

# **Kitchener Fourth Track Project Virtual Engagement**

**September 8, 2022  
7-8:30 p.m.**

# Land Acknowledgement

- Let us take a moment to acknowledge we are on lands that have been, and continue to be, home to many Indigenous Peoples including the Anishnabeg, the Haudenosaunee and the Huron-Wendat peoples.
- We are all Treaty people. Many of us have come here as settlers, as immigrants or involuntarily as part of the trans-Atlantic slave trade, in this generation, or generations past.
- We acknowledge the historic and continued impacts of colonization and the need to work towards meaningful reconciliation with the original caretakers of this land.
- We acknowledge that Metrolinx operates on territories and lands covered by many treaties that affirm and value the rights of Indigenous communities, Nations and Peoples.
- We understand the importance of working towards reconciliation with the original caretakers of this land. At Metrolinx, we will conduct business in a manner that is built on a foundation of trust, respect and collaboration.

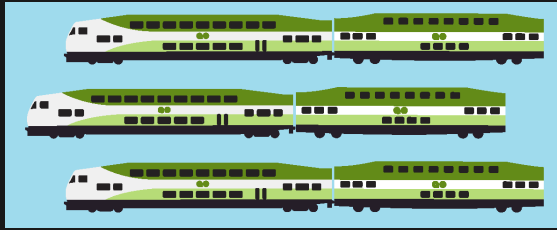
# Safety Moment

# Agenda

- Panel Introduction
- GO Expansion Overview
- Project Overview
- Project Schedule
- What To Expect Next
- Panel QA
- Community Engagement

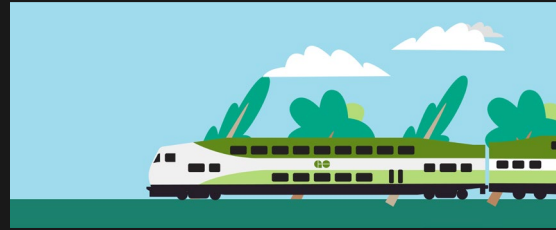
# GO Expansion Overview

# THE RIGHT INVESTMENT AT THE RIGHT TIME; GO RAIL EXPANSION WILL ENABLE:



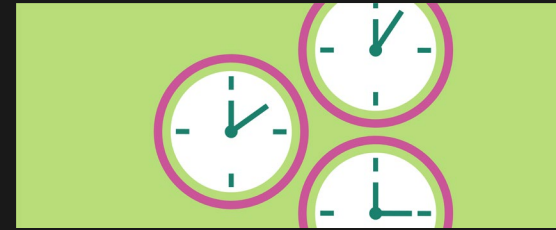
## MORE TRIPS

**3x more trips from 3500 weekly trips in 2019**



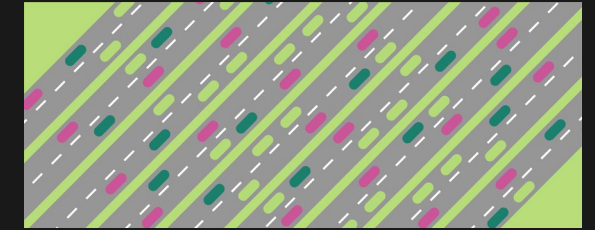
## FASTER TRAVEL

Electric trains **accelerate and decelerate faster**. Introduction of **additional express** services.



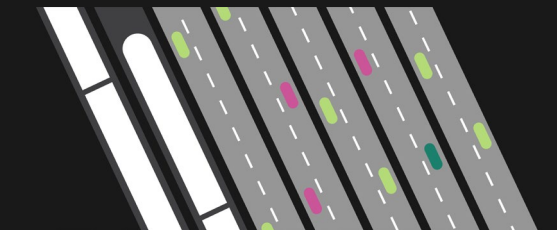
## HIGH FREQUENCY

No need to check a schedule with service averaging every 5 minutes during peak periods, and 10 minutes evenings and weekends



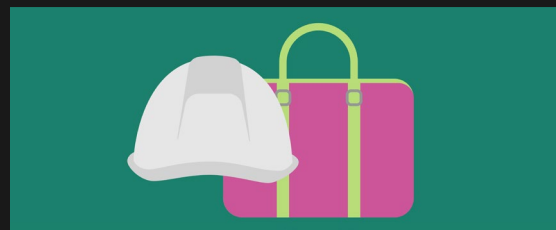
## MORE CAPACITY

Doubling regional commuter capacity equivalent to **nine highways the size of the 401**



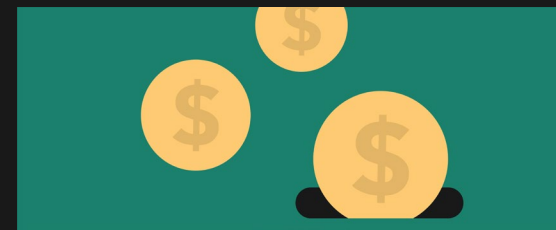
## REDUCED CONGESTION

More trains = reduced congestion across the **region, taking close to 145,000 car trips per day, off the road**



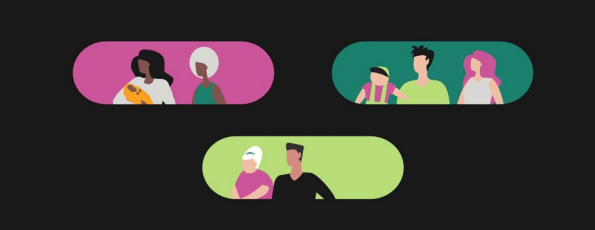
## CREATE JOBS

An estimated **8,300 annual jobs** created for the first 12 years of delivery will be created over the lifecycle of the program



## SAVES TAXPAYERS MONEY

All operating costs covered with fare box revenue. **GO Rail revenues will exceed 110%** of operating costs over the next 60 years



## INCREASED RIDERSHIP

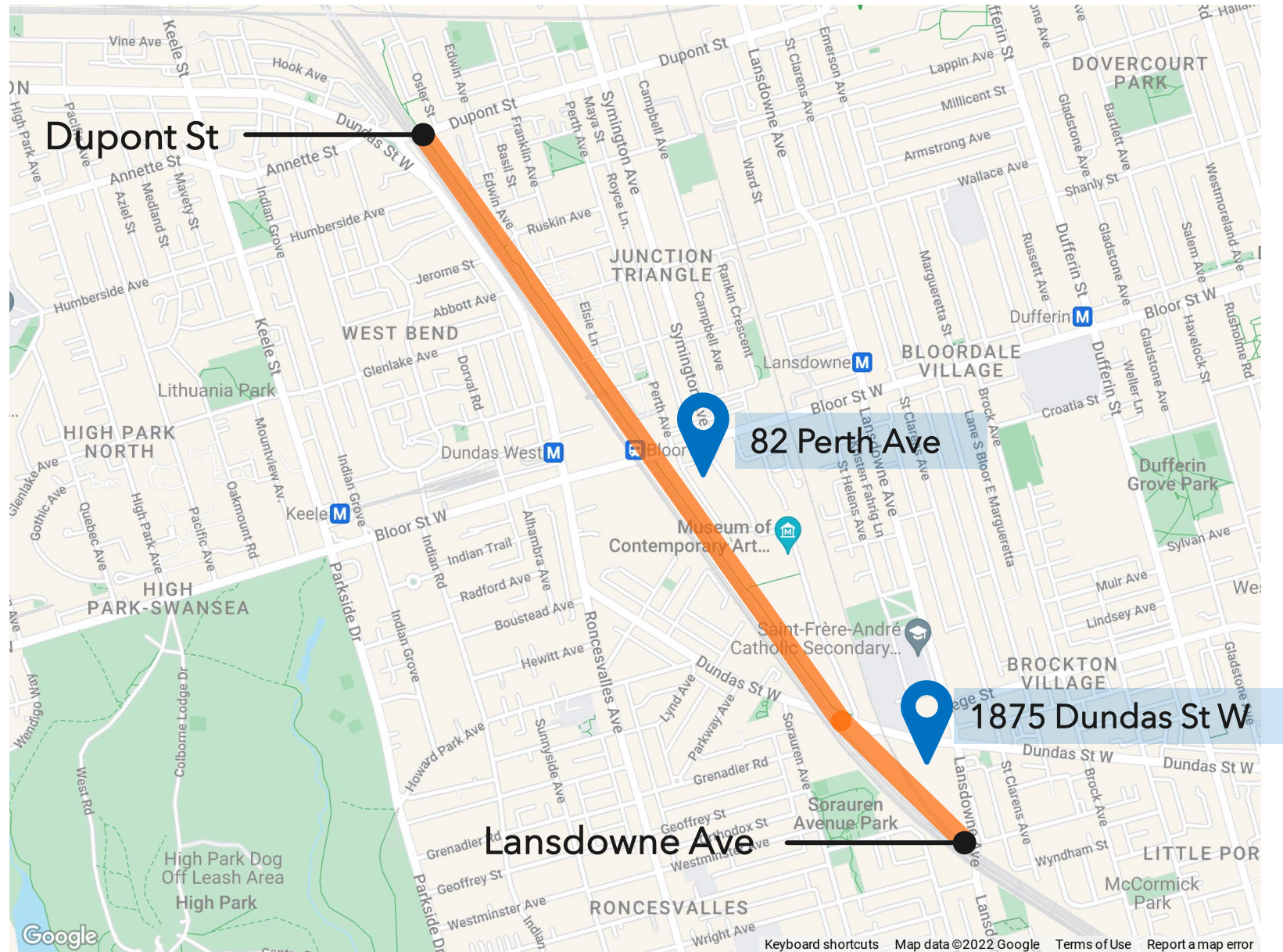
More options and faster trains will increase peak and off-peak service. **By 2055, annual ridership will exceed 200 million.**

# Project Overview



# PROJECT LOCATION

Kitchener GO Rail Corridor and  
West Toronto Railpath from  
Lansdowne Ave to Dupont St



## PROJECT OVERVIEW

- **In-Corridor Work (Kitchener Rail Corridor)**
  - A new 2.5-kilometer section of fourth track will be installed from Lansdowne Avenue to Dupont Street, on the east side of the corridor
  - Grading and drainage
  - Retaining walls, noise walls, high-security fencing
- **Off-corridor work (West Toronto Railpath):**
  - Path realignment from Wallace Avenue to south of Bloor Street West (675 meters)
  - Shifting of the existing rail bridge at Bloor Street West
  - A new pedestrian tunnel will connect Bloor GO Station with Randolph Avenue and a covered pedestrian pavilion will be added to access the station
  - A new park at Ernest Avenue (740 meters of new community space)
  - Landscaping (trees, shrubs, grasses, vines and furniture)



# PROJECT SCHEDULE



Tree Clearing  
(**Aug** 2022)



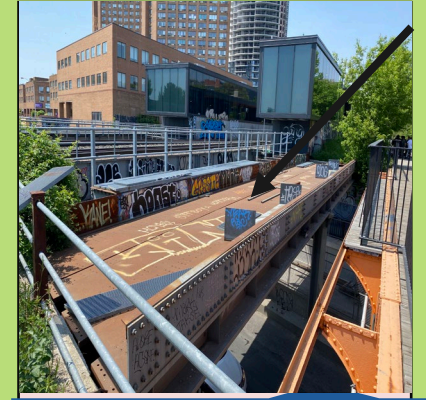
Site Furniture Removals  
& Relocation  
(**Aug** 2022)



Trackbed Grading  
(Aug 2022)



Noise/Retaining Wall  
Installation (Aug 2022)



Shifting of Rail Carrying  
Bridge at Bloor St. (Oct  
2022)



Bloor GO Tunnel  
(Nov 2022) **Ph1**  
Pedestrian Diversion



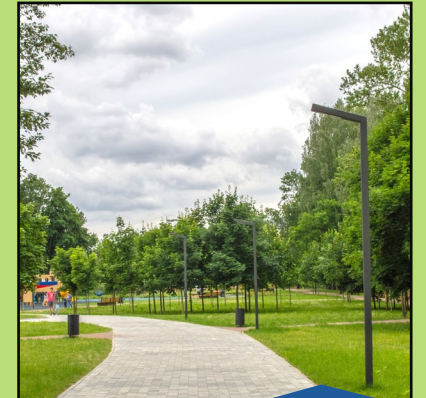
Track Work (May 2023)



WTRP Realignment  
(Nov 2023) **Ph2**  
Pedestrian Diversion



WTRP Realignment  
(March 2024) **Ph3**  
Pedestrian Diversion



Landscaping  
(May 2024)

# PHASE 1 - PEDESTRIAN DIVERSION

- **Scope:**
  - Bloor GO Tunnel Construction
- **Start:**
  - Nov 2022
- **Duration:**
  - 1 year

-  Diversion
-  Closed

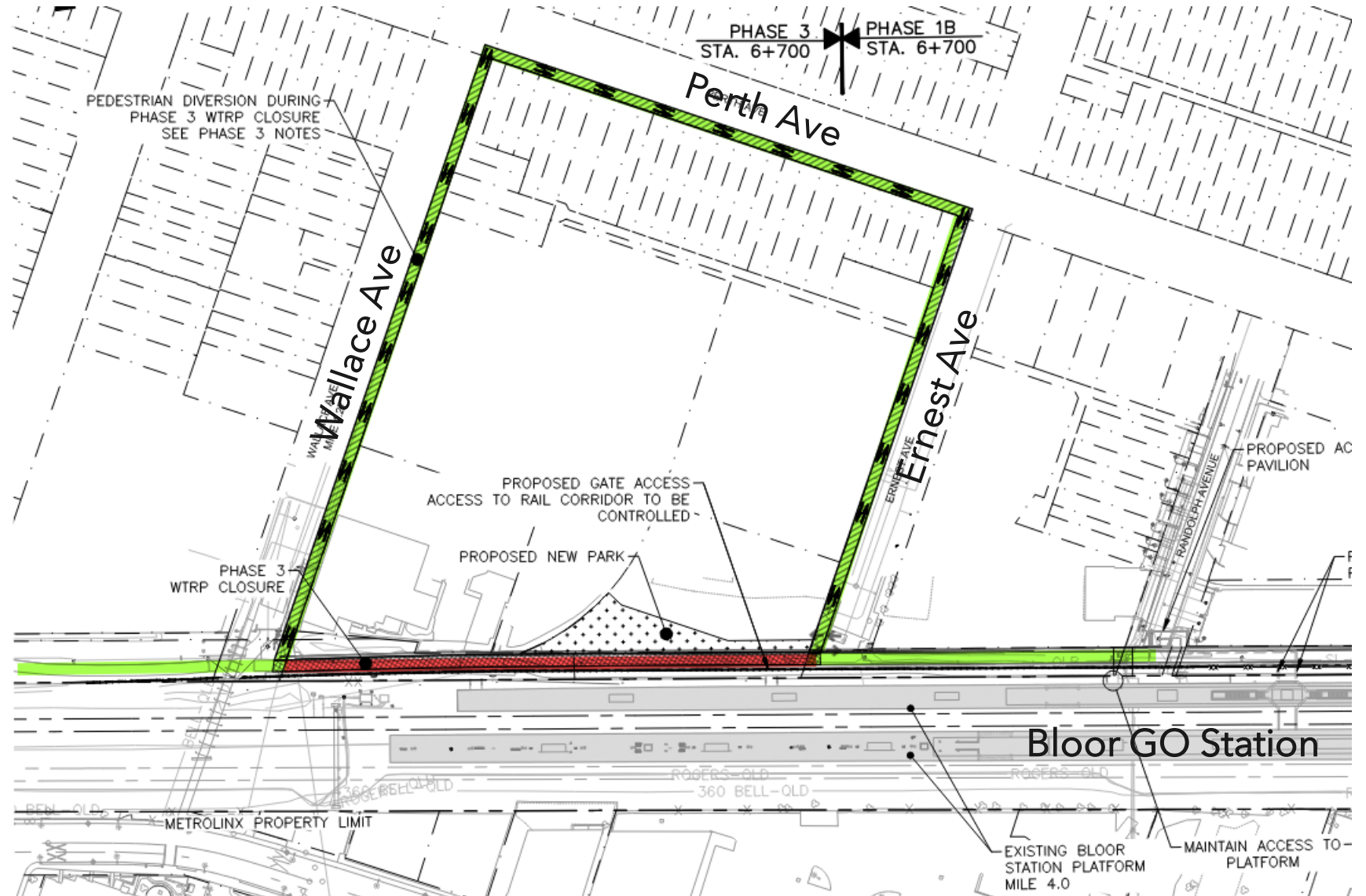




## PHASE 2 - PEDESTRIAN DIVERSION

- **Scope:**
  - WTRP Realignment (North of Bloor)
  - New Park
- **Start:**
  - Nov 2023
- **Duration:**
  - 4.5 months

-  Diversion
-  Closed

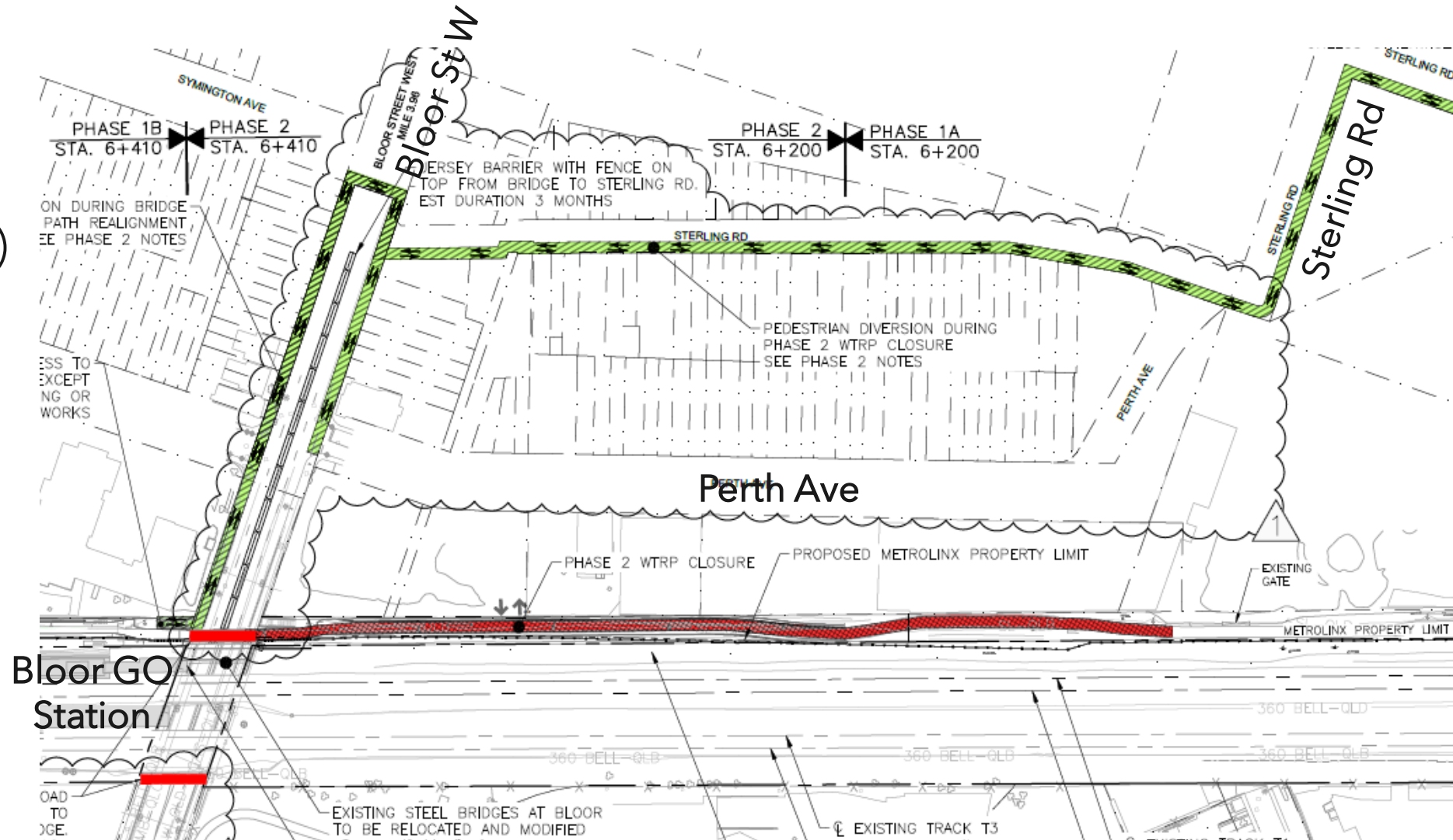


# PHASE 3 - PEDESTRIAN DIVERSION

- **Scope:**
  - WTRP Realignment (South of Bloor)
- **Start:**
  - Mar 2024
- **Duration:**
  - 3 months

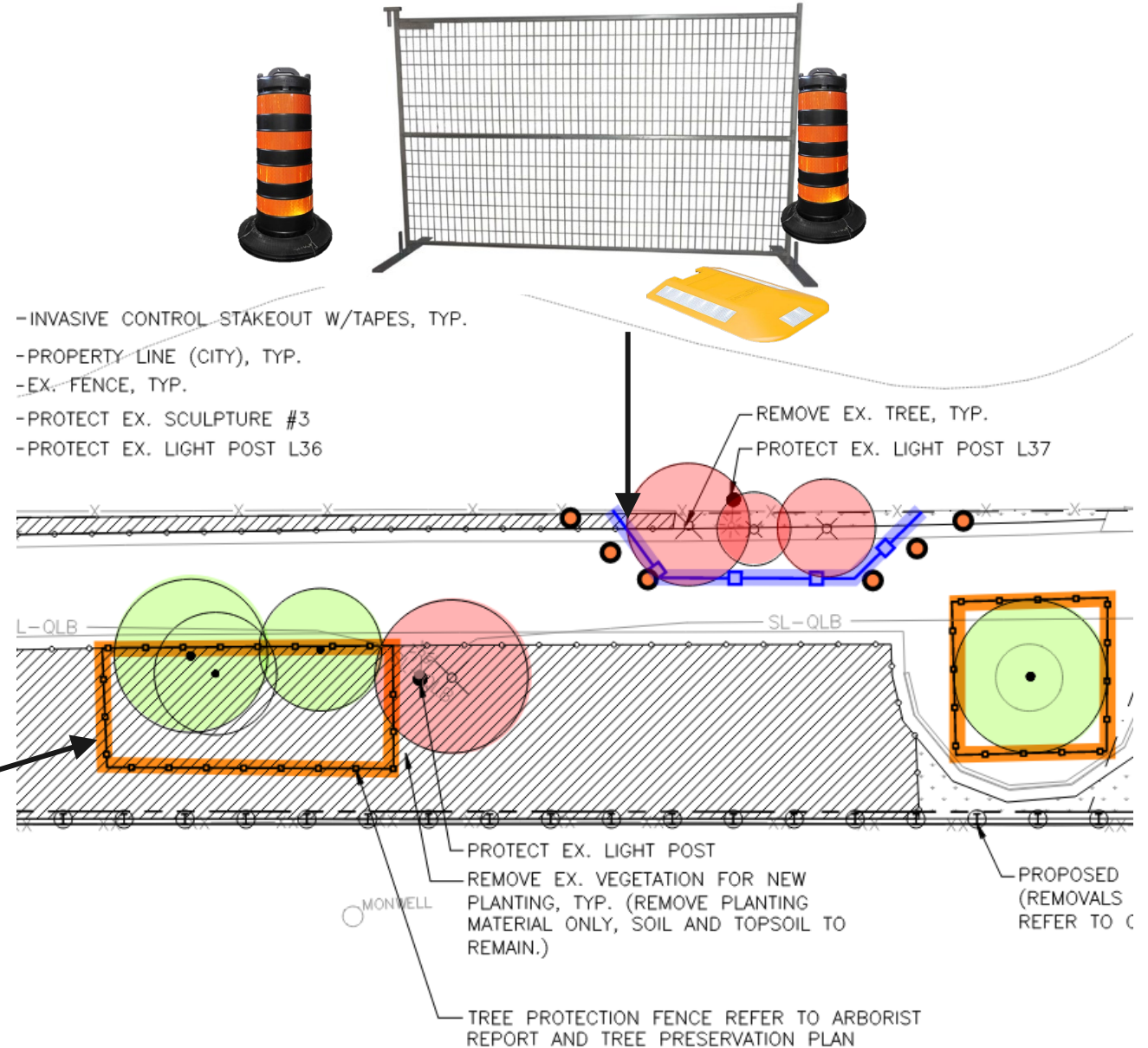
\* Bridge sidewalks to be closed for 1 weekend only

-  Diversion
-  Closed



# WHAT TO EXPECT NEXT

- Tree Identification and Removal
  - Mark trees for removal
  - Install tree protection fencing
  - Rolling closures to protect path users during tree cutting



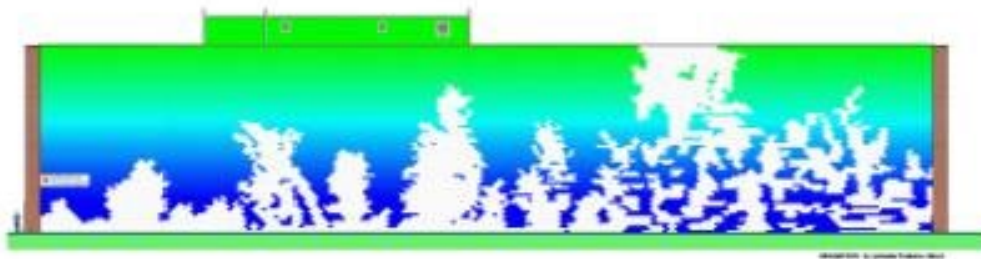


## WHAT TO EXPECT NEXT

- **Rail Corridor Clearing and Grading**
  - Trees and vegetation inside the rail corridor will be removed
  - Machinery such as dozers, excavators and dump trucks will begin grading the track bed







Existing gradation mural (Lynnette Postuma) to be protected / maintained



Existing pause platforms (DeRAIL) to be maintained



Carl Stahl X-TEND Stainless Steel Cable Mesh  
Expressway Trellis, Chicago IL 2003



Brown + Storey Architects - Green Screen Wall Pilot Project, 2016  
"Proposed Green Wall to be 3m height



Street ending terminus signage to be part of artwork strategy. Signage  
to be semi-transparent adhesive overlayed on acrylic noisewall panel.



Existing art (Frontier, John Dickson) to be relocated in cooperation with artist



Tunnel Entrance Pavilion – From Randolph



Tunnel Entrance Pavillion – Interior

# Panel QA

# COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Updates will be communicated to the community via:

- Canada Post Mail Drops
- Weekly Toronto West e-newsletter
- Project Website ([metrolinx.com/kitchener](http://metrolinx.com/kitchener))
- Monthly Construction Liaison Committee (CLC) meetings – second Thursday of every month from 4-5 p.m.
- Virtual Public Meetings
- Community Pop-ups
- Signage
- Toronto West phone number: 416-202-6911
- Toronto West email: [TorontoWest@metrolinx.com](mailto:TorontoWest@metrolinx.com)
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# Thank you

