

## Eglinton Crosstown West Extension LIVE - March 16, 2021

### Elevated vs. tunneled

Anonymous  
Mar 26, 2021 - 12:54

Please state all the reasons why the proposal calls for the section between Jane and Scarlett to be elevated vs. tunneled.

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### Answer

Metrolinx  
Mar 26, 2021 - 15:36

The key consideration is that the area between Scarlett Road and Jane Street is in an identified flood plain zone. Tunneling would require building underneath three flood-prone waterways (under the Humber River) and present significant environmental and technical challenges to building and operating the line. Elevating the Eglinton Crosstown West Extension between Scarlett Road and Jane Street eliminates these challenges and will help to prevent potential service disruptions along the corridor during times of heavy rain and flooding. We appreciate that residents have questions and concerns about the elevated guideway, and we will work with the community to minimize impacts and build the structure with your input.

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### 3D model

Anonymous  
Mar 26, 2021 - 12:55

Was a 3D model (to scale) prepared to show where the elevated track will be built and what the final result will look like? Is it accessible to the public?

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### Answer

Metrolinx  
Mar 26, 2021 - 15:37

We're working towards renderings as part of the early design process and expect to have more to share this year. The elevated guideway, the stations and other major elements of the project that people are very interested in are all part of the second work package. Work doesn't start on these pieces until approximately 2025. We will be providing updates and seeking feedback from the community many times between now and then.

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### Electric car charging points

Anonymous  
Mar 26, 2021 - 13:00

What are your plans for electric car charging points at the new stations? By the time they are built, electric cars will be commonplace.

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### Answer

Metrolinx  
Mar 26, 2021 - 15:37

The stations will prioritize connections made by transit, walking and cycling. We are not building parking lots at the stations.

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### Why does it take so long to build transit here

Anonymous  
Mar 26, 2021 - 13:04

Why does it take so long to build transit here in North America? It seems in Asia and even Europe they can have this type of line done in 5-7 years and not 10.

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### Answer

Metrolinx  
Mar 26, 2021 - 15:38

We recognize the need to deliver more transit quickly and safely. The ECWE was announced with three other priority subway projects in 2019, and since then a significant amount of planning and design work has advanced quickly. Metrolinx and Infrastructure Ontario are working together to deliver the project by 2030-31. This period of 10 years also includes the design and procurement process.


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### Surface stop connection

Anonymous  
Mar 26, 2021 - 13:04

How can a surface stop connect to other transit systems in Mississauga.


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 Answer

Metrolinx  
Mar 26, 2021 - 15:45

We're building the station near the existing Renforth Terminal where local transit access is well organized already. The new station will be designed and built for a seamless customer experience. It will be a mix of underground/above ground like the BRT route is already.

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 Trades and careers

Anonymous  
Mar 26, 2021 - 13:05

How will Metrolinx ensure that youth like myself can take part in trades and careers from this project? I would like to apply to work here as I live close thank

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 Answer

Metrolinx  
Mar 26, 2021 - 15:45

Metrolinx is working with MTO & other Ministries, to develop the requirements for the subway projects. We are hoping to announce this as soon as the requirements are finalized.


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 Excavation

Anonymous  
Mar 26, 2021 - 13:07

When do expect the tunnel boring machine to begin excavating for Eglinton West extension?

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 Answer

Metrolinx  
Mar 26, 2021 - 15:47

We have just recently identified the West End Connectors as the first negotiations proponent for that work. As we continue to finalize details with them, we also expect they will begin work on the launch shaft this summer and the tunnel boring machines to begin digging in 2022. We'll have a more defined timeline later this year.

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 Side platforms

Anonymous  
Mar 26, 2021 - 13:09

Can the extension have at least side platforms on one of the underground stations just like the TTC


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 Answer

Metrolinx  
Mar 26, 2021 - 15:50

We are still in the early design stage for stations and have been looking at both options and the different benefits of each. We will have more information to share during engagement later this year. Stay tuned!


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 Infill stations

Anonymous  
Mar 26, 2021 - 13:09

once the extension opens will there be any infill stations or stops?

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 Answer

Metrolinx  
Mar 26, 2021 - 15:51

We don't anticipate any additional stations on this route but we're also not excluding the potential. In the early design stages, many different stations were considered along the route. The design we're moving forward with is seven new stations and each of those connect with the major surface, local bus connections available. We've maximized the locations based on nearby people, destinations and local transit connections. Although it is not impossible to add an additional tunneled station in the future, it would be a huge undertaking and would likely require shutting down the line.

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### Plans to improve connections

Anonymous  
Mar 26, 2021 - 13:10

Any plans to improve the connection between the 2 west-most stations (Renforth and Martin Grove) and the high-density and car-dependent West/East Mall areas?

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### Answer

Metrolinx  
Mar 26, 2021 - 15:52

We're planning for good connections to TTC at the existing Renforth BRT terminal, however, it's the City of Toronto and TTC that determine any improvements to their transit routes. You may find more information if you contact them directly.

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### Traffic flow and access to Emmett from Eglinton

Anonymous  
Mar 26, 2021 - 13:11

During and after construction, what is the anticipated traffic flow and access to Emmett from Eglinton, and for how long?

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### Answer

Metrolinx  
Mar 26, 2021 - 15:53

The community will never lose vehicle access during construction or throughout operations. There will be changes to accommodate construction but at no point will access to the health care centre or the buildings on Emmett Avenue be closed off. We're still working on the design with the City of Toronto and will bring our thoughts to the community at a future engagement this year.

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### Condo developments west of Scarlett

Anonymous  
Mar 26, 2021 - 13:11

Do pending condo developments west of Scarlett have any impact on your decision to tunnel?

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### Answer

Metrolinx  
Mar 26, 2021 - 16:03

The surrounding areas are factored into our decision but the key reason the first tunnel portion ends west of Scarlett is because we are building an elevated guideway to go over the Humber River.

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### Opportunity to reduce costs

Anonymous  
Mar 26, 2021 - 13:12

Is there an opportunity to reduce costs by 1) having more of the line at surface or elevated? 2) use cut and cover rather than tunneling for u/g sections?

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### Cycling infrastructure

Anonymous  
Mar 26, 2021 - 13:12

What are your plans for expanding/improving cycling infrastructure between Mt Dennis and Renforth?

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### Vibrations

Anonymous  
Mar 26, 2021 - 13:13

For the townhouses adjacent to Eglinton between Islington to Martin Grove. Will there be any vibrations from the train? The tunnel is very close to the houses.

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### Noise

Anonymous  
Mar 26, 2021 - 13:14

Noise is often maintenance not design. Who will maintain the system and what regulations will control hours of work so we don't have rail grinding at 3am?

0 likes 0 replies

### LRT trains

Anonymous  
Mar 26, 2021 - 13:14

Are new LRT trains needed for this extension?

0 likes 0 replies

### Answer

MetroInx  
Mar 26, 2021 - 16:04

Yes, we will need to order additional light rail vehicles however the specific details and number required are part of the stations, rail and systems work that is only in the early design stage. Stay tuned. We do anticipate it will be the same vehicle used on the Crosstown LRT because they'll be running from end to end across the line and stored in the same facility at Black Creek/Eglinton. Changes to fleet would be made in close partnership with TTC who is operating the line.

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### Airport extension

Anonymous  
Mar 26, 2021 - 13:14

What's the progress on the airport extension. Will the line head to the airport terminals or the Pearson Transit Hub.

0 likes 0 replies

### Answer

MetroInx  
Mar 26, 2021 - 16:05

The Province is committed to connecting with Pearson Airport. We are looking at the design options now with the GTAA, the City of Toronto and Mississauga. In 2019, the GTAA announced \$40 million in funding to advance technical work for the extension and there is a business case underway that will lay out the options and predicted costs etc. When that work is complete, we will share it for review. The GTAA is leading plans for a transit hub at the airport.

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### Cost effective to run it in the surface

Anonymous  
Mar 26, 2021 - 13:18

What would be more cost effective is run it in the surface? A mirror to what is already being built east of Leaside?

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### Vibrations and construction impact

Anonymous  
Mar 26, 2021 - 13:19

As Emmett Ave is sloping downwards, what kind of impact will the vibrations and construction cause on the four buildings?

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### Sports and trail amenities

Anonymous  
Mar 26, 2021 - 13:20

What sports and trail amenities will be lost from the Eglinton Flats how will they be replaced so that the immediate community, esp high rise, does not suffer.

0 likes 0 replies

### Answer

MetroInx  
Mar 26, 2021 - 16:06

None of the existing community facilities including sports and trail amenities will be lost during construction or operations.


0 likes 0 replies

### TBM

Anonymous  
Mar 26, 2021 - 13:20


Is the project going to reuse the TBM used in the Eglinton Crosstown?

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 Answer  
Metrolinx  
Mar 26, 2021 - 16:07


Don and Lea are retired and two new TBMs will be procured for this project. Stay tuned for a TBM naming contest!

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 Duration  
Anonymous  
Mar 26, 2021 - 13:20


What's the duration of this expansion?

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 Answer  
Metrolinx  
Mar 26, 2021 - 16:07


Metrolinx and Infrastructure Ontario are working together to deliver the project by 2030-31.

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 Surface roads  
Anonymous  
Mar 26, 2021 - 13:21


Will the surface roads be repaved from one end to the other?

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 Answer  
Metrolinx  
Mar 26, 2021 - 16:08


We will ensure roads will be restored wherever we anticipate impacts from construction.

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 Topham Pond  
Anonymous  
Mar 26, 2021 - 13:26


How will Topham Pond be protected during this construction?

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 Answer  
Metrolinx  
Mar 26, 2021 - 16:08


Construction of the elevated guideway is on the north side of Eglinton and no impacts are foreseen at Topham Pond. If you have specific concerns that we're misunderstanding here please contact Kelly directly at [crosstown@metrolinx.com](mailto:crosstown@metrolinx.com).

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 Bridge  
Anonymous  
Mar 26, 2021 - 13:26


Will the bridge be widened to accommodate the train tracks, or will the existing bridge suffice?

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 Answer  
Metrolinx  
Mar 26, 2021 - 16:09


A new bridge over the Humber River will be built on the north side of the existing bridge to carry the tracks.

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 Re-configure major intersections into roundabouts  
Anonymous  
Mar 26, 2021 - 13:27

Would it be possible to re-configure the major intersections along Eglinton Avenue West at Royal York, Islington, Kipling, and Martin Grove into roundabouts?

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 Answer  
Metrolinx  
Mar 26, 2021 - 16:10

That type of decision and work is beyond our scope and best addressed with City of Toronto transportation services.

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### Webcams along construction areas

Anonymous  
Mar 26, 2021 - 13:28

Could webcams be installed along the construction areas (stations, portals) for the "internet" supervisors, and watch the progress?

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### Answer

Metrolinx  
Mar 26, 2021 - 16:10

Good idea! Our community relations team will be using video and photo to show progress. We'll consider this in our toolkit.

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### Kipling-Eglinton West intersection (roundabout)

Anonymous  
Mar 26, 2021 - 13:29

Could the Kipling-Eglinton West intersection (roundabout) get a "triumph" arch or monument as a "gateway" entrance into the capital of Ontario, Toronto?

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### Answer

Metrolinx  
Mar 26, 2021 - 16:11

That type of decision and work is beyond our scope and best addressed with City of Toronto transportation services.

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### Construction plans between Jane and Weston

Anonymous  
Mar 26, 2021 - 13:29

Why have the construction plans between Jane and Weston not been finalized yet but the west portion has?

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### Answer

Metrolinx  
Mar 26, 2021 - 16:11

The work is being done in two separate packages. The first package is the tunneling from Renforth to Scarlett and the second package includes all the infrastructure associated with stations, the elevated guideway, rail and systems installation. That work is still in the early design stage and needs time to complete before going to procurement. A lot of planning and design has been done since the project was announced in 2019, but there is still more to do for that second package.

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### Portal east of Jane

Anonymous  
Mar 26, 2021 - 13:30

How will the portal east of Jane affect the north entrance to Eglinton Flats?

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### Answer

Metrolinx  
Mar 26, 2021 - 16:12

Access to the park, the services and the homes will always be maintained from Eglinton during construction (and operations). We do anticipate changes to the existing access point to allow for construction of the elevated guideway and will have more to share later this year for public input.

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### Station names

Anonymous  
Mar 26, 2021 - 13:30

When will station names be decided and consultation conducted? It's an exciting part of the process!

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### Answer

Metrolinx  
Mar 26, 2021 - 16:14

The station naming will certainly be a part of a future update. It's great to see the interest and excitement for this! Stay tuned and be sure to sign up for the e-newsletter to stay on top of engagement opportunities.

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Public art at stations

Anonymous  
Mar 26, 2021 - 13:31

Will public art at stations be a part of this project?

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Kipling/Eglinton station

Anonymous  
Mar 26, 2021 - 13:32

Why isn't the Kipling/Eglinton station at the south west corner instead of its current position on the north west corner. The south west corner has less trees

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Process for securing contracts

Anonymous  
Mar 26, 2021 - 13:32

For local contractors and suppliers, what is the process for securing contracts.

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Answer

Metrolinx  
Mar 26, 2021 - 16:15

Procurement of the ECWE is being coordinated by Infrastructure Ontario – you can contact them by clicking [here](#). Infrastructure Ontario will be best equipped to answer your questions about the process of bidding for contracts related to the project.

For the ECWE, Metrolinx and Infrastructure Ontario have already begun procurement activities. To keep the project moving forward as quickly as possible, tunneling will begin first. Separate contracts will be issued in the future for the rest of the work, which includes building the stations, fitting out the tunnel and installing and commissioning the systems to put the line in service. Stay tuned for more info as it becomes available!

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Construction impact to sidewalks

Anonymous  
Mar 26, 2021 - 13:33

How will the construction impact sidewalks?

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Bridge over the 401

Anonymous  
Mar 26, 2021 - 13:34

Is there going to be a bridge over the 401 to the Airport?

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Answer

Metrolinx  
Mar 26, 2021 - 16:17

Metrolinx is actively collaborating with the GTAA and municipal partners on the potential connection from Renforth Drive to the airport.

In 2019, the GTAA announced \$40 million in funding to advance technical work for the extension and there is a business case underway now that will lay out the options and predicted costs etc. When that work is complete, we will share it for review.

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Footpath for pedestrians

Anonymous  
Mar 26, 2021 - 13:35


There's a foot path that acts as a shortcut east of scarlett west of Emmett on the north side.will that be closed off to pedestrians?

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Cell service in tunnels

Anonymous  
Mar 26, 2021 - 13:35


Will Metrolinx partner with a cellular provider(s) to provide cell service in the tunnels?

 Tunneling at Scarlett

Anonymous  
Mar 26, 2021 - 13:36

How is the tunnelling going to be created in front of the apartments at Scarlett Rd?

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 Bicycle garages

Anonymous  
Mar 26, 2021 - 13:40

Will bicycle garages (underground or overground) be built at the stations? With ----de-sac in Etobicoke, it will be a l-o-n-g walk to reach stations.

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 Reconfigure the bike path

Anonymous  
Mar 26, 2021 - 13:41

Will it be possible to reconfigure the bike path along Eglinton Avenue West in Etobicoke into a bicycle highway, with underpasses and overpasses?

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 Depth

Anonymous  
Mar 26, 2021 - 13:45

How deep will the dig be for the underground between Royal York and Renforth Station

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 Station depth/heights

Anonymous  
Mar 26, 2021 - 13:45

What are the station depth/ heights for the underground and elevated stations?

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 Hydro corridor lines around Eglinton/401/427/Kipling

Anonymous  
Mar 26, 2021 - 13:46

Will the hydro corridor lines around Eglinton/401/427/Kipling be buried or raised higher over the roadway?

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 Metrolinx' priority during construction

Anonymous  
Mar 26, 2021 - 13:47

Is Metrolinx' priority during construction minimizing the duration of construction (more disruptive) or minimizing disruption (longer and more expensive)?

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 Construction at Mount Dennis station

Anonymous  
Mar 26, 2021 - 14:11

How long do you anticipate construction to take place in the Mount Dennis section? What mitigation strategies will be used to make it less disruptive?

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 Construction between Jane and Weston

Anonymous  
Mar 26, 2021 - 14:13

How will the tunnel be constructed between Jane and Weston to allow the line to run from an underground elevation at Mt Dennis station to the elevation at Jane?

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 Jane/Scarlett elevated section

Anonymous  
Mar 26, 2021 - 14:19

State reasons why the Jane/Scarlett section will be elevated while Scarlett/Renforth section will be tunneled.

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 Kipling/Eglinton

Anonymous  
Mar 26, 2021 - 14:20

Kipling/eglinton townhomes are less than 10m from eglinton. Can the tunnel be nearer the south side of eglinton which will be under the road and bicycle path?

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 Noise protection

Anonymous  
Mar 26, 2021 - 14:20

How are you going to implement effective noise protection for the condos and apartments at Eglinton and Scarlett? The noise studies need to include high homes.


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 Elevated section

Anonymous  
Mar 26, 2021 - 14:21

What will the elevated section look like? Will there be an attempt to make it as visually unobtrusive as possible?

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 Lighting at elevated sections

Anonymous  
Mar 26, 2021 - 14:22

Will the elevated sections be lit up underneath to ensure pedestrian safety? Proper lighting is key to reducing crime and making vulnerable people feel safe.

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 Light rail vehicles

Anonymous  
Mar 26, 2021 - 14:22

When will the additional light rail vehicles for this project be ordered, and will they be the same models used on Phase 1 of the Crosstown?


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 How come the line isn't elevated all the way to Renforth

Anonymous  
Mar 26, 2021 - 14:23

How come the line isn't elevated all the way to Renforth. You'd save money on tunnelling while still providing excellent grade-separated service.


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 Pearson connection

Anonymous  
Mar 26, 2021 - 14:24

What is the status of the Pearson Connection? Will we be getting a new transit hub there?


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 Green space at the Humber River

Anonymous  
Mar 26, 2021 - 14:24

What are you doing to protect the green space at the Humber River? Are you going to build on it?


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 Environmental study between Jane/Scarlett

Anonymous  
Mar 26, 2021 - 14:25

What were the findings of the environmental study between Jane/Scarlett to mitigate the impact on the wildlife that is dependent on this treed area?

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 Trees along the section of Eglinton flats

Anonymous  
Mar 26, 2021 - 14:25

Is it necessary to remove all the trees along the section of Eglinton flats between Jane and Scarlett? Can this section be closer to Eglinton to avoid this?

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### Noise and vibration mitigation strategies

Anonymous

Mar 26, 2021 - 14:26

What mitigation strategies will be used to reduce noise and vibration from the elevated section of the along the Eglinton flats section?

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### Can the line west of Mount Dennis station remain underground

Anonymous

Mar 26, 2021 - 14:27

Can the line west of Mount Dennis station remain underground below Jane Street; preserving parks, mature trees while being quieter and less visually disruptive?

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### Site plans and elevation drawings of the above ground section

Anonymous

Mar 26, 2021 - 14:28

When will Metrolinx present site plans and elevation drawings of the above ground section of the Eglinton Crosstown West Extension to the public?

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### Access to Fergy Brown and Eglinton Flats during construction

Anonymous

Mar 26, 2021 - 14:28

How will vehicles access the Fergy Brown and Eglinton Flats during construction? Will there be permanent closures? Emmett?

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### Jane North LRT station

Anonymous

Mar 26, 2021 - 14:32

Why isn't the proposed Jane North LRT station developed on the northwest corner rather than the more heavily treed wetland habitat corner of Fergy Brown Park?

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### [A new stacked bridge over the Humber River](#)

Anonymous

Mar 26, 2021 - 14:32

Wouldn't a new stacked bridge over the Humber River be more cost-effective than building & maintaining a raised line between Jane & Scarlett Road? Save trees!

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## Community Open House

In case you missed the Eglinton Crosstown West Extension open house hosted on July 26, 2022 at 6:00 PM, you can [view the event material](#).

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