

## Yonge North Subway Extension LIVE - January 5, 2022

### Why aren't other construction options being considered?

Anonymous  
Dec 19, 2021 - 04:16

Why isn't the option of using cut and cover or building elevated not being considered? The alignment passes over a wide stretch of Yonge Street which can easily accommodate an elevated or cut and cover section. Speeding up construction, lowering costs, and allowing additional stations to be built which currently don't fit the budget.

Decision-Making Stations

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### Detailed map

Anonymous  
Jan 2, 2022 - 21:58

When will Metrolinx provide a DETAILED map of the project to see the homes affected, the city property affected and schools.

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### How many houses are affected in Royal Orchard.

Anonymous  
Jan 3, 2022 - 11:40

We want to know which homes are impacted including those that are affected on their easements (city property) what is the total amount of homes in the transit land corridor. If the subway tunnels under the front of my home but on city property it still affects my home value... will I get compensation?

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### Funding and Developers

Anonymous  
Jan 3, 2022 - 16:01

Please provide a break down of where the money is coming from to fund this project. Federal, Provincial, Regional etc. Most importantly, please also share how much money are the developers of the new builds at high tech and bridge contributing to the subway development.

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### Has CN Rail approved the subway under their tracks?

Anonymous  
Jan 3, 2022 - 08:00

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### Approvals of current option by government authority

Anonymous  
Jan 3, 2022 - 16:08

Which level of government, provincial, federal, regional (York), local (Markham) have approved this option and who were the people who have signed off on this option for each level who have reviewed it. Can these project approval documents be reviewed for each government authority.

Decision-Making

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### Simple Question: What's needed to restore original EA routing?

Anonymous  
Jan 3, 2022 - 21:23

What exactly would be required (i.e. in terms of financial resources and additional time) to restore plans for the previous routing which was identified by the original EA?

And since Metrolinx has the best interests of the Royal Orchard neighbourhood in mind, why are we not hearing about your efforts in advocating for such a change in plans?

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### Mitigate does not equal cancel.

Anonymous  
Jan 4, 2022 - 09:34

Even low levels of noise and vibration can cause physical, emotional and especially, in children, neurological consequences. Your routing goes right under an elementary school at shallow levels. Have you factored in future treatment costs if your assumptions of mitigation were wrong. Winters Residence at York U tenants hear & feel every train.

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### What is the probability of adding one more station?

Anonymous  
Dec 30, 2021 - 14:11

Dec 30, 2021 - 10:11

We know that Cummer and Royal Orchard Stations may or may not be built depending on funding. It was stated that Metrolinx is working to find funding options. My question is, what do those discussions involve? Are there any specific details that can be provided? What is the probability that we will see one of them get built, and which one if so?

Decision-Making Stations

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### Why Metrolinx cannot Stop Option 3 !!!

Anonymous  
Jan 4, 2022 - 10:26

Why Metrolinx cannot stop option 3 and keep the subway on Yonge. Don't them listen to voices from residents in the Royal Orchard neighbourhood whose homes would be directly impacted.  
Having no more question, simply stop option 3 and keep the subway on Yonge!!!

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### Option for the route under the cemetery

Anonymous  
Jan 4, 2022 - 12:26

As it was mentioned in the previous meetings, the option for tunneling under the cemetery instead of residential properties will be considered. Can you update us regarding this, and progress for this consideration? Can you clearly mention why tunneling under the cemetery was not considered as one of the options in the first proposals?

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### Why don't you quit BS'ing us regarding the cost savings .

Anonymous  
Jan 4, 2022 - 21:09

Do the right thing and put it back on Yonge Street as originally planned. And no I do not want to listen to Mr. Collins drone on with his business plan explanation. This is about developers wishes and to ---- with us commoners !

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### Name change

Anonymous  
Jan 5, 2022 - 17:53

Why did you change the name from Option 3 to Green Alignment? Please explain in detail.

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### What will construction look like? Noise, road closures etc?

Anonymous  
Jan 2, 2022 - 22:00

Please provide details on noise, vibrations, duration and road closures during construction in the neighbourhood.

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### Fix Bridge station before adding others

Anonymous  
Jan 4, 2022 - 17:55

The scope of the Gateway development is enormous. It should be obvious to a world class designer, that a proper underground Bridge station is necessary for rider experience and weather. This would give you a real Bridge station, and us the Yonge route. With developer funds available, why are you continuing with option 3, and adding other stations.

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### What are the durations of the RFQ, RFP and Construction periods?

Anonymous  
Jan 5, 2022 - 17:13

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### No Questions

Anonymous  
Jan 5, 2022 - 18:36

You never give a straight answer to a question anyway. And asking a question somehow seems to lend credibility to your ridiculous Option 3 - no matter what you call your revision(s). Keep it on Yonge Street where it belongs or put it under the cemetery if you have to divert to the equally ridiculous Bridge Station.

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### What effect will boring have on stability of homes.

Anonymous  
Jan 3, 2022 - 13:26

Our house is over 50 yrs old. We are seniors and this is our forever home. What effect will boring have on the stability of our home and what level of noise and vibration can we expected and for how long?

### Tunneling through bedrock now?

Anonymous  
Jan 3, 2022 - 17:05

Aren't there many, many possible unforeseen challenges of boring through bedrock under a condo building? Time, complexity, the unknown costs more. How have you budgeted for that?

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### Why are you running the subway under houses rather than Yong st?

Anonymous  
Jan 4, 2022 - 21:57

I've recently purchased a property at Bay Thorn Dr and there has been couple of options for subway line but neither was under Bay Thorn and all of a sudden you've decided to run the line under it. Please explain what makes you believe that this is a better option? Because you are dealing with less people/houses so they can't do anything about it?

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### Revisiting the rejection of Transport Action Ontario's option 1

Anonymous  
Jan 5, 2022 - 08:02

You've modified the relatively smooth route of option1 into a northern version of your own adjusted route with its awkward tight curves. Both of these options would lead to slower speeds and squealy-wheelies. What's really wrong with tunnelling under the Langstaff lands, or better yet, starting to curve off Yonge at the southern edge of Holy Cross?

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### When is the RFQ to be advertised?

Anonymous  
Jan 5, 2022 - 15:13

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### Station process (operate one by one or simultaneously)

Anonymous  
Jan 2, 2022 - 00:28

Hi there, I know that there will be a couple of stations, I was wondering Will the Yonge-Steel station be the first one that can be operated? or do we need to wait until the whole project is completed?

Stations Timelines

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### Environmental Assessment status

Deborah Martin-Downs  
Jan 3, 2022 - 16:20

When can we expect to see the data and analysis and/or the updated environmental assessment that is necessary to address the concerns of the neighbourhood and commenting agencies. Without this, Option 3 or variations has no legal standing as it is not an approved route

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### Why are you bypassing and ignoring years of city of Markham plan

Anonymous  
Jan 3, 2022 - 17:09

The City council held an emergency virtual meeting in Dec. Why are you bypassing and throwing away all of the city plans for Markham? Why is a developer or infrastructure company the name and face of the Bridge and High Tech developments? Who elected them? How do they benefit from the designation of TOC or an MZO?

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### Acquisition

Anonymous  
Jan 5, 2022 - 18:05

Please provide us with the template letter that you will use when you inform the residents of perpetual or temporary sub surface acquisition with TERMS and CONDITIONS not the compensation. You have this already. Please send this immediately to affected people.

Property Impacts

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### Why continue calling it a "subway"?

Anonymous  
Jan 5, 2022 - 19:47

From the northern edge of Holy Cross Cemetery to High Tech, and future northern extensions, this is now planned as a surface commuter train. Please stop calling it a subway (which is what should be built).

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### Storage facility north of High Tech

Anonymous  
Dec 28, 2021 - 12:26

How many tracks will there be north of high tech? for how long? and store how many trains?

Alignment

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### What are the durations of the RFQ, RFP and Construction periods?

Anonymous  
Jan 5, 2022 - 15:15

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### With the revised route under the apartment does the train ...

Anonymous  
Jan 5, 2022 - 15:16

Does the recent revised route mean the train emerges above ground at a different spot or same?

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### When is Metrolinx going to be honest with people?

Anonymous  
Jan 5, 2022 - 19:00

A decision has been made regarding the routing of the subway. When will Metrolinx be honest and simply tell people that we have no say in the matter and if we do not agree to Metrolinx terms the land required will be expropriated?

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### How will traffic be controlled on Hendon?

Anonymous  
Dec 17, 2021 - 21:42

We live at Kensington Ave., three streets west of Finch and Hendon. Traffic is fairly bad and loud on Hendon and there are many families who avail of the facilities at Hendon Park. What measures will you take to address traffic and pedestrian safety on Hendon? Will there be cross walks, widening of Hendon street?

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### Why haven't you been able to show our MPP the numbers.

Anonymous  
Jan 4, 2022 - 15:07

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### General

Anonymous  
Jan 5, 2022 - 17:47

Please provide us with a complete list of questions and answers to date as a PDF. A web version is not enough as that is not AODA compliant under the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005.

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### Why not under the Cemetery

Anonymous  
Jan 5, 2022 - 18:22

I am re-visiting the alignment beneath the cemetery. Since the Building Transit Faster Act apparently allows the province to do what it wants, why does Option 3 not simply go beneath the cemetery to get to your precious Bridge station above grade? It's the most direct route with far less of a turn to the east and then back to the north?

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### Bike path linkages to nearby neighbourhoods

Anonymous  
Jan 5, 2022 - 18:28

Leitchcroft and Times Ave neighborhood of 10,000 people is a very short bike ride to the new subway stations but there are currently no safe AAA bike paths to get there. What are the plans?

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### Are MZO's coming?

Anonymous  
Jan 3, 2022 - 17:06

Since no one at the province answers the taxpayer (Premier or Minister of Transportation) maybe you can tell us - are your planned TOC going to be turned into MZO's?

**Bus terminals at Steels and Clerk**

Anonymous  
Jan 5, 2022 - 12:20

Where will the bus terminal at Steeles and Clerk stations be located? How large will they be? Will they be at grade or underground?

Stations

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**Why not start at Finch?**

Anonymous  
Jan 5, 2022 - 15:41

You have stated that the tunneling will start at the north end. Why wouldn't you start at Finch and work north? Logically that makes more sense, so that it's easier to accommodate changes in assumptions based on how things actually develop. For example, there may be some major event such that it would make sense to stop at Steeles.

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**Cost and timeline**

Anonymous  
Jan 5, 2022 - 18:50

Based on our previous experiences, does anyone REALLY believe the timeline and cost estimates? We know better about what will really happen, right? Thank you

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**Noise & Damage**

Anonymous  
Jan 5, 2022 - 19:05

Now that Metrolinx has informed residents of the project travelling under homes and properties, you can surely advise us on what we need to do to protect our properties from potential noise/vibrations/damage ( during construction and during the operations of the trains).

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**Lien on property**

Anonymous  
Jan 5, 2022 - 20:48

My neighbour (19 Thorny Brae Dr) told me today that his decision to abandon his plan to rebuild his home was in part or whole caused by pressure from Metrolinx. In order to receive the required variance from Markham he was told he had to agree to a lifetime lien on his property from Metrolinx. Is there any truth to this... if so please explain why!

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**When is construction starting?**

Anonymous  
Dec 24, 2021 - 04:40

I support the underground subway. When will it start?

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**Hi Tech and Bridge**

Anonymous  
Jan 5, 2022 - 08:31

In defence of having 2 stations at the north end Stephen Collins stated that they serve 2 separate functions: High Tech as a terminal station and Bridge as a transit hub. But today we have Kipling Station on Line 2 which is both. It still doesn't make sense to have 2 stations 300m apart.

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**Protect our homes**

Anonymous  
Jan 5, 2022 - 17:59

Now you have informed us of the project travelling under our homes, you can advise us on what we need to do to protect our homes/properties from potential noise/vibrations/damage. You said you have experts so you should be able to give us advise on what should/can we do to protect our buildings above the planned project part for preventative care.

Property Impacts

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**Rebuilding Bantry Bridge for train storage**

Anonymous  
Jan 5, 2022 - 18:26

A previous proposal required the demolition of the Bantry Bridge and rebuilding it over a 6 month period to have adequate storage of trains north of the last subway stop. Is this still required with the updated alignment that introduced High Tech / Bridge Stations instead of one station at the Richmond Hill Centre?

### Why is Metrolinx continuing to spin Option 3?

Anonymous  
Jan 5, 2022 - 19:13

Naming the the revised route the Green Alignment implies that it's now environmentally friendly. This suggests that MX knew that the original route wasn't. Why not? The revised Green Alignment still isn't green.

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### Please explain why Option 3 is the best transit plan.

Anonymous  
Jan 5, 2022 - 19:37

Option 3 does not provide the best transportation solution for the existing residents of York Region in general. The needs of the current population are being compromised to provide the maximum benefit to the developers and future residents of a community that won't be built out for 20 to 30 years.

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### Who has the final approval on this project?

Anonymous  
Jan 5, 2022 - 17:00

Is it the City of Markham or the Provincial Government? If the Provincial Govt. approves the project and City of Markham rejects the current plan who has the final say?

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### What is the expected value of the DBF Tunnels project?

Anonymous  
Jan 5, 2022 - 17:16

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### Route options

Anonymous  
Jan 5, 2022 - 18:27

Has Metrolinx indeed dismissed options one and two in favour of option three? Is there no option to change your minds?

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### Will this project destroy the park?

Anonymous  
Jan 5, 2022 - 11:45

We have a park that begins at Kirk and travels north or south to Royal Orchard. What are the plans for this park if option 3 is inevitable? How will Metrolinx accommodate the community in the future. Is there a plan for tree's, plants and wildlife? It is said that a project through our community will take more than 10 years? True/False

Alignment Construction Impacts Decision-Making Noise and Vibration Property Impacts Public Consultation Timelines

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### Depth of the tunnel

Anonymous  
Jan 5, 2022 - 18:12

The letter of Dec 8 states that the depth ranges anywhere between 21 meters and 50 meters. Inform the affected homes what is the expected depth under each home as per your current plan. Not only the depth of the track from the floor of our basement (foundation) but also the depth of the top of the tunnel under the floor of the basement (foundation)

Property Impacts

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### Will you make the analysis of revised proposal #2 public?

Anonymous  
Jan 5, 2022 - 19:02

How can we trust the blanket statement that revised option #2 is inferior to the new Green Alignment without supporting details? How do we know

that all relevant factors were taken into consideration?

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 Thanks for information!

Anonymous  
Jan 5, 2022 - 20:17


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 What is Community Engagement

Anonymous  
Jan 4, 2022 - 16:56

Please clarify and identify what the role of the Community Engagement personnel is? What do they do?


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 Depth of Tunnel

Anonymous  
Jan 5, 2022 - 19:08

The Metrolinx letter of Dec8 states that the depth ranges anywhere between 21 to 50 meters. Residents want to know what is the expected depth under each home as per your current plans? And not only the depth of the track from the floor of our basement (foundation) but also what is the depth of the top of the tunnel under the floor of the basement.

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 Could the route abut CN corridor saving 3.5km of tunnel and \$1B?

Anonymous  
Jan 4, 2022 - 19:28

Has it been considered for the extension to rise to the surface north-east of Steeles and follow the CN rail corridor east until it reaches the Richmond Hill GO corridor, following it up to High Tech station? This route would require 3.5 km less tunnelling, saving over \$1 billion, and John-Bayview is more prone for densification compared to Centre.

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 Will there be a cross walk added at Hendon & Beecroft

Anonymous  
Dec 17, 2021 - 21:37

Hendon street is already very crowded and the extension will likely result in increased traffic. The current 4 way stop sign at Beecroft and Hendon needs to be replaced by a traffic light or crosswalk for pedestrian safety.

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 What is the expected timeline of the project?

Anonymous  
Dec 28, 2021 - 20:39

What is the planned completion date for the last subway station (at Yonge and 7)?

[Timelines](#)

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