

Apr 26, 2022 - 15:42

Since your plan as it stands has the stations to Renforth receiving the bare minimum of functionality and do not include bus terminals/loops for new/existing feeder bus routes, (2 bus bays in front of the entrance is just plain insulting), most of these stations are going sit empty outside of peak times. Which is why Pearson is so crucial as it will most likely be the busiest station. It is also the main justifiable reason of putting this extension underground in the first place. Why is it taking the GTAA and the Province so long to come up with a preliminary alignment? Enough with that dotted line giving us the false hope of "one day in the future." What is the actual plan? Don't just say it is a separate plan. How long after the extension to Renforth will we be commencing the line to Pearson? 2035? 2045? Seriously start the EA and TPAP and all the other regulatory measures that take over 18 months to complete now. The GTAA's plan of an airport transit hub is great but 2050 is not today... So maybe instead we should adjust these existing plans now and extend the Finch LRT via hwy 27 down passed Woodbine, into the corporate industrial area and all the way to Renforth and make Renforth the transit hub. Later on in the future when the GTAA is finally ready in this century to facilitate construction we can create a spur for both Eglinton and Finch lines to use. How much more would that cost?

Decision-Making Future Extension Stations Timelines Transit Oriented Communities **1** 32 **4** 11 🕿 Answer Metrolina May 11, 2022 - 17:28 We inherently understand and appreciate the value of connecting the ECWE to Pearson airport. There is an overall commitment from Metrolinx and the government to deliver upon that work. Recently there have been funding commitments from the Federal government with respect to furthering the planning and design stage for that project. Transport Canada recently announced some initial funding for the Pearson connection through the Airport Critical Infrastructure Program. Metrolinx is currently working with our partners at the Greater Toronto Airports Authority, the Province and the Federal government on how and when we can take the project forward. (0 - 0 - 0)Put secondary entrance on opposite side of intersections W. K. Lis Apr 12, 2022 - 12:41 Putting the station boxes under the crossing intersections will save trees. Having secondary entrances on the opposite side of the intersections, with an underground passage to the main entrance and mezzanine would provide more safety for passengers, so they don't have to cross dangerous streets. The secondary entrance can have its own elevator and escalators, which would serve as backup in case the main entrance elevator is out-ofservice. **1** 37 **9** 18 🕿 Answer Metrolinx May 12, 2022 - 17:35 The elevated stations have two entrances and therefore passengers do not need the cross Scarlett or Jane Street. The eastern entrance is designed to minimize the impact to Humber Valley at Scarlett station and Eglinton Flats in Jane station and therefore only one elevator is dedicated to eastern entrance(s). The distance between the two entrances is less than 100m and in the case of redundancy passengers can use the other entrance 8 Reducing total number of piers, integrating with future Jane LRT Prash Apr 11, 2022 - 17:15 I can understand that the elevated section of this extension is required for this area as the line will be going through the flood plain of the Humber river. For this elevated portion, can we please use technologies to minimize the total number of piers required? Renders currently show 2 piers required for the viaduct at certain locations before and after the stations where the tracks diverge to accommodate the station platforms. Lam sure wider single piers can handle and accommodate the diverged tracks. The concrete piers are unsightly at ground level and provide a potential location for graffiti tags Furthermore, we can use technologies such as Balanced Cantilever Bridge design to widen the space between each pier further reducing the total number of piers required. The elevated stations should be built with entrances at both sides of the road to allow for easy passenger movement. Bus stops can be reconfigured to allow for passenger drop-offs at the corners with station entrances further reducing a potential for pedestrian collisions when using the crosswalks. Additionally, the station at Jane and Eglinton should be designed to incorporate the Jane LRT in the future. Space should be provided to allow for a direct connection between the elevated Eglinton LRT platform and the ground level Jane LRT platform. Construction Impacts Future Extension Stations **1** 39 **9** 24 🗠 Answer Metrolinx May 12, 2022 - 17:44 Thank you for the feedback! The pier design requirements have been defined as such to minimize the impact on Humber valley. It will also

clear-span the river with support provided from either side of the bridge and no piers in the middle of the river. We understand that graffit is an issue along our corridors and we'll do everything we can to deter it from the outset. We'll work with the community to review options that have worked well on other projects and then explore opportunities that fit best with this project.

The elevated stations are designed to have entrances on each side of the road. We are working with TTC to plan this extension project and as part of that process we are considering bus stop locations that provide optimal connections to entrances.

Provisions for future transit connections in and around the area are always considered as part of planning for the projects. Please call us at 414 202 8001 or email us at collistenues are for any further questions.



	Reep This Section above Ground Anonymous Apr 27, 2022 - 21:36
	Please do not listen to the comments telling you to bury this section of the line. The cost of burying this portion will inflate the cost of this line to unsustainable levels. Please keep this section elevated and don't listen to the people who are woefully misinformed about the benefits of elevated rail transit. None of those people have ever been to Vancouver or Chicago where elevated rail does not cause mental health problems, noise or vibrations. These people do not know anything about rail systems. Let the experts build the line, and let the "armchair experts" remain irrelevant.
	Decision-Making Noise and Vibration Tunnelling
	Answer Metrolinx May 12, 2022 - 18:00
	Thank you for expressing your support and sharing your feedback with us! Elevated rapid transit is a proven solution around many cities in Canada and across the world. We also understand and value that these are beautiful areas and places of pride for the community and a place where people come from all over the city to play and walk and take in the beauty. We will continue to work closely with the community to ensure that this project fits well into the fabric of the neighbourhood!
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	Employment for Carpentry with the Eglinton Crosstown LTR Anonymous Apr 21, 2022 - 22:24
	Does the companies that will hire , do they discriminate, for employment against white males over 50.
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	Number of trees removed-not answered Anonymous Apr 27, 2022 - 19:31
	The question was specific, according to the 2021 report. Sarah you didn't answer the question, please stop avoiding questions and stalling.
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	Answer Metrolinx May 11, 2022 - 17:57 This work is still in progress. Since the 2021 arborist report was drawn up with preliminary data, we've had several design changes in terms of
	project footprint. As a result, we were required to do further tree inventory and fieldwork. We have this work continuing through the next couple of months. Once this work is complete, we will update the arborist report with more accurate numbers in terms of how many trees are likely to be impacted by the project. We will be sharing the results with the community. We will also be communicating with TRCA and City or Toronto who we have been working closely with on tree impacts. We are also working closely with Indigenous Nations - we've asked them if they would be in interested in participating in our fieldwork. We will continue to do this to try and get as much feedback as possible from our stakeholders including the community. We understand the importance of the trees and greenspace for this community and it is one of our top priorities to minimize the number of trees we are impacting when we are making design decisions.
	We strive to keep tree removals to a minimum and only remove trees that are absolutely necessary. Our goal is always to plant more than we remove and all tree removals will be compensated in accordance with the Metrolinx Vegetation Guideline and the City of Toronto's permittin process. Our approach goes above and beyond what's required by local environmental regulations. Metrolinx follows municipal bylaws for compensating for trees removed outside of Metrolinx lands and provides additional compensation for trees located in designated natural areas. In addition to the compensation required by the City of Toronto for ECWE, Metrolinx has an agreement with the TRCA to plant additional trees along the route as early as we can. Advance planting under this agreement began last fall, with 400 trees planted to date. More plantings are scheduled for later this year. By planting trees now, they will have ten years to grow before the Eglinton Crosstown West Extension opens, which will help preserve and strengthen tree cover in the community. Metrolinx will continue to work with the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority and the City of Toronto on new planting initiatives.
	We are also looking to incorporate robust plans for restoration, vegetation and landscape into our project agreements with our construction companies so they can appropriately restore the land back to the condition it was received, or better once construction is complete.
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	How long should it take the development coordinator to respond? Anonymous
	Apr 25, 2022 - 07:26
	Answer Metrolinx May 11, 2022 - 16:16
	The processing time depends on what is being submitted. The team aims to acknowledge all inquiries received within five business days. You may reach out to us at eglintonwest@metrolinx.com to share more details.
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9	Operational Challenges



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Please provide the full pictures of the tunnel? Anonymous Apr 25, 2022 - 07:28

all online pictures do not show the full tunnel plans between Islington and Royal York, specifically where the tunnel will be around Russell Road and Eden Valley Drive.







Noise and vibration studies of elevated sections Anonymous

Apr 27, 2022 - 19:34

Were any studies of noise and vibration done above ground level? Although they seem far away, the buildings along Emmett avenue (across from the proposed elevated section) are already subject to quite a lot of street noise. Acoustic amplification is exacerbated by the configuration and massing of the buildings themselves. Is it possible to work with the communities of those buildings to conduct noise and vibration tests? I don' think ground level testing provides a complete picture of future impact.



Answer Metrolinx May 13, 2022 - 16:42

A Noise and Vibration Impact Assessment Report was prepared in support of the 2020 Environmental Project Report (EPR) Addendum for the ECWE project. In this report, a three-dimensional model was used to calculate operational and construction noise and vibration levels at the most impacted level of multi-story buildings. For buildings such as 75 and 85 Emmett Avenue, the impact assessment considered bedroom windows on the second floor or higher to account for worst-case impacts to avoid underpredictions. The worst case impacts for 75 Emmett Avenue were identified at a height of 54m and for 85 Emmett Avenue, at a height of 60 m. For additional information, please refer to Appendix D: Noise and Vibration Impact Assessment Report of the 2020 EPR Addendum on Metrolinx's ECWE project website: https://www.metrolinx.com/en/aboutus/publications/environmental_assessment.aspx#eglinton-west.

We have also been exploring opportunities to engage with the residents at Emmett regarding this project. If you have any ideas in mind, please let us know at eglintonwest@metrolinx.com and we'll be happy to set something up. We can make ourselves available virtually as well as in-person to talk to the residents and address any concerns or questions.

Is the plan to include future connections with Trellis Transit? Anonymous Apr 27, 2022 - 19:34

It is estimated that ideally there would be a need for 10 Pod Ports at each of the elevated stations - and there appears to be plenty of space for them in the elevated stations opposite where the LRTs board/deboard. Clearly, for passengers who ride private Trellis Pods to the station from their homes or stops along their street, the Trellis AI scheduler will accommodate these private Pods without difficulty - but when these same passengers get off the LRT at the end of the day, there will be challenges with those queuing for their privately owned Trellis Pods becasue the AI scheduler will be jockeying possibly a great many individual Pods, unless enough concourse space is available at the LRT stations for those waiting (this is not a problem for public Pods). However, for the underground stations, it is unclear how Trellis can accommodate such connections with possibly a very few Pod Ports. Would it make sense for Trellis to simply dynamically route Pods to other above-ground stations?



Answer Metrolinx

May 13, 2022 - 16:49

Provisions for future transit connections in and around the area are always considered as part of planning for the projects. We continue to engage with our project partners like City of Toronto, TTC and TRCA to be sure that the project is considering all users of the corridor and all community members and offering seamless connections. Please call us at 416-202-8001 or email us at eglintonwest@metrolinx.com for any further questions.

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😕 Elevated LRT

Anonymous Apr 27, 2022 - 20:09

I am extremely opposed to having an elevated LRT. I don't feel that Metrolinx consulted with the community. It is not enough that residents have to check on Metrolinx's website to see what decisions have already been made. Why were there no mailings to our homes ever made. I want the line to be buried in its entirety. I don't want LRT going through our beautiful parks. I live on Guestville Ave.

Decision-Making

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May 12, 2022 - 18:03

There have been many discussions on how to deliver rapid transit along Eglinton West over the years. The mixed alignment moving forward for provides highest ridership increase, travel time savings, and increases rapid transit access to the most jobs; it outperforms all other options in offering the best network connectivity and travel experience for people living and travelling along the corridor. Decisions on alignments take into account a number of factors, including integration with other transit, community benefits and impacts, deliverability, operations and costs, and topography, which are unique to each project.

In our business case and broader analysis of benefits, there are technical reasons and local considerations as to why we are proceeding with this option. In our IBC published in February 2020, we looked at a number of options which included the current option (mixed) as well as the fully tunneled option with nine stations. That was approximately 1.1 billion dollars more, partly because to tunnel under the Humber River Valley you need to go approximately 100 ft or nine storeys below ground level to get sufficiently under the Humber River. For context, that is 10m deeper than any of the excavation happening at the Eglinton West for Crosstown at Cedarvale station or at Yonge and Eglinton. There would be a lot more construction impacts from those really deep station constructions at Scarlett and Jane.





Anonymous



The mixed alignment of underground and elevated guideway provides an optimal trade-off between the ease of local access and the speed of travelling, and outperforms all other alignment options in offering the best network connectivity, travel experience and therefore the highest ridership increase and access to the most jobs.

Why isn't the LRT being built underground? Anonymous Apr 24, 2022 - 15:20
The residents of York South Weston and beyond prefer that the line be built underground. We know that this is possible from an engineering perspective and the Federal Government has supplied the financial aid necessary.



Answer Metrolinx May 11, 2022 - 16:45

We considered a number of configurations in the Initial Business Case, including a fully tunneled option. The mixed alignment with 7 stations that we're moving forward with is estimated to cost \$4.7billion. The fully tunneled option with 9 stations is estimated at \$5.8B. The mixed alignment we're moving forward with provides the highest ridership increase, travel time savings, and increases rapid transit access to the most jobs. There are also challenges to fully tunneling, since the area between Scarlett Road and Jane Street is in an identified flood plain zone. While all solutions are technically feasible, tunneling would require building underneath the Humber River, which presents environmental and technical challenges to building and operating the line. Underground stations at Scarlett and Jane would require excavating approximately 30m under the Humber which is twice the depth of the other underground stations. This would cause more intense and longer local community construction impacts. For context, it would be 10+m deeptre than the excavation that's happened for stations at Yonge Station and Cedarvale Station (Allen Road) on the ECLRT. Elevating the ECWE over the Humber River eliminates these challenges, and the potential for unforeseen conflicts with such deep underground conditions, while delivering more benefits.

The federal funding was provided to the project as it is currently designed with the mixed alignment of tunnel and elevated guideway.



Elevated Rail through our parks and our Mental Health

Apr 27, 2022 - 07:43

For many in our community, having access to green spaces, parks, and outdoor recreation facilities is a vital component to good mental health. Indeed, many have chosen to live here (or remain living here) because of this rare and beautiful sliver of nature in the midst of a growing city.

Concrete structures thrust in the midst of such a precious resource is not only detrimental to our health and natural environment, it is simply obtrusive and obscene.

Residents and Metrolinx have no doubt already taken note of the homeless shelter that has been inadvertently created underneath the short section of elevated rail over Black Creek Drive, not to mention the canvass it has provided for the graffiti taggers.

Metrolinx, is this the vision you have for our future, for our cities? Choosing to build elevated rail through our parks is moving backwards, not forwards.

Tunneling is the only viable and responsible option.

We can do do much, much better!



May 11, 2022 - 16:34

We understand these are beautiful areas and places of pride for the community and a place where people come from all over the city to play and walk and take in the beauty. The elevated guideway will be built on the boulevard next to Eglinton Avenue West therefore the infrastructure being built will not impact the active spaces of the park.

This is a brand new line so we are able to take advantage of the most modern technology and thinking in terms of design to address the sound of new transit in a community. The noise and vibration modelling that has been done to date does not anticipate any significant rise in levels compared to what exists today along Eglinton. Noise and vibration from electrified service like this is mainly from the wheel on rail contact and there are several ways to address that at the track level, through the design. Metrolinx has a toolkit of mitigations that can be applied to address noise concerns through construction and operations. We also know that graffit is an issue along our corridors and we'll do everything we can to deter it from the outset. We'll work with the community to review options that have worked well on other projects and then explore opportunities that fit best with this project.

We appreciate that this is a large piece of infrastructure and a big change in the community but we will continue working with the community on the design as well as opportunities for public realm improvements underneath.

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