not necessarily mean your property is needed in any way it is only to notify you of the designation.
  - If your property is needed, you will receive separate letters outlining what is needed in more detail.

# **Property acquisition process**

- If we confirm your property is needed, you will receive **separate written notification** from us.
- We only acquire properties that are **absolutely necessary** for projects and we strive to **minimize the footprint** of our land requirements through careful planning and design
- Our preferred approach is direct, one-on-one negotiations with owners, with the goal of reaching **amicable agreements.** 
  - Expropriation is a **backstop tool.** Even when expropriation is initiated, Metrolinx continues to negotiate with owners in the hopes of reaching agreements
- Whether we have to acquire a portion of a property or the entire property, the property owner will be compensated **at fair market value**
- Whenever Metrolinx needs to acquire property to support a new transit project, our commitment is to ensure that owners and tenants do not experience a financial loss.
- Metrolinx strives to communicate with property owners **early and often** so that there is ample time to work through solutions.



# **Community Engagement**

### Thank you for participating!

We appreciate the time you have taken to learn more about the project and we value your opinions. We will be providing more opportunities to engage with the project team on a regular basis through community liaison committees, townhalls, and walking tours. Please provide your feedback or submit your questions through the feedback form available on <u>Metrolinx</u> <u>Engage</u>.

### Stay Involved with the Scarborough Subway Extension.

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