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Lower Don Bridge and
Don Yard Early Works
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The Ontario Line will transform transit in Toronto, getting hundreds of thousands of people where they need to be—better, faster and easier than today. However, we know that a project of this size and complexity means we need to help communities plan for and adjust to some changes both during and after construction.

Public input is vital to the project and we thank you for your patience as we complete the necessary studies and investigations to support more detailed plans which will be shared with the public as they are available.

We are doing our part to protect our staff and the public during the COVID-19 virus. During this time, our engagement has moved to a virtual format.

Our team is continuing to support our residents, business and communities. Please [contact us](#) with any questions.

What's New?

Information available for public review:

- [Draft Early Works Report: Corktown Station](#) – available for public review and comment until June 11, 2021
- [Preliminary Design Business Case](#) – outlining the latest in Ontario Line benefits
- [Final Early Works Report: Exhibition Station](#) – public feedback received and incorporated

Corktown Station

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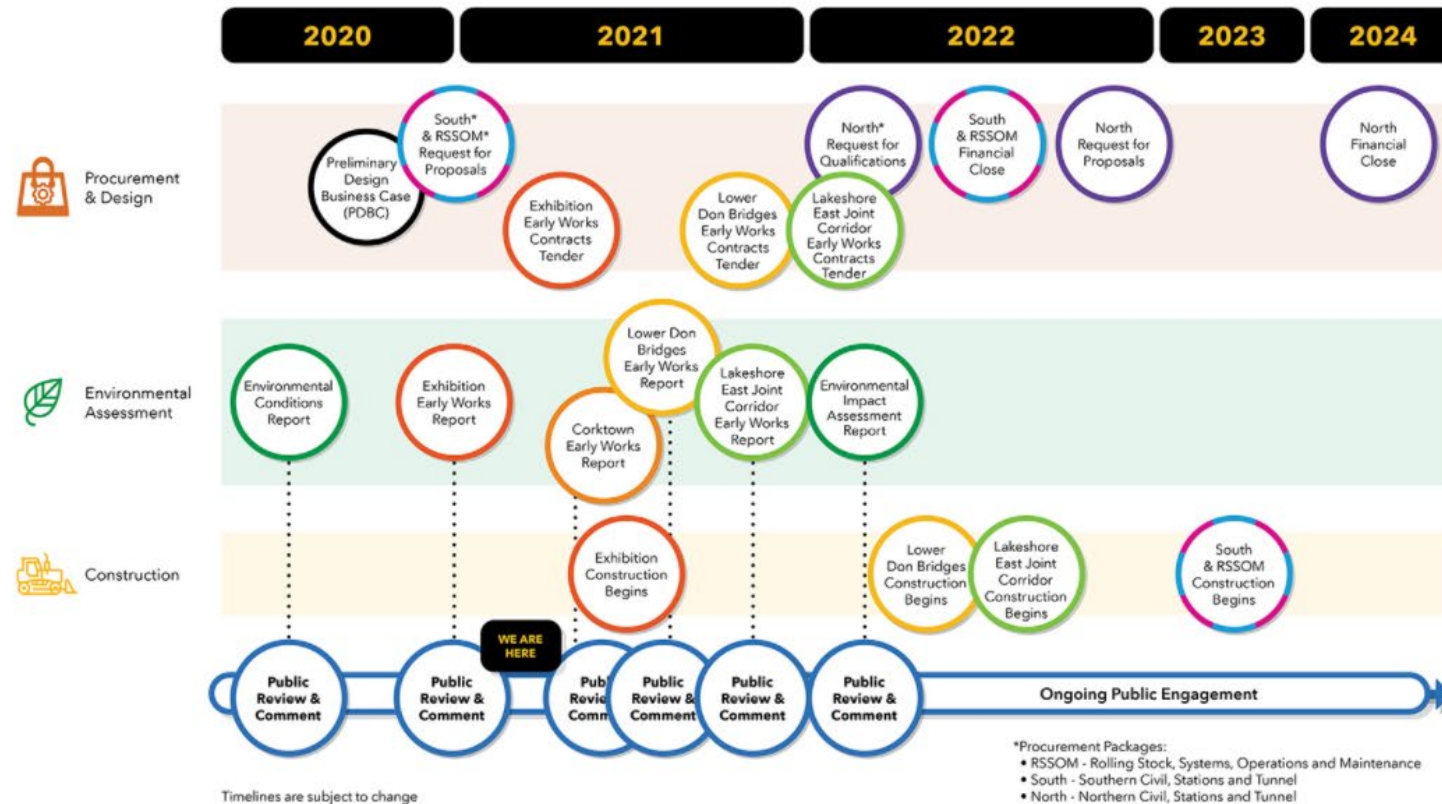
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- Final Environmental Conditions Report – updated with feedback received during the consultation period

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Neighbourhood Updates

View neighbourhood updates for all four segments of the line.



Your Feedback & Frequently Asked Questions

View answers to the some of the most popular questions we've heard.



Construction

Building a subway in developed neighbourhoods across a large and busy city is a complex design and engineering undertaking.



Procurement

Metrolinx is committed to delivering the Ontario Line through a Public-Private Partnership (P3) that is cost-effective, efficient and accountable.



Trains & Technology

The Ontario Line will deliver better, faster, more reliable and more frequent service using modern technology that has been proven and adopted by subway systems around the world.



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The Ontario Line - Environment

By its nature, providing reliable, safe and accessible public transportation brings environmental and social benefits. Metrolinx is committed to the preservation and protection of the environment, while working to provide an integrated and sustainable transportation system. To maintain strong environmental oversight, Metrolinx is conducting a thorough environmental assessment – including studying existing environmental conditions and completing an environmental impact assessment. The below graphic shows the different environmental conditions that have been studied throughout the Ontario Line study area and the different reports that we will use to share those findings.

Environmental Conditions



Ontario Line Environmental Reports

Impact Assessment

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Environmental Assessment Process

Ontario Line Environmental Reporting Timeline

In keeping with the process outlined in [O. Reg. 341/20](#), Metrolinx is advancing Environmental Conditions, Early Works and Environmental Impact Assessment Reports.

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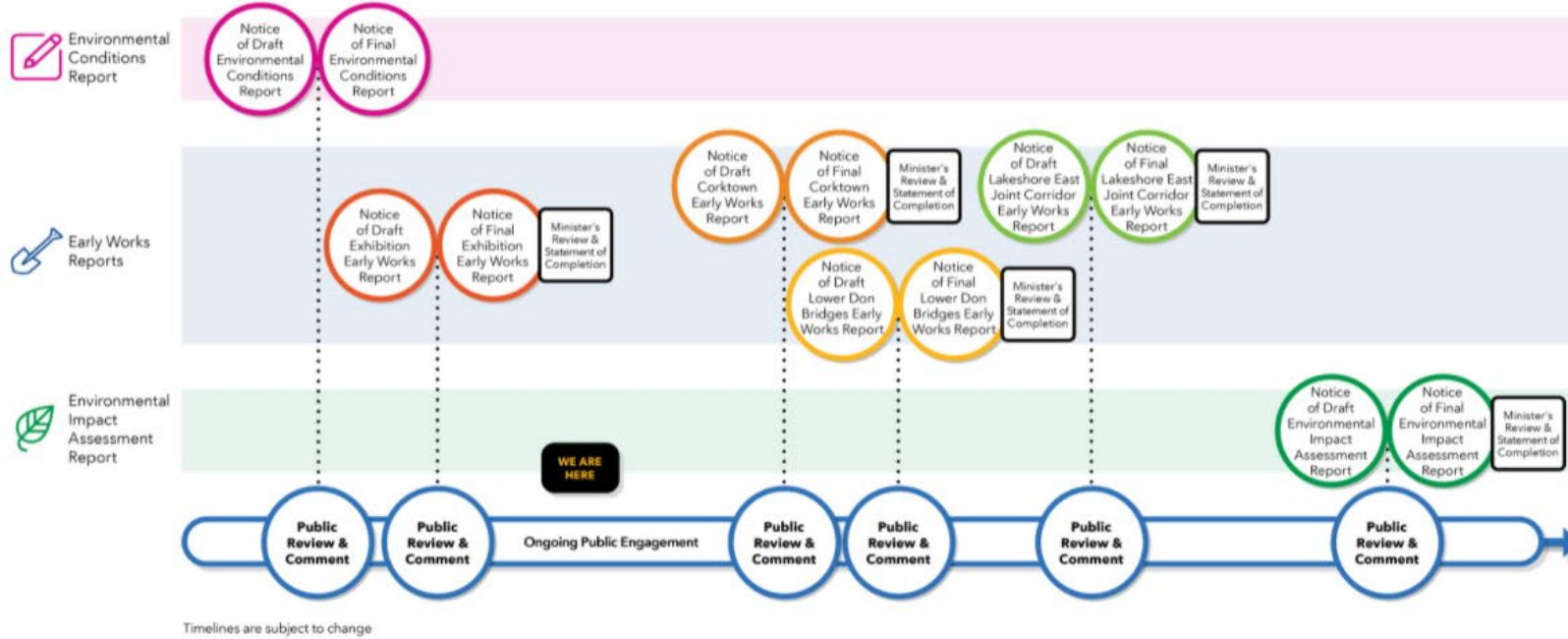
2021

2022

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Environmental Conditions Report

Early Works

Early works are components of the Ontario Line Project that are anticipated to be ready to proceed before completion of the Environmental Impact Assessment Report, such as station construction, rail corridor expansion, utility relocation or bridge replacement or expansion, as defined in [O. Reg. 341/20](#).

Early Works Reports will provide a description of the early works and alternatives considered, document local environmental conditions, and outline early works-specific environmental impacts, mitigation measures, monitoring activities, potentially required permits and approvals and other components.

Ontario Line early works are being advanced where the Project interfaces with other concurrently planned transit projects (i.e., GO Expansion) and where portions of the alignment run in parallel to the existing Lakeshore East and Lakeshore West GO rail corridors.

Advancing work in these areas will facilitate timely implementation of the Ontario Line Project and provides planning, design and implementation efficiencies for ongoing projects such as GO Expansion.

At this time, the following Ontario Line early works are being planned:

- **Exhibition Station** – an extension to the existing passenger tunnel; a temporary pedestrian bridge; a new north platform and accompanying shift of the northern two GO tracks; and, utility relocation and protection. [Learn more.](#)
- **Corktown station** – early works planned at the station serving Corktown (and future launch shaft site) are integral to the project’s construction schedule. These early works include removal of existing buildings, other structures and asphalt, decommissioning of utilities, and soil removal and/or remediation where required. These activities will enable the completion of environmental due diligence investigations, including archaeological assessments at the First Parliament site, that are required in advance of site preparation for future construction staging and laydown, future tunnel and below ground construction activities, and other work associated with the future Corktown Station. [Learn more.](#)
- **Lower Don Bridges** – building a new bridge north of the existing rail bridge over the Lower Don River that will carry the Ontario Line tracks.
- **Don Yard** – shifting GO tracks in the Don Yard and nearby rail corridor west of the bridge to accommodate Ontario Line infrastructure; modifying the existing rail bridge to accommodate future GO track shifts and Ontario Line infrastructure; and relocating and protecting utilities and signal infrastructure in the area.
- **Lakeshore East Joint Corridor** – rearranging tracks in the corridor between Eastern Avenue and Logan Avenue to accommodate four GO rail tracks and two Ontario Line tracks, including: grading; installation or upgrading of vegetated slopes or retaining walls and noise barriers next to the corridor, where appropriate; relocation or protection of utilities; and bridge work at the existing Lakeshore East rail corridor bridges at

relocation or protection of utilities; and bridge work at the existing Lakeshore East rail corridor bridges at Queen, Dundas and Logan.

Exhibition Station, Lower Don Bridges, Don Yard and Lakeshore East Joint Corridor early works are being advanced where Ontario Line work will take place alongside other important transit expansion projects and where portions of the alignment run in parallel to the existing Lakeshore East and Lakeshore West GO rail corridors.

Learn more about the early works environmental assessment timeline under the process section, above.



Environmental Impact Assessment Report



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The Ontario Line will run from the Ontario Science Centre through downtown Toronto to Exhibition Station and Ontario Place.

Along its route, the Ontario Line will be traversing the traditional territories of many Nations, including the Anishnabeg, the Haudenosaunee and the Wendat Peoples, and in particular the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation. Metrolinx is committed to working with Indigenous communities to better understand the important histories and rights of the peoples that have and continue



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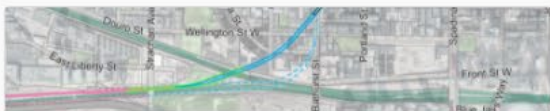
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the people that live and continue to live in this area.

- 1 West**
(Exhibition to Queen/Spadina)
- 2 Downtown**
(Osgoode to Don Yard)
- 3 East**
(East Harbour to Pape South)
- 4 North**
(Pape to Science Centre)



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(Exhibition to Queen/Spadina)



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The following maps show the alignment, or route of the line, and the proposed location of station platforms. Station structures, entrance locations and initial design concepts will be shared as further design work is completed. Teams continue to study how to minimize community impacts and improve connections for customers.

[East Harbour to Pape South](#)

[Lakeshore East Joint Corridor](#)

[Lower Don Bridge](#)



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To cross the Don River, a new Ontario Line bridge will be added on the north side of the existing rail bridge, with space for tracks going in both directions. The current plan for this area is to also provide pedestrian and cycling connections across the Don River to ensure communities continue to develop and thrive with improved transit. Lower Don Bridge and Don Yard early works will begin in 2022, after an early works environmental assessment and related community consultations conclude.

These improved connections will contribute to the other exciting revitalization efforts that are underway in the area.

[East Harbour](#)

[Leslieville](#)

[Alignment Considerations](#)

[Gerrard](#)

[Gerrard Tunnel Portal](#)

[Pape South](#)

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