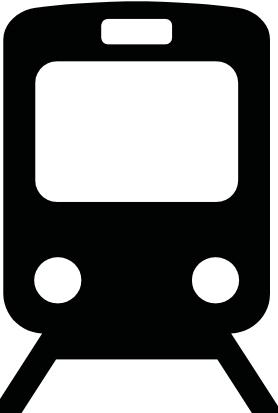
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### E.1 Executive Summary

Metrolinx and Infrastructure Ontario are undertaking an Addendum to the Environmental Project Report (EPR) for the Yonge North Subway Extension (YNSE). This study is following the requirements of the Transit Project Assessment Process (TPAP) under O. Reg. 231/08 and will address a change to the subway extension alignment, stations, and associated facilities.

Previous studies followed the TPAP for the YNSE. An EPR was completed by the Regional Municipality of York (York Region), York Region Rapid Transit Corporation, the City of Toronto and the Toronto Transit Commission in 2009 for the new subway extension. A further addendum to the EPR was prepared in 2014 to assess the potential environmental impacts associated with the identified Train Storage Facility (TSF) location that would accommodate up to 14 trains within the vicinity of the Richmond Hill Centre.

### E.1.1 Study Purpose

As part of the YNSE EPR Addendum process, this Existing Conditions and Impact Assessment Report has been prepared to document the current existing conditions within the Study Area, to undertake an assessment of the potential impacts associated with the currently proposed YNSE Project, and to identify mitigation and monitoring measures, as appropriate.

The Noise and Vibration Existing Conditions and Impact Assessment Report is intended to:

- 1. Characterize existing noise and vibration conditions, including documentation of the dominant sources of noise and vibration.
- 2. Complete noise and vibration monitoring of dominant noise and vibration sources.
- 3. Calculate the existing sound and/or vibration levels at representative sensitive receptors, which include existing road and railway traffic.
- 4. Calculate future sound and vibration levels from the project's operations at representative sensitive receptors.
- 5. Calculate future sound and vibration levels from the project's construction at representative sensitive receptors.
- 6. Identify mitigation measures that may be required to meet the applicable noise and vibration requirements.
- 7. Identify monitoring requirements and commitments to future work.

The Existing Conditions Report (Part A) provides inputs into the Impact Assessment stage of the study (Part B). The measured and/or calculated existing sound levels can be used in establishing the ambient sound levels to compare and assess against the sound levels of new project elements, such as tunnel ventilation fans or operations of proposed subway vehicles.

### **E.1.2 Existing Conditions**

The YNSE alignment runs primarily through developed areas. Typically, dominant existing noise sources include major roadways (such as Yonge Street and Steeles Avenue), railways (including both the CN Bala and York subdivisions), and Highway 407.



In order to identify receptors sensitive to noise and vibration, a review of existing land uses was carried out, which yielded that existing land uses include residential uses (with a mix of both high-rise and low-rise), commercial uses (such as offices, shopping centres, automotive dealerships), institutional uses (such as schools, places of worship, and cemeteries), and industrial uses. In general terms, this review of existing land uses was used to select the representative sensitive receptors to be used in the noise and vibration impact assessment. The noise and vibration baseline monitoring was completed at a selection of representative sensitive receptors. The monitoring indicated that the ambient sound levels along the corridor range from:

- 58 to 73 dBA L<sub>eq,16hr</sub> during the daytime period (7 a.m. to 11 p.m.); and
- 52 to 68 dBA L<sub>eq,8hr</sub> during the nighttime period (11 p.m. to 7 a.m.).

The quietest hourly equivalent sound levels range from:

- 41 dBA L<sub>eq,1hr</sub> to 70 dBA L<sub>eq,1hr</sub> during the daytime; and
- 37 dBA L<sub>eq,1hr</sub> to 64dBA L<sub>eq,1hr</sub> during the nighttime.

These sound levels are consistent with sound levels typically occurring in developed areas.

Vibration monitoring indicated levels well above the threshold of human perception (0.10 mm/s) near Finch Station. Otherwise, vibration levels at the monitored locations were well below human perception.

### **E.1.3 Summary of Potential Impacts, Mitigation Measures & Monitoring** Activities

### E.1.3.1 Key Findings

### E.1.3.1.1 Construction Noise

- The noise impact assessment conservatively assumed that all construction equipment would operate in a small work area closest to each sensitive receptor instead of being spread throughout a given site.
- Without mitigation, construction sound levels are predicted to exceed construction noise criteria at many sensitive receptors along the alignment.
- To reduce potential impacts, appropriate mitigation measures (see Part B for details) could be implemented in addition to the development and implementation of a construction noise management plan before construction begins.

### E.1.3.1.2 Construction Vibration

- The vibration impact assessment employed a conservative approach, where construction equipment was assumed to operate at the edge of a given construction site, closest to sensitive receptors.
- Without mitigation, there is the potential to exceed the vibration criteria at receptors located near the surface construction sites along the alignment.
- Tunneling using the tunnel boring machines is not expected to exceed the construction vibration criteria. Tunnelling support activities (such as the potential use of a temporary railway within the tunnels) have the potential to exceed the best-practice vibration criteria at some receptors located near the tunnels.



• The potential for exceedances will be reduced by implementing appropriate mitigation measures (see Part B for details) and through development and implementation of a plan to manage construction vibration before construction begins.

### E.1.3.1.3 Operational Noise

- The operational noise of the subway is predicted to meet the existing pre-project sound levels. Therefore, no mitigation is needed.
- The subway vehicle passby noise is predicted to meet or be below the passby noise criteria at any sensitive receptor along the alignment. Therefore, no mitigation is needed.
- With proven mitigation measures such as noise barriers, the sound levels from all stationary sources (including stations, ventilation equipment, traction power substations, bus terminals/loops, and train storage facility) are predicted to meet or be lower than the applicable criteria at all assessed sensitive receptors along the alignment (see Part B for more details).

### E.1.3.1.4 Operational Vibration

- Using proven and readily available mitigation measures, ground-borne vibration and ground-borne noise from subway operations are predicted to meet or be lower than the applicable criteria at all sensitive receptors along the alignment (see Potential Effects & Mitigation Measures for more details).
- As detailed design progresses, more detailed studies, including in-field testing, will be completed to define specific vibration control measures.

### E.1.3.2 Operational Noise and Vibration Criteria

### E.1.3.2.1 Subway Trains

- The noise and vibration criteria for the trains are provided by protocols provided by the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP).
- As there are no provincial requirements or standards for ground-borne noise, the criteria from the US Federal Transit Administration are used, similar to other recently completed transit projects. Noise and vibration mitigation will be investigated and implemented if a project is predicted to exceed any of the criteria.

### E.1.3.2.1 Stationary Facilities

The train storage facility (TSF) and facilities such as stations (which include ventilation equipment), traction
power substations and bus terminals were assessed in accordance with the Ministry of Environment,
Conservation and Parks, Environmental Noise Guideline - Stationary and Transportation Sources - Approval and
Planning (NPC-300). Noise and vibration mitigation will be investigated and implemented if a project is
predicted to exceed any of the criteria.

### **E.1.3.3 Potential Effects**

### E.1.3.3.1 Construction Noise and Vibration

• Without mitigation, there is potential for noise criteria and vibration criteria exceedances at some receptors near the surface construction sites along the alignment.



### E.1.3.3.2 Operational Noise and Vibration

- Without mitigation, there is potential for stationary facilities noise criteria exceedances as well exceedances of the ground-borne noise and vibration criteria at many receptors along the alignment.
- There are no predicted exceedances of the air-borne noise criteria from train operations at receptors along the alignment.

### **E.1.3.4 Mitigation Measures and Monitoring Activities**

The following is a summary of key mitigation measures – see **Table B 6-1** for the comprehensive list of mitigation measures and corresponding monitoring activities.

### E.1.3.3.1 Construction Noise

- Use equipment that meets the Provincial criteria in NPC-115.
- Ensure equipment is kept in good working order and operate with effective muffling devices where required. Provide smooth surfaces for vehicles to travel throughout the construction zones to help reduce impulsive noises such as tailgate banging of dump trucks.
- Develop construction staging plans that reduce noise at nearby sensitive receptors. This can include:
  - maximizing the separating distance from stationary equipment (such as generators and compressors) to the extent feasible,
  - o selecting truck staging areas that are as far away from sensitive receptors as feasible,
  - designing optimal truck routes that minimize on-site movement (especially reversing) and avoiding travel along the quieter residential streets.
- Schedule noisy activities during the daytime periods, where possible.
- Consider and erect temporary noise barriers or acoustic enclosures around noisy equipment such as concrete pumps, compressors, or generators and around long-term construction zones (such as the launch shaft), as required.
- Conduct real-time noise monitoring to identify sources of potential criteria exceedances and to implement additional mitigation measures to minimize the noise and vibration impacts, if required.
- Develop a communications protocol to provide notifications to the community on upcoming noisy activities, nighttime construction and their duration, and address complaints in a timely.

### E.1.3.3.2 Construction Vibration

- Implement vibration isolation solutions such as resilient fasteners for the temporary tracks used by the temporary service locomotives during tunneling or use rubber-tired service vehicles, as required.
- Minimize the gaps between adjoining rail segments in the temporary tracks.
- Conduct regular inspection and maintenance of the temporary tracks, service trains and railway cars to minimize noise and vibration during tunneling operations.
- Schedule vibration intensive activities such as vibratory compaction during the daytime periods where possible.
- Complete pre-construction condition surveys and conduct monitoring in accordance with City of Toronto Bylaw 514-2008 as required.



- Maximize distance between equipment and sensitive receptors, where possible.
- Select construction/maintenance methods and equipment with the least vibration impacts, where possible.
- Operate construction equipment on lower vibration settings where available.
- Heavy equipment traveling over bumps or inconsistencies in the surface can generate higher vibration levels. Maintain smooth surfaces throughout construction zones to reduce vibration levels from such activities.

### E.1.3.3.3 Operational Noise

- Deploy vehicle and track technology and related maintenance measures. These include regular wheel maintenance (to ensure smooth and round wheels) and rail grinding (which ensures smooth rails).
- For the stations, traction power supply substations and portal structure, implement the following mitigation:
  - All tunnel ventilation fan systems are to be provided with silencers, as required, to minimize noise and comply with the criteria outlined in MECP's noise guideline for stationary and transportation sources (NPC-300).
  - A 5.5m tall noise barrier at the Clark Station bus terminal, subject to further detailed design of the terminal.
- For the train storage facility, implement the following mitigation:
  - A 5.5m tall noise barrier along the western extent of the train storage facility, subject to further detailed design of the TSF.
  - o Implement quiet special track work such as moveable point frogs.
- Select facility (stations, TPSS, and TSF) mechanical and electrical equipment to minimize sound levels and meet NPC-300 criteria.

### E.1.3.3.4 Operational Vibration

- Implement mitigation measures such as floating slab track, ballast mats, resilient fasteners, and moveable point frogs, subject to further detailed design and studies, such as in-field measurements of the soils ability to transmit vibration.
- Implement regular vehicle and infrastructure maintenance such as rail grinding and wheel maintenance.

### **E.1.4** Permits/Approvals

An Environmental Activity Sector Registry or Environmental Compliance Approvals may be required for the traction power substations (TPSS) and the train storage yard (TSY). The required permits and approvals will be confirmed as part of detailed design.

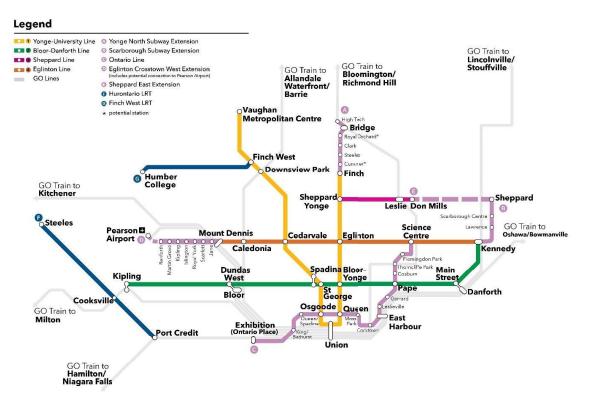


### A 1.0 Introduction

In 2009, the Regional Municipality of York, York Region Rapid Transit Corporation, the City of Toronto and the Toronto Transit Commission completed an Environmental Project Report (EPR) in accordance with the Transit Project Assessment Process (TPAP), to assess the potential environmental impacts of the proposed Yonge North Subway Extension (YNSE) Project. The study area was defined as Finch Avenue in the City of Toronto to Richmond Hill Centre Terminal at Highway 7 in the City of Richmond Hill, York Region. Notice to Proceed was given by the then Minister of Environment and Climate Change (now the Minister of Environment, Conservation & Parks [MECP]) and Statement of Completion was issued in April 2009.

In 2014, an EPR Addendum was carried out by the York Region Rapid Transit Corporation, in partnership with the Regional Municipality of York, Toronto Transit Commission (TTC), and the City of Toronto to assess the potential environmental impacts associated with the identified Train Storage Facility (TSF) location that would accommodate up to 14 trains within the vicinity of the Richmond Hill Centre. This EPR Addendum was completed in November 2014.

Subsequently in April 2019, the Government of Ontario announced a \$28.5 billion expansion to Ontario's transit network. This rapid transit project plan includes four key initiatives including: the Ontario Line, the Scarborough Subway Extension, Eglinton Crosstown West Extension, and the YNSE **(Figure A 1-1)**. The YNSE isan extension of TTC's Line 1 north from Finch Station to Richmond Hill.







### A 1.1 Initial Business Case

Metrolinx published the Yonge North Subway Extension Initial Business Case (IBC) and accompanying supplementary analysis on March 18, 2021. The IBC demonstrates how the Yonge North Subway Extension will significantly reduce travel times, grow the number of people who use public transit and serve the heart of major growth centres in Toronto and York Region. The scope and key objectives of the IBC were as follows:

- Document the details of the YNSE project, as contemplated at the time it was brought under the management of Metrolinx;
- Compare alternative alignments of the extension with a Business-As-Usual scenario;
- Investigate and evaluate options that might have additional transit benefits and/or reduced capital or operating costs; and
- Evaluate the performance of stations.

The Yonge North Subway Extension will bring higher-order rapid transit closer to a large number of residents and jobs in the intensification areas along the corridor, while providing a seamless connection between those areas. The business case introduces innovative design options in order deliver the most benefits possible within the funding envelope of \$5.6 billion. The IBC generally provides recommendations for next steps in the Metrolinx Business Case process. The IBC notes:

- The Yonge North Subway Extension is one of four priority transit projects announced by the Government of Ontario, along with the Scarborough Subway Extension, the Ontario Line and the Eglinton Crosstown West Extension. The Ontario Line will provide relief to Line 1 by helping to spread demand across the transit network as it grows. The Yonge North Subway Extension will not come online until the Ontario Line goes into service.
- The extension will bring rapid transit closer to residents' destinations in the northern portions of Toronto and across York Region. The IBC highlights the need to prioritize access for bus passengers while focusing on walk-in access at each of the contemplated subway stations.
- Next steps will include refining the design of the selected alternative engineering to maximize benefits and address risks, developing a Preliminary Design Business Case, seeking required Environmental Assessment Act approvals and proceeding toward delivery.

### A 1.2 Background

### A 1.2.1 2009 EPR

The Yonge Subway Extension - Finch Station to Richmond Hill Centre Transit Project Assessment- Environmental Project Report (2009) included the assessment of approximately 6.8km of subway alignment via twin-bored tunnel, six (6) subway stations, associated track work, one (1) major bus terminal, one (1) bus loop, four (4) traction power substations, six (6) emergency exit buildings (EEBs) and one (1) bridge structure. **Figure A 1-2** provides a key map depicting the 2009 EPR scope (the red section of the proposed alignment is located in the City of Toronto; the blue section is located in York Region).





Figure A 1-2 Finch Station to Richmond Hill Centre – 2009 YNSE EPR Scope

### A 1.2.2 2014 EPR Addendum

Subsequent to the 2009 EPR, an EPR Addendum was undertaken in 2014 to assess the potential environmental impacts associated with the following design changes:

- Extension of the subway alignment to approximately 1 km north of the previously approved Richmond Hill Centre Station;
- Extension of the subway alignment to approximately 1 km north of the previously approved Richmond Hill Centre Station;
- Two (2) Emergency Exit Buildings associated with the TSF.





Figure A 1-3 Proposed Train Storage Facility Location – 2014 EPR Addendum

### A 1.3 Study Purpose – Current EPR Addendum

Since the completion of the 2009 EPR and 2014 EPR Addendum, further changes to the proposed YNSE Project have been identified that will result in modifications to the plans presented in the previously approved 2009 EPR and 2014 EPR Addendum.

In accordance with *Section 15 of O. Reg. 231/08*, Metrolinx has determined that the changes to the Project (as described in Section 2 of the YNSE EPR Addendum document and within **Section A 2.0** below) are Significant and therefore necessitate completion of an EPR Addendum to: evaluate and document the updates to the Project description, update existing conditions, carry out associated environmental impact assessment studies, identify mitigation and monitoring requirements, and undertake public, stakeholder and Indigenous Nations consultation.

Furthermore, as per *Section 16 of O. Reg. 231/08*, since the construction of the Project has not commenced within 10 years of the issuance of the Statement of Completion (originally issued in 2009), Metrolinx is required to re-examine existing conditions as well as potential environmental impacts and mitigation measures documented in the previously approved EPR to ensure they are still valid and subsequently carryout additional environmental studies as appropriate.

### A 1.4 Report Purpose

As mentioned in **Section A 1.3** the purpose of this Noise and Vibration Existing Conditions and Impact Assessment Report is two-fold:

- **Part A** provides a detailed description and summary of Noise and Vibration existing conditions within the EPR Addendum Study Area (i.e., noise and vibration conditions before construction);
- **Part B** provides a detailed description and summary of the potential Noise and Vibration impacts associated with the proposed YNSE project and associated mitigation and monitoring measures (i.e., noise and vibration conditions during and after construction.)



# A 2.0 Update to the Project Description

### A 2.1 Summary of Design Changes

This section provides a detailed description of the changes to the YNSE Project since completion of the 2009 EPR and 2014 EPR Addendum. **Table A 2-1** provides a high-level schematic depicting the 2009 EPR project components, 2014 EPR Addendum project components, and currently proposed YNSE project components for comparison purposes. In addition, detailed mapping of the project design elements iscontained in **Appendix A**.



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Table A 2-1 Summary of YNSE Design Components, Changes & Rationale

| Project Component                               | 2009 EPR   | 2014 EPR Addendum  | Current EPR Addendum   | Rationale for Change  |
|---|--|--|--|---|
| 1. Proposed<br>Bubway<br>Alignment<br>Alignment | Approximately 6.8 km underground subway<br>alignment from the existing Finch Station to<br>the proposed Richmond Hill Center Station (in<br>the vicinity of Highway 7 and Yonge St. in the<br>City of Richmond Hill). From Finch Station to<br>just south of the Holy Cross Catholic<br>Cemetery, the alignment follows Yonge St.<br>underground. North of the Holy Cross Catholic<br>Cemetery, the subway alignment swings<br>slightly aastward, crossing the northwest<br>corner of the Langstaff development lands.<br>The alignment then turns northward under<br>Highway 407/Highway 7. North of the<br>Richmond Hill Centre Station, the alignment<br>terminates at the end of subway tail tracks in<br>the transit corridor on the west side of the CN<br>Bala Richmond Hill GO Line. | Extension of the subway<br>alignment by approximately 1 km<br>from previous terminus at<br>Richmond Hill Centre Station to<br>16th Ave. in the City of Richmond<br>Hill.   | The proposed YNSE subway alignment is approximately 9.5 km in total commencing at the existing Finch Station in the City of Toronto northerly to just beyond the limit of the proposed TSF (at Moonlight Lane) in the City of Richmond Hill. The proposed revenue portion of the alignment is approximately 8. km in length, while the remaining trackwork services the TSF. The proposed below grade portion of the subway alignment is approximately 6.5 km, beginning at Finch Station and extending to the proposed tunnel portal structure just south of Langstaff Road. Between Finch Station and Royal Orchard Blvd, the underground alignment is proposed nor under Yonge Street. It then curves to reach Bay Thorn Drive and continue to the east, before turning porthwards where the alignment is approximately 3 km in length emerges to at grade portal structure (just south of Langstaff Road) where the subway alignment is proposed to reach Bay Thorn Drive and continue to the east, before turning just south of Langstaff Road) where the subway alignment emerges to at grade portion of the subway alignment is approximately 3 km in length beginning just south of Langstaff Road (from the proposed portal structure) is reprosed at grade subway alignment genetally follows the existing CN rail ROW until the proposed portal structure fuels. In the City of Richmond Hill. The at grade subway alignment genetally follows the existing CN rail corridor ROW boundary for the majority of the at grade subway track is situated immediately outside the CN Rail ROW boundary for the majority of the at grade subway track is situated immediately outside the CN Rail ROW boundary for the majority of the at grade segment. | While the YNSE was previously envisioned to<br>terminate just north of Highway 7, the area to the<br>north was identified by Metrolinx as an area where<br>refinement could enhance Project benefits and reduce<br>capital costs. The proposed alignment that forms the<br>basis for this EPR Addendum specifically addresses the<br>challenges and opportunities of serving these areas<br>and their future residents and employees. |
| 2. Proposed<br>Subway Vertical<br>Profile       | Below grade vertical profile design with a crossing above grade (bridge) over the East Don River. Proposed station and alignment depths were not presented within the 2009 EPR.  | N/A  | The subway alignment vertical profile was designed to reduce the depth of the stations along the route, except at the potential Royal Orchard Station, which is located approximately 500 m north of the deep East Don River Valley. The depth of the station platform at this location ranges from approximately 40 to 50 m below the existing ground surface, to account for tunneling south of the station below the East Don River.  | The current YNSE vertical profile changes from below grade to at grade south of Langstaff Road, thereby eliminating the above grade (bridge) crossing over the Don Rwer. The currently proposed profile reduces the depth of the stations along the route (except at Royal Orchard Station), while meeting applicable tunnel grade requirements (e.g., TTC Design Manual DM-0204-04).   |
| 3. Tunnels                                      | Approximately 6.8 km underground tunneled<br>alignment from the existing Finch Station to<br>the proposed Richmond Hill Center Station in<br>the vicinity of Highway 7 and Yonge St. in the<br>City of Richmond Hill.<br>For the purposes of determining the potential<br>environmental effects of the Transit Project,<br>the following approach was assumed within<br>the 2009 EPR:<br>Richmond Hill Centre Station and<br>surrounding area would provide<br>sufficient space for the southbound<br>launch of the TBM and as well as<br>storage of tunnel liners and other   | The underground Train Storage<br>Facility assessed in the 2014 EPR<br>Addendum would be located<br>adjacent to the CN Rail corridor,<br>beginning approximately 100m<br>north of the Richmond Hill Centre<br>Statton. Cut and cover<br>construction methodology was<br>assumed for this work, during<br>which the ground surface is<br>opened (cut) a sufficient depth to<br>construct the subway tunnel<br>structure. | The proposed conceptual design involves the construction of tunnels for the underground<br>alignment portion of the current YNSE alignment with the following key parameters:<br>• Approximately 6 kms of twin 5.6 m internal diameter TBM tunnels<br>• Twin tunnels run from Finch Transition Box Structure to proposed portal location<br>• Reference YNSE Alignment assumes all tunneling undertaken using two (2) TBMs<br>• Launched at the North Portal Launch Shaft, located immediately west of CN/GO rail<br>tracks and south of Langstaff Road<br>• Both TBM's are to be removed at the Finch Transition Box Structure where the<br>extraction shaft is to be located   | There is no change to the need for tunneling as part of<br>the project. The currently proposed YNSE alignment<br>still entails the construction of approximately 6 kms of<br>tunnels; whereas the approximate length of tunnelling<br>in the 2009 EPR was 6.8 km.   |

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| Rationale for Change |   | Modifications to the existing Finch Station and<br>nearby/associated facilities such as the existing<br>Hendon Avenue Traction Power Substation are<br>required to enable YNSF project implementation and<br>future revenue service beyond Finch Station.  | Two stations, Bridge and High Tech Stations, are<br>proposed at grade due to change in proposed subway<br>alignment (i.e., at grade). The current station<br>alignment maximizes the benefits of the subway<br>extension while achieving the lowest cost for the<br>acceptable Project scope. Of all considered<br>alignments, the currently proposed route is the only<br>one that provides the opportunity for one |
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| Current EPR Addendum |   | <ul> <li>Modifications to existing Finch Station as follows:</li> <li>Upgrading existing tail track to support future revenue service;</li> <li>Construction of the Finch Transition Box Structure, which is an underground structure that provides the transition between the existing Finch Station tail track structure and the new YNSE twin tunnels;</li> <li>Upgrading operational and support systems (e.g., signal upgrades) within the existing tail track area;</li> <li>Upgrade to the existing electrical and communication back-of-house room at the station;</li> <li>Upgrade to the existing Hendon Avenue Traction Power Substation located approximately 130 m west of the station; and An approximately 130 m long underground duct bank extending westerly along Hendon Avenue From the evisiting Finch Station.</li> </ul> | Total of Four (4) below grade stations and two (2) at grade stations are proposed, as follows:         • Cummer Station (below grade)         • Steeles Station (below grade) and bus terminal         • Clark Station (below grade) and bus terminal         • Clark Station (below grade) and bus terminal         • Bridge Station (below grade)         • High Tech Station (below grade)                        |
| 2014 EPR Addendum    |   | N/A  | No new or modified stations were<br>proposed.  |
| 2009 EPR             | <ul> <li>tunnelling materials and equipment;</li> <li>Existing surface parking in the southwest quadrant of the Yonge Street / Steeles Avenue intersection could also provide sufficient space for the southbound launch of the TBM and storage of tunnel liners; and other tunnelling materials and equipment.</li> <li>The 2009 EPR Identified the East Don River crossing as the TBM extracting shaft location (one at each end of the crossing). Cummer / Ioneat each end of the crossing. Cummer / Inte 2009 EPR.</li> <li>The 2009 EPR assumed a twin-bored tunnelling method for the exception of the section between the existing find the section between the existing find and the approaches to the proposed East Don River bridge.</li> </ul> | N/A  | Total of six (6) below grade stations proposed.  |
| Project Component    |   | 4. Finch Station<br>Modifications  | 5. Stations  |

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| Rationale for Change | Neighbourhood Station to be included in the Project<br>scope while maintaining costs within the funding<br>envelope. | The proposed location shift is primarily to avoid utility conflicts. The reduced number of station entrances minimizes potential property impacts while maintaining access and circulation in a way that accommodates future ridership requirements.  | The bus terminal at Steeles Station is proposed to be<br>an at grade terminal to avoid conflicts with the<br>existing York Durham Sanitary Sewer. The reduced<br>number of station entrances minimizes potential<br>property impacts while maintaining access and<br>circulation in a way that accommodates future<br>ridership requirements.  |
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| Current EPR Addendum | Specific infrastructure associated with each proposed station is further detailed within the rows below.             | <ul> <li><i>Potential</i> Curmer Station (below grade)</li> <li>Location: Slight shift to the southwest. The proposed station is an in-line underground station located at the intersection of Curmer/Drewry Avenue and Yonge Street and includes a bus loop on Drewry Ave. west of Yonge St. with associated bus operators' facilities.</li> <li>Station components include:</li> <li>A below grade, two-level station box with one central platform at track level and a public concourse level above</li> <li>Up to two (2) at-grade pedestrian entrances (locations to be determined as part of further design development)</li> <li>Up to two (2) Fire Fighter's Access Shafts (FFA)</li> <li>Secured bicycle storage</li> </ul> | <ul> <li>Steeles Station (below grade) and bus terminal</li> <li>Location: Yonge St. at the intersection with Steeles Ave, shifted south from 2009 EPR.</li> <li>Station components changes include: <ul> <li>Three (3) pedestrian entrances (locations to be determined as part of further design development):</li> <li>One (1) FFA</li> <li>Securedbicycle storage</li> <li>At grade bus terminal at the southwest quadrant of Yonge St and Steeles Ave Yonge St. and Steeles Ave intersection</li> </ul> </li> </ul>   |
| 2014 EPR Addendum    |  |   |  |
| 2009 EPR             |  | <ul> <li>Cummer / Drewry Station:</li> <li>Location: Yonge St. &amp; Cummer / Drewry Ave., approximately 800 m north of Finch Station.</li> <li>Finch Station.</li> <li>Station components: below grade station box, concourse, bicycle facilities, ventilation shaft, Bus loop located at Drewry Ave.</li> <li>Four (4) pedestrian entrances:</li> <li>Main entrances located at the Northeast and southwest quadrants of the intersection of Cummer Ave. and Yonge St.</li> <li>Southeast Ger Yonge St.</li> <li>Eastide of Yonge St.</li> <li>Eastide of the station box.</li> </ul>   | <ul> <li>Steeles Ave. Station and bus terminal</li> <li>Location: Yonge St and Steeles Ave, approx. 1.2 km north of Cummer/<br/>Drewry Ave.</li> <li>Station components: below grade<br/>station box, concourse, bicycle facilities, ventilation shaft.</li> <li>five (5) pedestrian entrances:</li> <li>Two (2) street entrances located<br/>north of the station box on each<br/>side of Yonge St.</li> <li>Two (2) street entrances located<br/>south of the station box on each<br/>side of Yonge St.</li> <li>One (1) entrance from median<br/>located on Steeles Ave.</li> <li>Underground bus terminal below<br/>Steeles Ave West.</li> <li>Passenger Pick-up and Drop-Off<br/>(PUDO)</li> <li>Below grade bus terminal with three (3)<br/>bus access ramps and a bus platform for<br/>25 buses.</li> </ul> |
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| Rationale for Change | The reduced number of station entrances minimizes<br>potential property impacts while maintaining access<br>and circulation in a way that accommodates future<br>ridership requirements. The addition of a bus terminal<br>further enhances transits system integration and<br>improves transfers between transit modes.  | Change to station location and depth as a result of changes in subway horizontal alignment and vertical profile. See rationale for alignment and profile change above.   | The change in station location is in response to changes in the subway horizontal alignment and vertical profile discussed above. The reduction in number of station entrances minimizes potential property impacts while maintaining access and circulation in a way that accommodates future ridership requirements.   |
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| Current EPR Addendum | <ul> <li>Clark Station (below grade) and bus terminal</li> <li>Location: No change, slight lateral expansion and shift southerly.</li> <li>Station components changes include:</li> <li>Up to two (2) pedestrian entrances (locations to be determined as part of further design development)</li> <li>Addition of bus facility with associated bus operator facilities</li> </ul>  | <ul> <li><i>Potential</i> Royal Orchard Station (below grade)</li> <li>Location: Yonge Street, south of Royal Orchard Blvd.</li> <li>Station components changes include:</li> <li>Up to two (2) pedestrian entrances (locations to be determined as part of further design development)</li> <li>A deeper station box due to proximity to the East Don River Valley topographic depression. This change eliminates the need for the Don River above grade crossing.</li> <li>Secured bicycle storage</li> </ul>  | Bridge Station and bus terminal (at grade)<br>Location: west of the CN Rail Corridor and north of Highway 407 and Highway 7.<br>Station components changes include:<br>Three (3) pedestrian entrances (locations to be determined as part of further design<br>development)<br>Bus terminal<br>Passenger and service emergency exit<br>Secured bicycle storage   |
| 2014 EPR Addendum    | No new stations were proposed.  |  |  |
| 2009 EPR             | <ul> <li>Clark Ave. Station</li> <li>Location: Yonge St. and Clark Ave approximately 1 km north of Steeles Ave.</li> <li>Station components: below grade station box, concourse, bicycle facilities, ventilation shaft.</li> <li>Five (5) Pedestrian entrances: <ul> <li>One (1) main entrance southwest corner of Clark Ave. and Yonge St.</li> <li>One (1) main entrance northeast corner of Clark Ave. and Yonge St.</li> <li>One (1) main entrance and the station and on the west side of Yonge St.</li> <li>One (1) north end of the station and on the west side of Yonge St.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> | <ul> <li>Royal Orchard Station <ul> <li>Location: intersection of Yonge St. and<br/>Royal Orchard Blvd., approximately 800<br/>m north of Centre St.</li> <li>Station components: below grade<br/>station box, concourse, bicycle facilities,<br/>ventilation shaft.</li> <li>two (2) pedestrian entrances: <ul> <li>one (1) main entrances:</li> <li>one (2) pedestrian entrances:</li> <li>one (1) main entrance northeast<br/>conner of Royal Orchard Blvd. and<br/>Yonge St.</li> <li>one (2) entrance located<br/>southwest corner of Yonge St. and<br/>Thornhill Ave.</li> </ul> </li> </ul></li></ul> | <ul> <li>Langstaff / Longbridge Station</li> <li>Location: between Longbridge Road and<br/>Langstaff Road, approximately 1km<br/>north of Royal Orchard Boulevard.</li> <li>Station components: below grade<br/>station box, concourse, bicycle facilities,<br/>ventilation shaft.</li> <li>PPUDO</li> <li>Commuter parking</li> <li>Two (2) pedestrian entrances:<br/>Two (2) pedestrian entrances:<br/>eurrently hosting a 23/500 kV<br/>transmission line south of<br/>Highway 407 and west of Yonge</li> </ul> |
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| Rationale for Change | The change in station location is in response to<br>changes in the subway horizontal alignment and<br>vertical profil discussed above. Similar to the<br>previously envisioned Richmon Hill Centre Station,<br>the currently proposed High Tech Station will<br>accommodate transfers to GO train and GO bus<br>services, as well as local transit, and will improve<br>subway access to the Richmond Hill Centre and<br>Langstaff Gateway development areas.  | The TTC Design Manual requires EEBs to be located<br>such that the distance from any underground location<br>to an EEB is not greater than 38.1 m <sup>-1</sup> e., the spacing<br>between EEBs or between EEBs and the closest<br>station platform or portal entrance must be 72.m or<br>less. Applying this standard to the currently proposed<br>design has identified the need for a total of seven (7)<br>EEBs.   | The currently proposed subway alignment requires<br>additional power compared to the alignment as<br>presented in 2009 EPR due to its extended length (an<br>approximate 6.8 km subway extension was assessed  |
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| Current EPR Addendum | <ul> <li>High Tech Station (at grade)</li> <li>Location: east of Yonge St. traversing High Tech Road, west of the CN rail corridor, and north of Highway 407 and Highway 7 and adjacent to Richmond Hill Centre Terminal.</li> <li>Station components changes include: <ul> <li>Two (2) pedestrian entrances (locations to be determined as part of further design development)</li> <li>Secured bicycle storage</li> <li>A revised PPUDO design to accommodate the revised station configuration</li> </ul> </li> </ul>   | <ol> <li>Seven (7) EEBs (precise locations to be determined as part of further design development):</li> <li>EEB-1: located approximately between the existing Finch Station and the potential Cummer Station</li> <li>EEB-2: located approximately between the potential Cummer Station</li> <li>EEB-2: located approximately between the confirmed Steeles Station and the confirmed Steeles Station</li> <li>EEB-4: located approximately between the confirmed Steeles Station</li> <li>EEB-4: located approximately between the confirmed Clark Station and the potential Gurk Station</li> <li>EEB-4: located approximately in the vicinity of the potential Royal Orchard Station</li> <li>EEB-5: located approximately north of Royal Orchard Station in the vicinity of Bay Thom Dive</li> <li>EEB-5: located approximately north of the potential Royal Orchard Station the potential Royal Orchard Station</li> </ol> | <ul> <li>Seven (7) TPSSs at the following locations:</li> <li>Three (3) TPSS in the approximate vicinity of Cummer, Steeles, and Clark Stations.</li> <li>One (1) TPSS in the approximate vicinity of the potential Royal Orchard Station</li> </ul> |
| 2014 EPR Addendum    |  | Two (2) additional EEBs:<br>1. EEB 7: Located at the<br>proposed TSF parking lot, east<br>of Coburg Crescent.<br>2. EEB Located west of the<br>proposed alignment, south of<br>Coburg Crescent.  | N/A  |
| 2009 EPR             | <ul> <li>Street.</li> <li>One (1) located at the southeast correr of Yonge St. and Langstaff Road East</li> <li>Incontinue Station – Transit Hub</li> <li>Location: east of Yonge St. traversing High Tech Road, west of the CN rail corridor and north of Highway 7, approximately 1 km north of Royal Orchard Boulevach.</li> <li>Station components: below grade station box, concourse, bicycle facilities, veriliation shaft.</li> <li>Two (2) pedestrian entrances:         <ul> <li>One (1) located at northeast correveliation shaft.</li> <li>Two (2) pedestrian entrances:                 <ul> <li>One (1) located at northeast correveliation box.</li> <li>One (1) located at northeast correveliation box</li> <li>Drubo</li> <li>Transit Hub</li> <li>Transit Hub</li> </ul> </li> </ul></li></ul> | <ol> <li>Six (6) Emergency Exit Buildings (EEBs):</li> <li>1. EEB 1: Private property on the east side of Yonge St. between Centre Ave. and Newton Drive;</li> <li>2. EEB 2: Private property on the west side of Yonge St. between Doncaster Ave. and the CN rail corridor);</li> <li>3. EEB 3: Within municipal right-of-way on the west side of Yonge St. opposite Arnold Ave.;</li> <li>4. EEB 4: Within municipal right-of-way on the east side of Yonge St. between Centre St. and the proposed East Don River Bridge;</li> <li>5. Frivate property on the east side of Yonge St. between Centre St. and the proposed East Don River Bridge;</li> <li>6. EEB 5: Within municipal right-of-way on the east side of Yonge St. between Uplands Ave. and Kirk Drive; and</li> <li>6. EEB 5: Within municipal right-of-way on the east side of Yonge St. between Uplands Ave. and Kirk Drive; and</li> </ol>                    | Traction Power is provided by a live third rail<br>that provides electric power through a<br>conductor placed alongside the rail. In order<br>to give the voltage a boost at regular intervals   |
| Project Component    |  | 6. Proposed<br>Emergency Exit<br>Buildings (EEBs)  | 7. Traction Power<br>Substations<br>(TPSSs)  |

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| Project Component    | along the subway alignment,<br>substations (i.e., Traction Pov<br>[TPSSs]) are required. Traction<br>requirements dictate that TPs<br>spaced more than 2.5 km fron<br>however, a 2 km separation b<br>more typical.<br>Four (4) TPSSs locations were<br>the 2009 EPR in the vicinity of<br>Clark Station, Royal Orchard S<br>Richmond Hill Centre Station.   | 8. Proposed Portal N/A<br>Structure  | <ul> <li>9. Proposed For the purpose Launch Shaft environmental environm</li></ul> | 10. Proposed     The 2009 EPR Id       Extraction Shaft     crossing as the 1       (one at each end     Drewry Station v       potential locatic     2009 EPR.  | 11. Proposed     • East Don I       Modifications to     both Subv       Bridges/     • Proposed  |
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| 2009 EPR             | along the subway alignment, electrical<br>substations (i.e., Traction Power Substations<br>[TPSSs]) are required. Traction power<br>requirements dictate that TPSSs are not<br>spaced more than 2.5 km from one another;<br>however, a 2 km separation between TPSS is<br>more typical.<br>Four (4) TPSS locations were included within<br>the 2009 EPR in the vicinity of Steeles Station,<br>Clark Station, Royal Orchard Station and<br>Richmond Hill Centre Station. |  | For the purposes of determining the potential<br>environmental effects of the Transit Project,<br>the following approach was assumed within<br>the 2009 EPR:<br>• Richmond Hill Centre Station and<br>surrounding area would provide<br>sufficient Space for the southbound<br>launch of the TBM and as well as<br>storage of tunnel liners and other<br>tunnelling materials and equipment<br>Existing surface parking in the southwest<br>quadrant of the Yonge Street/Steeles Avenue<br>intersection were also identified as providing<br>sufficient space for the southbound<br>launch of<br>the TBM and storage of tunnel liners.   | The 2009 EPR Identified the East Don River<br>crossing as the TBM extraction shaft location<br>(one at each end of the crossing). Cummer/<br>Drewry Station was also identified as a<br>potential location to remove the TBM in the<br>2009 EPR. | East Don River crossing above-grade for<br>both Subway and Roadway. Includes<br>replacement of an existing culvert.<br>Proposed modifications to twin-box   |
| 2014 EPR Addendum    |  | N/A  | WA   | N/A  | N/A   |
| Current EPR Addendum | <ul> <li>One (1) TPSS in the approximate vicinity of Bridge Station.</li> <li>One (1) TPSS standalone building integrated with EEB-4 between the confirmed Clark Station and the potential Royal Orchard Station</li> <li>One (1) TPSS at the Train Storage Facility (TSF), immediately south of 16th Ave.</li> </ul>  | The tunnel portal structure will be located south of Langstaff Road, west of the CN corridor ROW. This concrete structure serves as entrance/exit to and from the subway tunnel, where the alignment transitions between below and at grade. | The current launch shaft location corresponds to a parcel of land west of the existing CN tracks and proposed portal structure, between Holy Cross Cemetery and Langstaff Road. A construction staging area/worksite will also be prepared for the assembly of the TBM at this location. The launch shaft structure is expected to be approximately 130 m in length.   | The proposed extraction shaft for the TBM operations will be located within the boundaries of the Finch Transition Box Structure that will connect the existing Finch tail track with the new YNSE alignment running north.                      | <ul> <li>Design, construction, maintenance and removal of a temporary pedestrian bridge across<br/>the subway and CN rail corridors to replace the existing pedestrian bridge connecting<br/>Richmond Hill Centre (bus) Terminal and Langstaff GO Station.</li> <li>Demolition of the pedestrian overpass bridge at Richmond Hill Centre will occur once</li> </ul> |
| Rationale for Change | in 2009 compared to the approximate 9.5 km<br>extension currently proposed). This has resulted in<br>the need for additional TPSS facilities. The current<br>EPR Addendum assess a total of seven (7) TPSSs<br>locations.  | This structure is required to allow for the below-grade to at-grade transition of the subway alignment.  | The currently proposed location of the launch shaft<br>reduces potential property impacts by using vacant<br>industrial properties near the CN Rail ROW, south of<br>Langstaff Rd. and has sufficient space to meet the<br>functional needs of TBM operations.   | A new extraction shaft location is required since an at grade crossing of the East Don River is no longer proposed. There is sufficient space at the Finch Transition Box Structure to permit the removal of the TBM.                            | To provide for continuous access across the rail<br>corridor and subway alignment, the existing<br>pedestrian bridge at Richmond Hill Centre Terminal is<br>proposed to be replaced with a temporary pedestrian<br>bridge Termonary medestrian bridge will be in place  |



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| Rationale for Change | A new structure to carry the subway over the East<br>Don River is no longer required now that the subway<br>is below grade at this location.<br>The existing culverts conveying German Mills Creek<br>needs to be replaced to accommodate the tail tracks<br>for the proposed TSF.   | selected because it avoids reconstruction of overhead<br>bridges (High Tech, Bantry, and 16th Avenue),<br>promotes the consolidation of buildings to minimize<br>accommodates a future multi-use traail to be<br>completed by the municipality and because it meets<br>functional TTC requirements. A drop shaft is no longer<br>necessary now that the TSF is at grade.  |  |  |
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| Current EPR Addendum | <ul> <li>Langstaff Road East grade separation</li> <li>Replacement of the existing culvert conveying German Mills Creek north of 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue.</li> <li>A number of drainage culverts along the at grade portions of the alignment may be impacted (modified or replaced) to enable implementation of the Project. Any such culverts will be identified and addressed during future phases of design.</li> </ul> | At grade Train Storage Facility (TSF): <ul> <li>Capacity: 15 trains for overnight storage.</li> <li>Location: in the vicinity of the CN corridor and 16th Ave., north of High Tech Station.</li> <li>Transportation facility near Bantry Ave</li> <li>Rail Cars &amp; Shops Facility (RC&amp;S) south of 16 Ave., including parking spaces for staff and visitors.</li> </ul>   |  |  |
| 2014 EPR Addendum    |  | <ul> <li>Underground Train Storage Facility (TSF):</li> <li>Capacity: 14 trains; two (2) trains stored at Richmond Hill Centre Station and the remaining 12 trains stored at the TSF</li> <li>Location: north of the Richmond Hill Centre Station and the Richmond Hill Centre State access to the proposed TSF east of Coburg Crescent, and associated 25-30 space employee parking lot</li> <li>A combined maintenance building</li> <li>A ventilation shaft</li> <li>A drop shaft (a type of maintenance shaft)</li> </ul> |  |  |
| 2009 EPR             |  | N/A   |  |  |
| Project Component    |  | 12. Proposed Train<br>(TSF)<br>(TSF)  |  |  |

### A 2.2 EPR Addendum Study Area

The YNSE EPR Addendum Study Area generally encompasses the proposed project components (i.e., subway alignment, Stations, Train Storage Facility, launch and extraction shafts, and related ancillary components) and extends approximately 9 kms in length, commencing at the existing Finch Station along the existing Line 1 Yonge–University in the City of Toronto, and extends northerly through the City of Vaughan (to the west) and City of Markham (to the east), to Moonlight Lane (just north of the proposed TSF) in the City of Richmond Hill, York Region.

With reference to the more detailed project mapping found in **Appendix A**, the defined Study Area reflects the proposed location of the YNSE infrastructure components as well as a buffer zone that accounts for the area that may be potentially impacted by future project design refinements and/or modifications. Such design changes (if applicable) will be further defined and confirmed as part of the subsequent detailed design stage of the Project.



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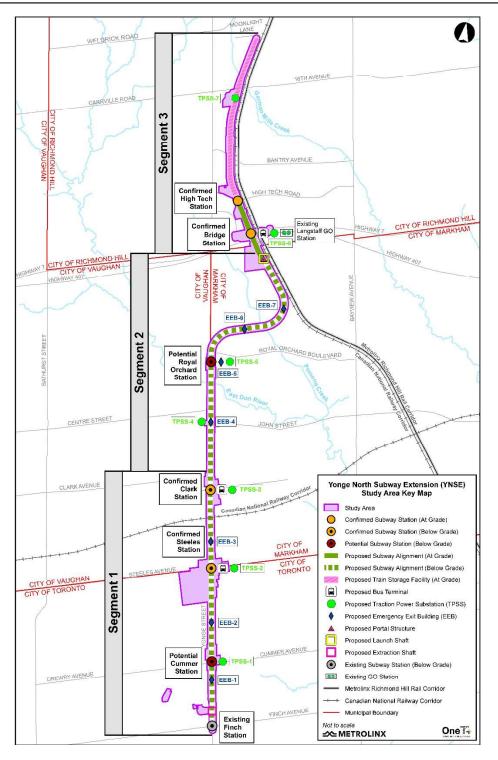


Figure A 2-1 YNSE EPR Addendum Study Area Key Plan Map



### A 2.3 Study Area Segments

For reporting purposes and to better characterize the findings of the various environmental and technical studies, the EPR Addendum Study Area was further sub-divided into three (3) geographic segments (**Figure A 2-1**).

### A 2.3.1 Segment 1 – Finch Station to Clark Station (Below Grade)

Segment 1 starts at the existing Finch Station and extends northward to the proposed Clark Station. It should be noted that this segment is inclusive of the proposed Clark Station and the proposed Cummer Station, Cummer Station Bus Loop, Steeles Station, and Steeles Station Bus Terminal. The entirety of this segment will be below grade. At Steeles Avenue, the Project Study Area crosses the boundary between the City of Toronto and York Region, for which Yonge Street serves as a boundary between the City of Vaughan to the west and the City of Markham to the east. Segment 2 – Clark Station to Portal/Launch Shaft (Below Grade)

### A 2.3.2 Segment 2 – Clark Station to Portal/Launch Shaft (Below Grade)

Segment 2 starts immediately beyond the limits of the proposed Clark Station and extends northward to the proposed portal structure and launch shaft location, located south of Langstaff Road East within the City of Markham. This segment is inclusive of the entirety of the proposed portal and launch shaft footprint area, extending north to the proposed Bridge Station and west from the CN rail corridor towards Ruggles Avenue. It also includes the proposed Royal Orchard Station. This segment runs below grade until it reaches the tunnel portal, where it emerges to the surface. Segment 2 ends immediately north of Langstaff Road East, south of Highway 407 in the City of Richmond Hill within York Region.

### A 2.3.3 Segment 3 – Portal/Launch Shaft to Moonlight Lane (At Grade)

Segment 3 starts immediately beyond the limits of the proposed portal and launch shaft location, near the proposed Bridge Station, and extends northward to Moonlight Lane which marks the northernmost Study Area limit. This segment, located within the City of Richmond Hill, includes the proposed High Tech Station and proposed TSF. The entirety of Segment 3 is planned to be at grade.

The purpose of **Part A** of this report is to provide a detailed description of the existing noise and vibration conditions within the Noise and Vibration Study Area, specifically:

- 1. Document the dominant existing sources of noise and vibration;
- 2. Complete noise and vibration monitoring of dominant noise and vibration sources;
- 3. Review existing and planned land uses to identify and select representative sensitive receptors for noise and vibration assessment. Representative sensitive receptors (also referred to as receptors or points of reception) are selections of residences or other sensitive receptors that represent the predictable worst-case noise and vibration impact of the proposed project element. Aside from residences, sensitive receptors can include institutional land uses such as schools, hospitals, places of worship, etc.
- 4. Calculate the existing sound and/or vibration levels at representative sensitive receptors based on existing traffic (roadway and railway volumes).

The Existing Conditions report provides critical inputs into the Impact Assessment stage of the study. The measured and/or calculated sound levels will be used in establishing the ambient sound levels to compare and assess against



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sounds levels of new project elements, such as tunnel ventilation fans or operations of proposed subway vehicles. For new transit projects, the applicable protocols target an absolute vibration level and vibration-induced sound level (i.e., vibration that is heard). As a result, the existing vibration levels do not affect the impact assessment directly. However, the existing vibration levels adjacent to current sources of vibration indicate the extent to which representative sensitive receptors experience vibration. The vibration levels measured also assist in providing some indication of vibration propagation characteristics of that area. The assessment method, criteria, and approach will be described further in Part B of this report.

The findings and existing conditions data have been organized into the three (3) Study Area segments accordingly for reporting purposes.

# A 3.0 Methodology

The following section provides an overview of the methodology followed to collect and document Noise and Vibration existing conditions information within the Study Area.

Representative sensitive receptors are identified using publicly available data from official plans from municipalities and satellite aerial images. Field work surveys and official data from regulatory agencies (e.g., development applications) will complement this review. In general terms, the nature of the primary land uses, as further described in the YNSE Socio-Economic and Land Use Baseline Conditions/ Impact Assessment Report, will determine the representative sensitive receptors used in the noise and vibration impact assessment.

Ambient sources of noise and/or vibration are identified during field surveys and through desktop data collection of major railways and roadways within the Project Study Area. These are the major sources of noise and vibration that have the potential to dominate the ambient sound levels. Examples include Highway 407, Highway 7, and Yonge Street. Traffic data obtained directly from the various agencies and municipalities compliments the data collection process, and provides additional information to fill any data gaps.

Noise and vibration monitoring of existing conditions was completed between Finch Avenue and 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue to supplement the calculations. The last of these measurements were completed on August 13, 2021.

Railway, roadway, and highway traffic volumes will be used to calculate the existing condition sound levels. The existing conditions will inform the Construction and Operations noise and vibration modelling and will be used as a baseline to compare against projections of future conditions and complete the noise and vibration impact assessment.

Note that a glossary of terms has been included with the Impact Assessment report.

### A 3.1 Review of Background Information and Guidelines

Data was collected from the following sources and considered as appropriate as part of documenting existing conditions within the Study Area:

- 1. Municipal Official Plans
- 2. Aerial photography
- 3. Surficial geology and topographic maps
- 4. Municipal bylaws



- 5. The Yonge Subway Extension Finch Station to Richmond Hill Centre Transit Project Assessment-Environmental Project Report (2009)
- 6. Yonge Subway Extension Finch Station to Richmond Hill Centre Transit Project Assessment- Environmental Project Report Addendum, Train Storage Facility EPR Addendum (2014)

Guideline and protocol documents reviewed include:

- Ministry of the Environment and Energy and Toronto Transit Commission, MOEE/TTC "Protocol for Noise and Vibration Assessment for the Proposed Yonge-Spadina Subway Loop" (June 1993)
- MOEE/GO Transit Draft Protocol for Noise and Vibration Assessment (Draft #9, 1995)
- Ministry of the Environment, Environmental Noise Guideline Stationary and Transportation Sources (2013)
- Federal Transit Administration (FTA), U.S. Department of Transportation, "Transit Noise and Vibration Impact Assessment Manual" (September 2018)

### A 3.2 Data Gap Analysis

A review of available background information (e.g., previously completed studies and/or reports) was undertaken to identify any data gaps, if relevant. This data gap analysis identified areas where data was non-existent from previous studies, and/or new data needed to be collected, and/or existing available data required review and updating or augmenting. The results of this data gap analysis were as follows:

- 1. Previous Noise and Vibration Impact Assessments (NVIAs) were completed more than 10 years ago. As a result, baseline conditions data is out of date. There have been numerous new residential developments within the Study Area since that time.
- 2. Baseline condition measurements were not completed for the entirety of the revised Reference Alignment.
- 3. Previous Noise and Vibration Impact Assessments lacked extensive baseline noise and vibration measurements, which are typically expected from more current NVIAs.

### A 3.3 Desktop Data Collection

In addition to the information referenced in **Section A 3.1**, data requests were submitted to Metrolinx for review and approval. The data requests below were submitted by Metrolinx to CN, City of Toronto, City of Vaughan, City of Richmond Hill, City of Markham, Toronto Transit Commission, 407ETR, and Region of York:

- 1. Existing roadway and highway traffic data
- 2. Existing and future railway (CN, VIA Rail, and GO Transit) traffic data
- 3. Approved Development Applications
- 4. Proposed Subway Vehicle Noise Data

Desktop reviews were also completed to identify locations at which to deploy noise and vibration monitoring equipment.

### A 3.4 Field Investigations

The following field investigations and site reconnaissance activities were undertaken to collect primary source data within the Study Area as part of the existing conditions phase:



- 1. Field surveys to identify baseline noise and vibration monitoring locations and determine permission to enter (PTE) requirements.
- 2. Field surveys to identify representative sensitive receptors.
- 3. Baseline noise and vibration monitoring.

### A 3.5 Segment 1 – Finch Station to Clark Station

This section outlines the existing land uses (at a high-level) to assist in determining receptors

sensitive to noise and vibration, as well as potential sources of ambient noise and vibration along this segment of the YNSE alignment.

Primary Land Uses:

- High-rise and low-rise residential
- Commercial plazas
- Shopping centres
- Automotive dealerships
- Commercial offices

Ambient Sources of Noise and/or Vibration:

- Yonge Street
- Finch Avenue
- Cummer Avenue
- Steeles Avenue
- CN Rail York Subdivision
- Clark Avenue

### A 3.6 Segment 2 – Clark Station to Portal/Launch Shaft

This section outlines the existing land uses (at a high-level) to assist in determining receptors sensitive to noise and vibration, as well as potential sources of ambient noise and vibration along this segment of the YNSE alignment.

Primary Land Uses:

- High-rise and low-rise residential
- Commercial plazas
- Golf course and country club
- Cemetery
- Industrial buildings

Ambient Sources of Noise and/or Vibration:

- Yonge Street
- Royal Orchard Boulevard
- Clark Avenue
- CN Bala Rail Subdivision (including freight, VIA Rail, and GO Richmond Hill trains)



### A 3.7 Segment 3 – Portal/Launch Shaft to Moonlight Lane

This section outlines the existing land uses (at a high-level) to assist in determining receptors sensitive to noise and vibration, as well as potential sources of ambient noise and vibration along this segment of the YNSE alignment.

Primary Land Uses:

- High-rise and low-rise residential
- Industrial buildings
- Cemetery
- Commercial plazas
- Commercial office buildings
- Langstaff GO Station

Ambient Sources of Noise and/or Vibration:

- Highway 407
- Highway 7
- High Tech Road
- Bantry Avenue
- 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue
- CN Bala Rail Subdivision (including freight, VIA Rail, and GO Richmond Hill trains)

### A 4.0 Noise and Vibration Measurements and Results

Figures 1 through 30 in **Appendix A** provide the proposed locations for noise and vibration monitoring along the entire alignment. **Table A 4-1** provides a brief description of the railway or roadway nearest the noise and vibration monitoring locations as well as the nearest intersection.

| Noise and<br>Vibration<br>Monitoring<br>Location | Study<br>Area<br>Segment | Nearest Roadway or Railway | Nearest Intersection or Roadway |  |  |
|--|--------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------------|--|--|
| N1   | 1                        | Yonge Street               | Hendon Avenue/Yonge Street      |  |  |
| N2   | 1                        | Yonge Street               | Cummer Avenue/Drewry Avenue     |  |  |
| N3   | 1                        | Drewry Avenue              | Drewry Avenue/Yonge Street      |  |  |
| N4   | 1                        | Yonge Street               | Wedgewood Drive/Yonge Street    |  |  |
| N5   | 1                        | Yonge Street               | Newton Drive/Yonge Street       |  |  |
| N6   | 1                        | Yonge Street               | Abitibi Avenue/Yonge Street     |  |  |

Table A 4-1 Noise and Vibration Monitoring Location Description



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| Noise and<br>Vibration<br>Monitoring<br>Location | Study<br>Area<br>Segment | Nearest Roadway or Railway             | Nearest Intersection or Roadway        |
|--|--------------------------|--|--|
| N7   | 1                        | Steeles Avenue West                    | Yonge Street/Steeles Avenue            |
| N8   | 1                        | Yonge Street                           | Highland Park Boulevard/Yonge Street   |
| N9   | 1                        | Clark Avenue                           | Yonge Street/Clark Avenue              |
| N10  | 1                        | Yonge Street                           | Clark Avenue/Yonge Street              |
| N11  | 2                        | Yonge Street                           | Arnold Avenue/Yonge Street             |
| N12  | 2                        | Yonge Street                           | John Street/Yonge Street               |
| N13  | 2                        | Yonge Street                           | Centre Street/Yonge Street             |
| N14  | 2                        | Yonge Street                           | Bay Thorn Drive/Yonge Street           |
| N15  | 2                        | CN Bala Rail Subdivision               | Yonge Street                           |
| N16  | 3                        | CN Bala Rail Subdivision               | Ruggles Avenue                         |
| N17  | 3                        | CN Bala Rail Subdivision               | Cedar Avenue                           |
| N18  | 3                        | CN Bala Rail Subdivision / Highway 407 | Langstaff Road East                    |
| N19  | 3                        | CN Bala Rail Subdivision               | High Tech Road                         |
| N20  | 3                        | CN Bala Rail Subdivision               | King William Crescent                  |
| N21  | 3                        | CN Bala Rail Subdivision               | Coburg Crescent                        |
| N22  | 3                        | CN Bala Rail Subdivision               | 16 <sup>th</sup> Avenue/Red Maple Road |
| V1   | 1                        | TTC Line 1 Yonge-University            | Yonge Street/Finch Avenue              |
| V2   | 1                        | York Rail Subdivision                  | Yonge Street                           |
| V3   | 2                        | CN Bala Rail Subdivision               | Romfield Circuit                       |
| V4   | 3                        | CN Bala Rail Subdivision               | Ruggles Avenue                         |
| V5   | 3                        | CN Bala Rail Subdivision               | High Tech Road                         |
| V6   | 3                        | CN Bala Rail Subdivision               | King William Crescent                  |
| V7   | 3                        | CN Bala Rail Subdivision               | Coburg Crescent                        |

A minimum of 2 hours of attended vibration measurements have been completed at each vibration monitoring location. A minimum of 72 hours of unattended noise measurements have been completed at each noise monitoring location, including at least one full weekend day and one full weekday.

The noise and vibration charts in **Appendix B** summarize the data collected during field investigations. Measurement data was discounted during inclement weather, which includes times when wind speeds exceeded 25 km/h or during periods of precipitation. Wind speeds in excess of this amount may generate induced noise across the microphone.



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While not a significant concern during winter, windy periods can also result in a rustling of leaves or other foliage that can affect the noise measurements.

The sound levels shown in **Appendix B** provide the measured hourly sound level during the course of the measurement period. These measured sound levels will assist in accurately modelling future with-project and no-project sound levels. The hourly sound levels will also assist in establishing a baseline or guideline against which stationary noise sources are assessed.

**Table A 4-2** summarizes the typical daytime and nighttime equivalent ( $L_{eq,16hr}$  and  $L_{eq,8hr}$ , respectively) sound levels aswell as the lowest hourly sound level during the daytime and nighttime periods. The sound levels measured areconsistent with sound levels typically occurring in developed areas.

|          | Study Area | Daytime Equivalent Sound                          | Nighttime Equivalent<br>Sound Level (11 p.m. – 7 | Quietest Ho<br>Lev                     |  |
|----------|------------|---|--|--|--|
| Receptor | Segment    | Level (7 a.m. – 11 p.m.)<br>L <sub>eq, 16hr</sub> | a.m.)<br>L <sub>eq, 8hr</sub>                    | Daytime<br>(dBA L <sub>eq, 1hr</sub> ) | Nighttime<br>(dBA L <sub>eq, 1hr</sub> ) |
| N1       | 1          | 72  | 67   | 70                                     | 63                                       |
| N2       | 1          | 72  | 64   | 70                                     | 63                                       |
| N3       | 1          | 63  | 56   | 59                                     | 48                                       |
| N4       | 1          | 72  | 67   | 70                                     | 63                                       |
| N5       | 1          | 61  | 55   | 58                                     | 50                                       |
| N6       | 1          | 73  | 68   | 69                                     | 64                                       |
| N7       | 1          | 71  | 66   | 68                                     | 60                                       |
| N8       | 1          | 58  | 52   | 51                                     | 46                                       |
| N9       | 1          | 64  | 56   | 57                                     | 49                                       |
| N10      | 1          | 67  | 60   | 60                                     | 55                                       |
| N11      | 2          | 60  | 53   | 53                                     | 47                                       |
| N12      | 2          | 63  | 56   | 54                                     | 47                                       |
| N13      | 2          | 72  | 65   | 65                                     | 58                                       |
| N14      | 2          | 60  | 52   | 52                                     | 44                                       |
| N15      | 2          | 60  | 62   | 43                                     | 44                                       |
| N16      | 3          | 61  | 60   | 51                                     | 43                                       |
| N17      | 3          | 59  | 53   | 43                                     | 43                                       |
| N18      | 3          | 65  | 63   | 56                                     | 50                                       |
| N19      | 3          | 67  | 60   | 60                                     | 53                                       |
| N20      | 3          | 59  | 60   | 44                                     | 37                                       |

### Table A 4-2 Summary of Measured Sound Levels



| Receptor | Study Area | Daytime Equivalent Sound<br>Level (7 a.m. – 11 p.m.) | Nighttime Equivalent<br>Sound Level (11 p.m. – 7 | Quietest Ho<br>Lev                     | -  |
|----------|------------|--|--|--|--|
| Neceptor | Segment    | Level (7 dining 11 pinn)<br>L <sub>eq, 16hr</sub>    | a.m.)<br>L <sub>eq, 8hr</sub>                    | Daytime<br>(dBA L <sub>eq, 1hr</sub> ) | Nighttime<br>(dBA L <sub>eq, 1hr</sub> ) |
| N21      | 3          | 62   | 62   | 41                                     | 37                                       |
| N22      | 3          | 65   | 62   | 54                                     | 46                                       |

In general, the vibration data indicates that the existing vibration levels due to existing freight, passenger or commuter trains are well below the threshold of perception (0.10 mm/s RMS) at all surface rail locations. The vibration levels from existing TTC trains near Finch Station are well above the threshold of perception. This is expected given the shallow depth of the station box near the TTC subway station and the older track fixation and isolation methods used. **Table A 4-3** provides an overall summary of the measured vibration levels.

| Location | Study Area<br>Segment | Location Description   | Average Measured Vibration Level<br>(mm/s RMS) | Vibration Level<br>Range (mm/s RMS) |
|----------|-----------------------|--|--|-------------------------------------|
| V1       | 1                     | Ground near TTC Finch Station  | 0.14   | 0.05 – 0.28                         |
| V2       | 1                     | Ground near CN York Rail<br>Subdivision                              | 0.03   | 0.02 – 0.04                         |
| V3       | 2                     | Ground near CN Bala Rail<br>Subdivision in Holy Cross<br>Cemetery    | 0.09   | 0.02 – 0.09                         |
| V4       | 3                     | Ground near CN Bala Rail<br>Subdivision and Ruggles<br>Avenue        | 0.03   | 0.02 – 0.05                         |
| V5       | 3                     | Ground near CN Bala Rail<br>Subdivision and High Tech<br>Road        | 0.03   | 0.02 - 0.07                         |
| V6       | 3                     | Ground near CN Bala Rail<br>Subdivision and King William<br>Crescent | 0.04   | 0.03 – 0.06                         |
| V7       | 3                     | Ground near CN Bala Rail<br>Subdivision and Coburg<br>Crescent       | 0.03   | 0.02 - 0.03                         |

Table A 4-3 Summary of Measured Vibration Levels

Please refer to Part B Figure B 2-3 for an interpretation of ground-borne noise within the context of sound levels from various sound sources.

**Table A 4-4** provides a detailed breakdown of the highest measured vibration levels at each location. Passby vibration level figures are also provided. The passby vibration level figures demonstrate the duration of a given vehicle passby and plots the magnitude of the vibration (mm/s) against time (seconds). For freight, passbys can last several minutes. For passenger or commuter trains, the passby lasts for less than a minute.



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| Measurement<br>Location | Study Area<br>Segment | Train Type      | Maximum Vibration Level<br>(mm/s, RMS) |
|-------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|--|
| V1                      | 1                     | TTC Train 1     | 0.26                                   |
|                         |                       | TTC Train 2     | 0.20                                   |
|                         |                       | TTC Train 3     | 0.28                                   |
|                         |                       | TTC Train 4     | 0.23                                   |
|                         |                       | TTC Train 5     | 0.25                                   |
| V2                      | 1                     | Freight Train 1 | 0.02                                   |
|                         |                       | Freight Train 2 | 0.02                                   |
|                         |                       | Freight Train 3 | 0.04                                   |
|                         |                       | Freight Train 4 | 0.03                                   |
|                         |                       | Freight Train 5 | 0.04                                   |
| V3                      | 2                     | Freight Train 1 | 0.09                                   |
|                         |                       | Freight Train 2 | 0.09                                   |
|                         |                       | Freight Train 3 | 0.08                                   |
|                         |                       | Go Train 1      | 0.09                                   |
|                         |                       | Go Train 2      | 0.09                                   |
| V4                      | 3                     | Freight Train 1 | 0.04                                   |
|                         |                       | Freight Train 2 | 0.05                                   |
|                         |                       | GO Train 1      | 0.02                                   |
|                         |                       | GO Train 2      | 0.02                                   |
|                         |                       | GO Train 3      | 0.02                                   |
| V5                      | 3                     | Freight Train 1 | 0.07                                   |
|                         |                       | GO Train 1      | 0.02                                   |
|                         |                       | GO Train 2      | 0.03                                   |
|                         |                       | GO Train 3      | 0.02                                   |
|                         |                       | GO Train 4      | 0.02                                   |
| V6                      | 3                     | Freight Train 1 | 0.06                                   |
|                         |                       | GO Train 1      | 0.03                                   |
|                         |                       | GO Train 2      | 0.03                                   |
|                         |                       | GO Train 3      | 0.03                                   |



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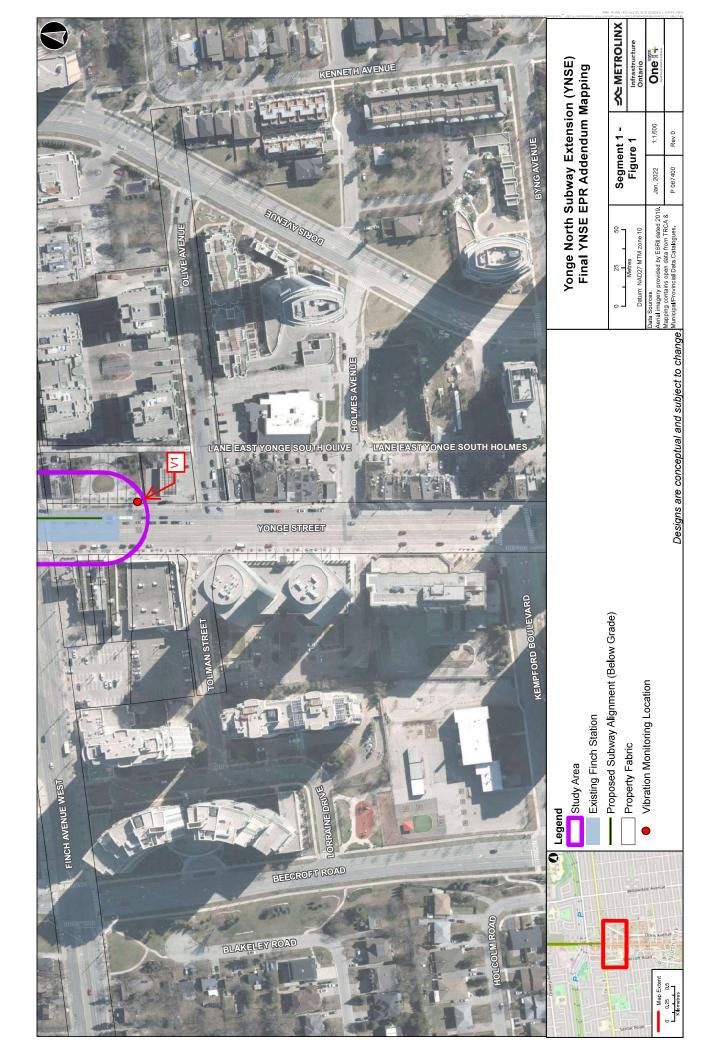
| Measurement<br>Location | Study Area<br>Segment | Train Type | Maximum Vibration Level<br>(mm/s, RMS) |
|-------------------------|-----------------------|------------|--|
|                         |                       | GO Train 4 | 0.03                                   |
| V7                      | 3                     | GO Train 1 | 0.03                                   |
|                         |                       | GO Train 2 | 0.03                                   |
|                         |                       | GO Train 3 | 0.03                                   |
|                         |                       | GO Train 4 | 0.02                                   |

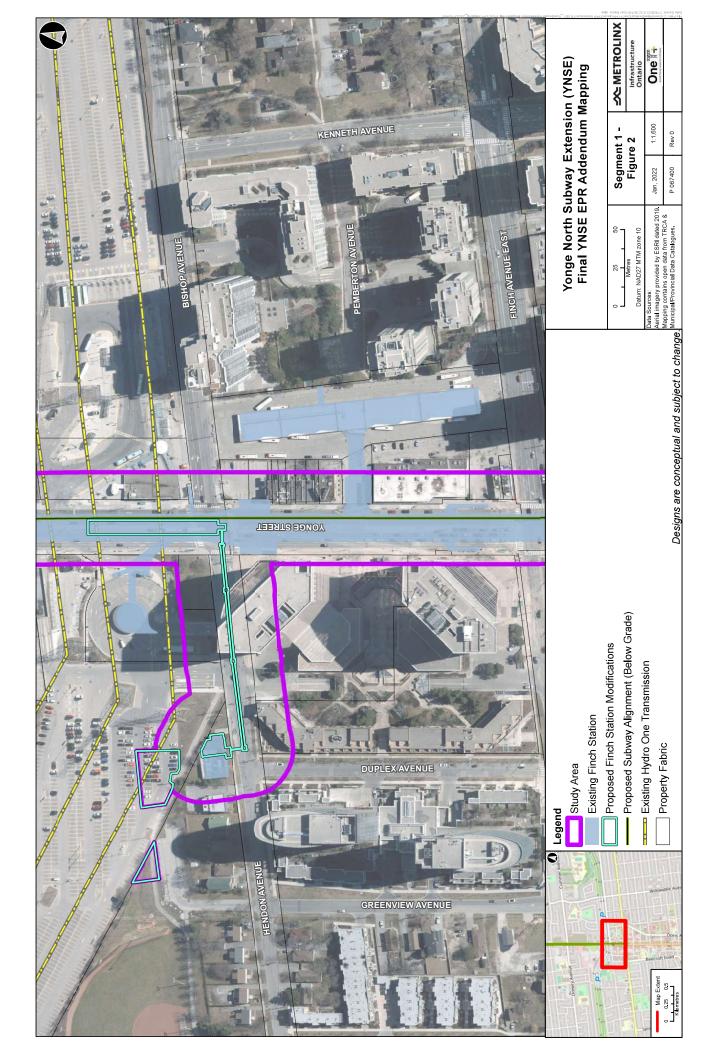


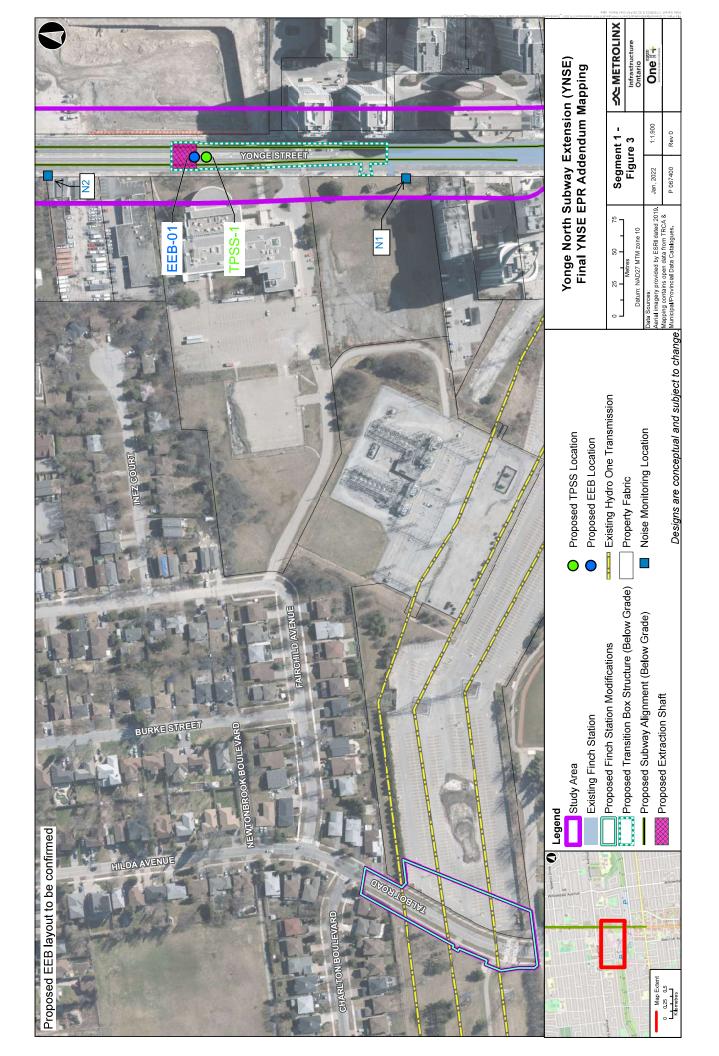


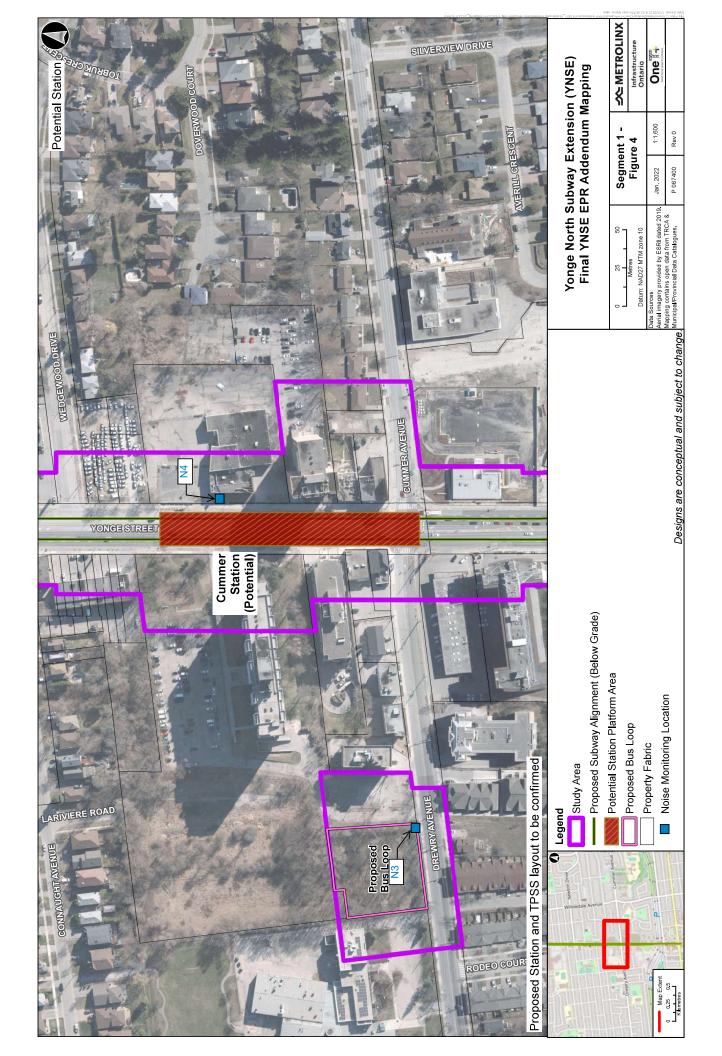
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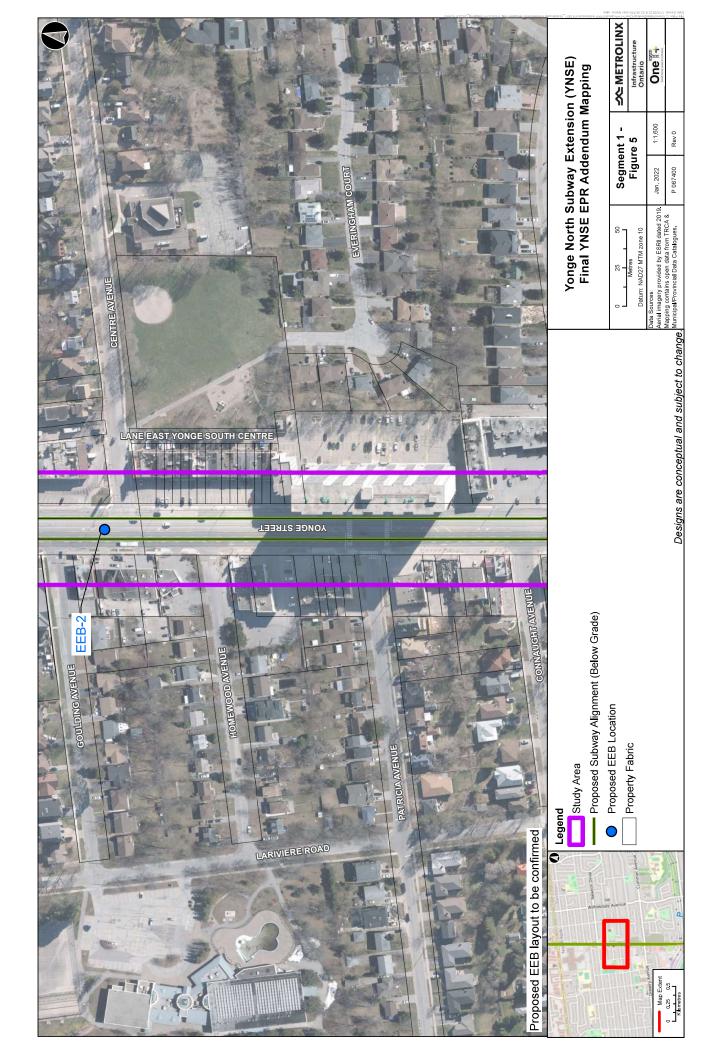


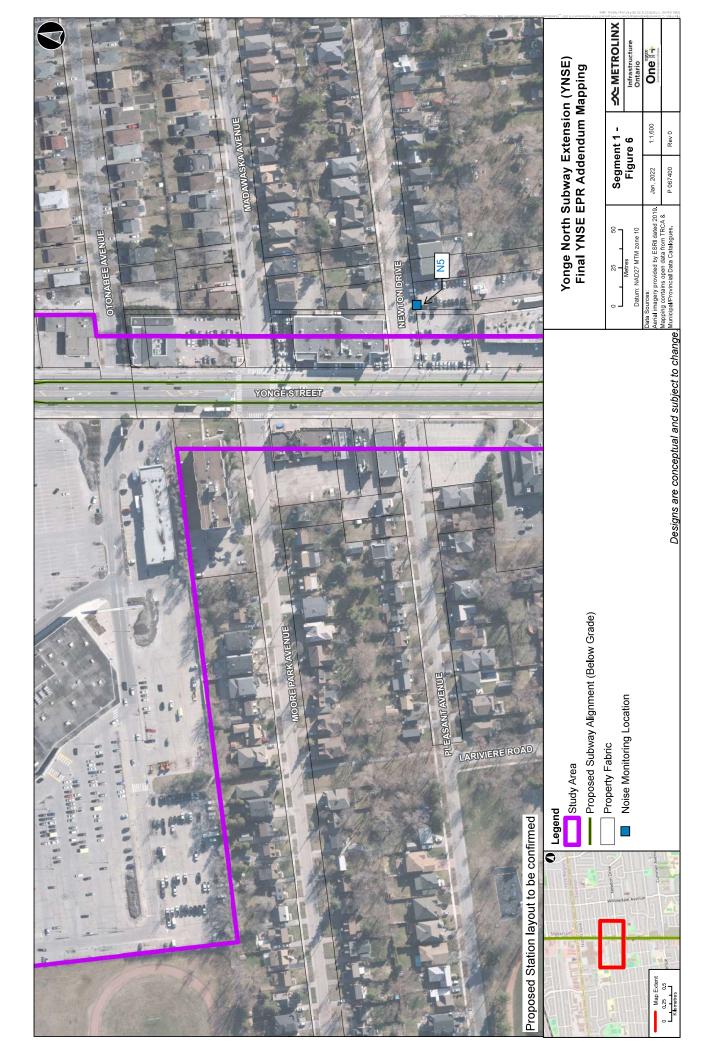


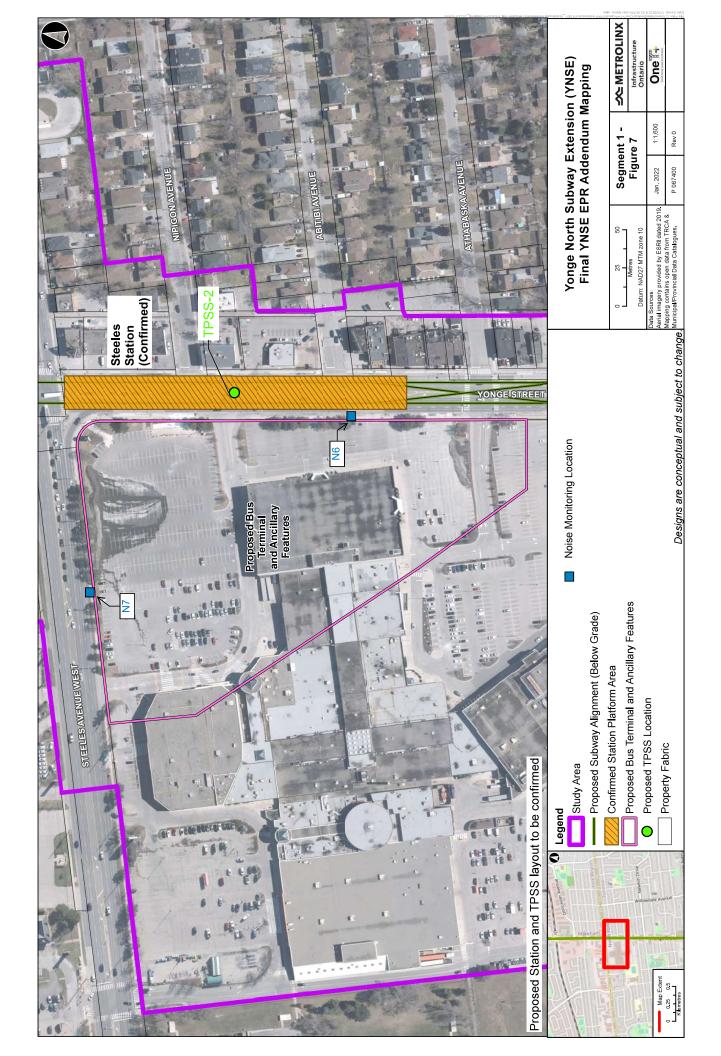


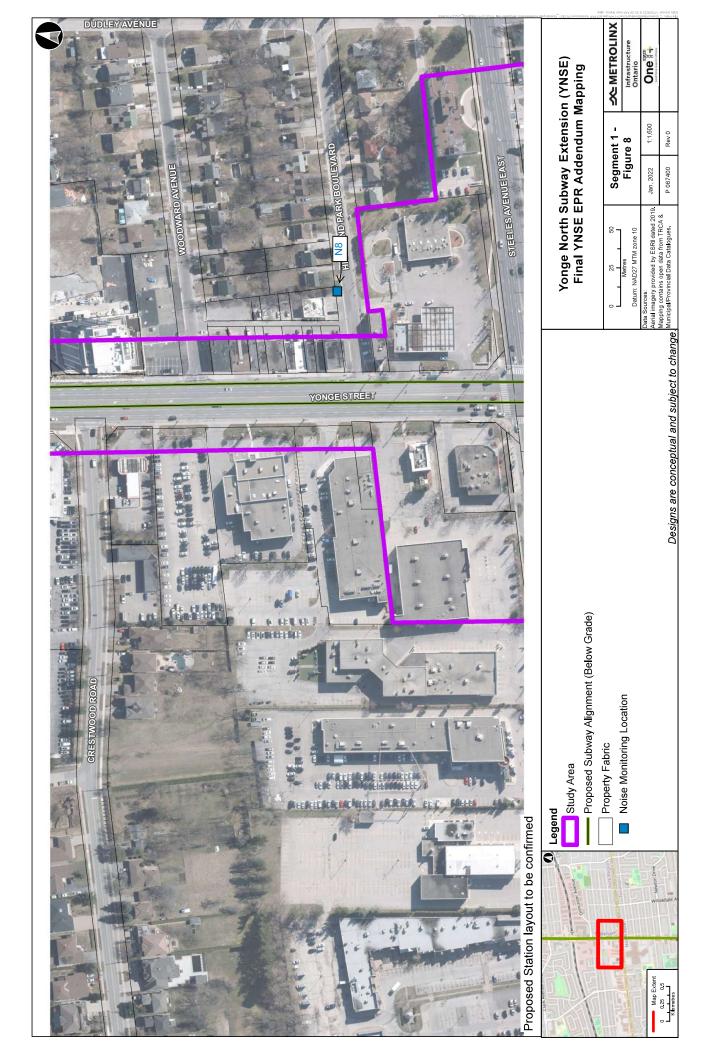


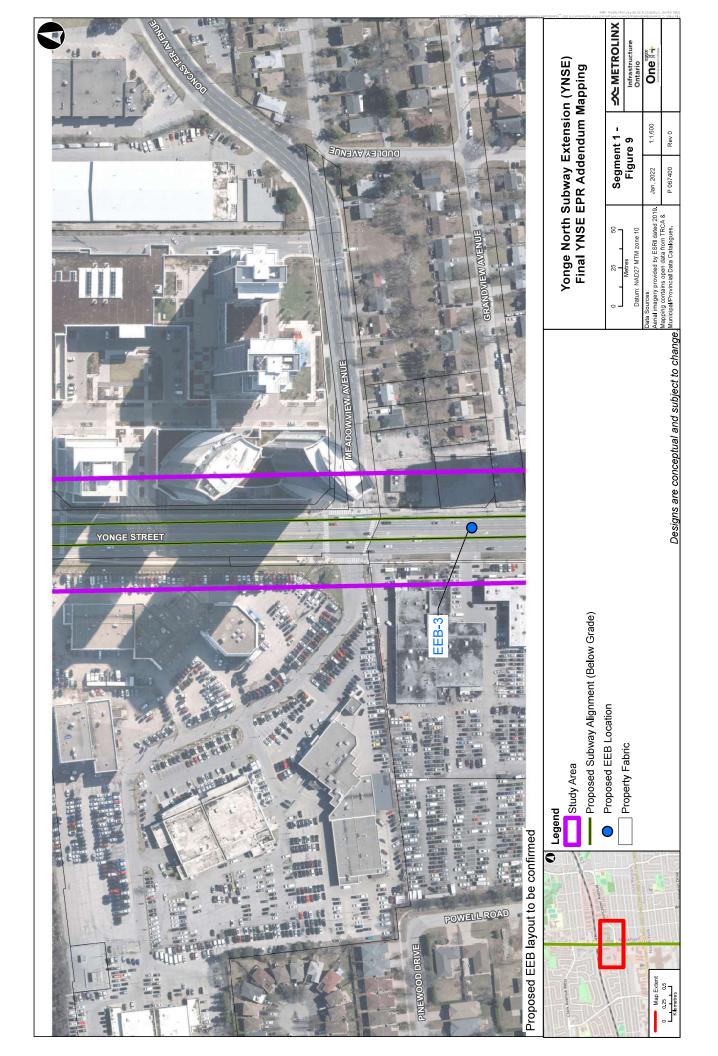


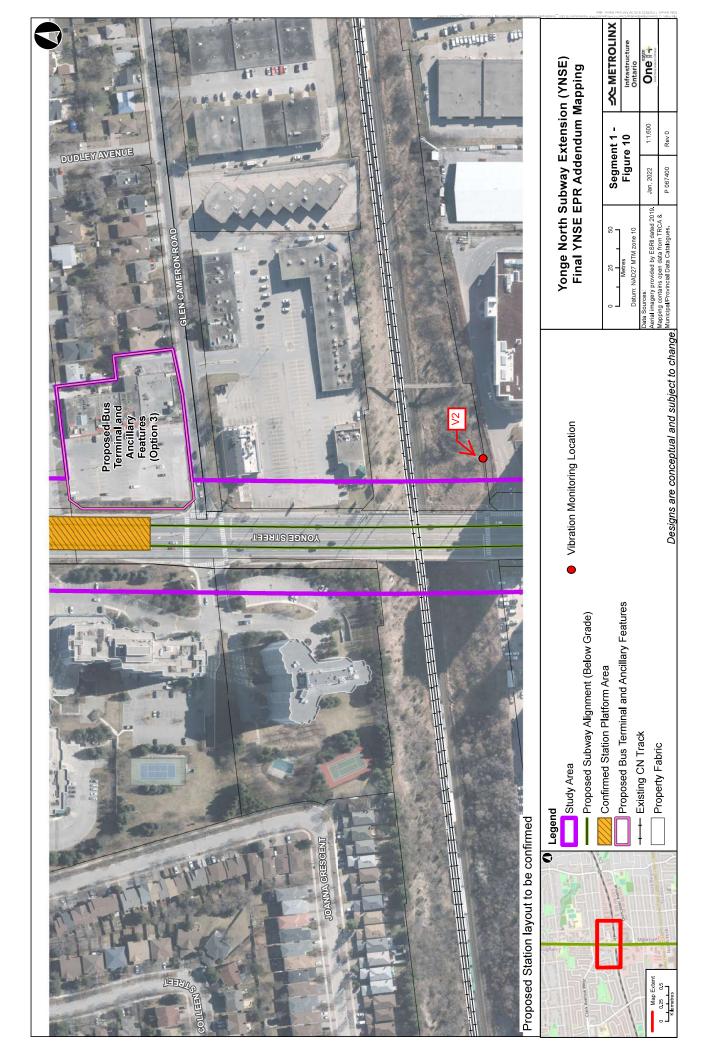


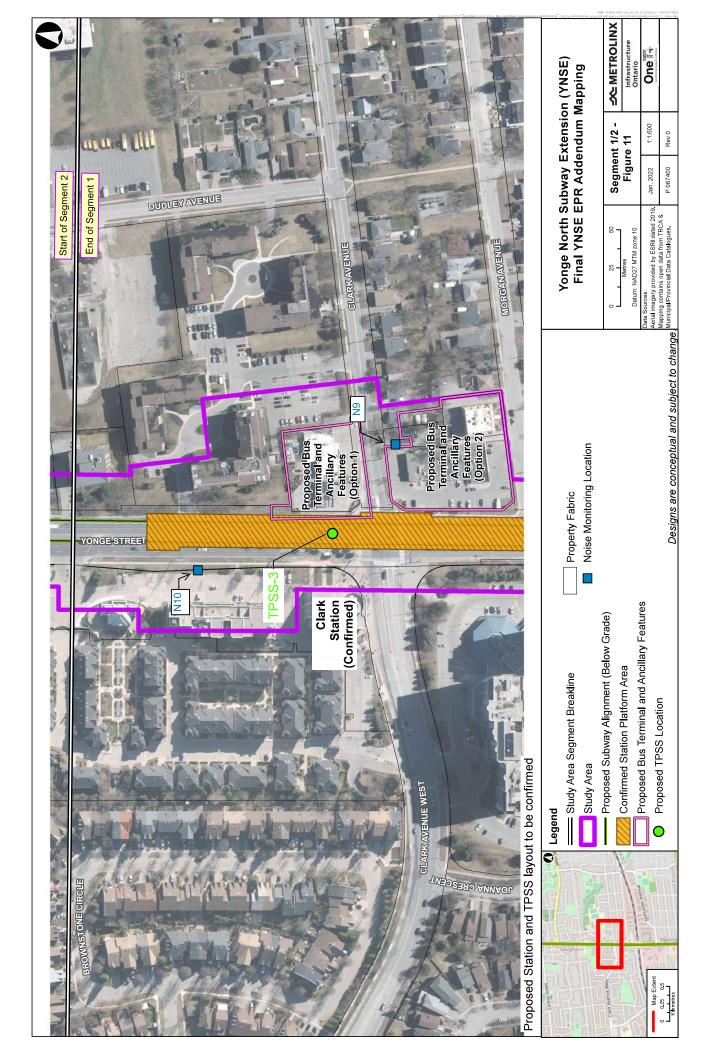


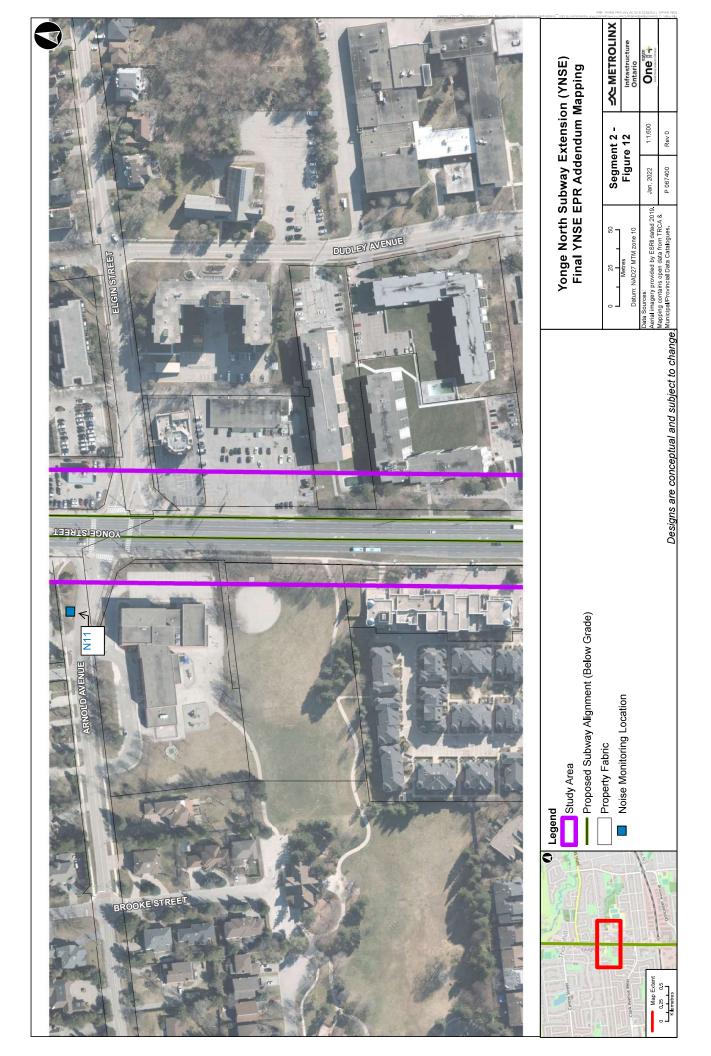


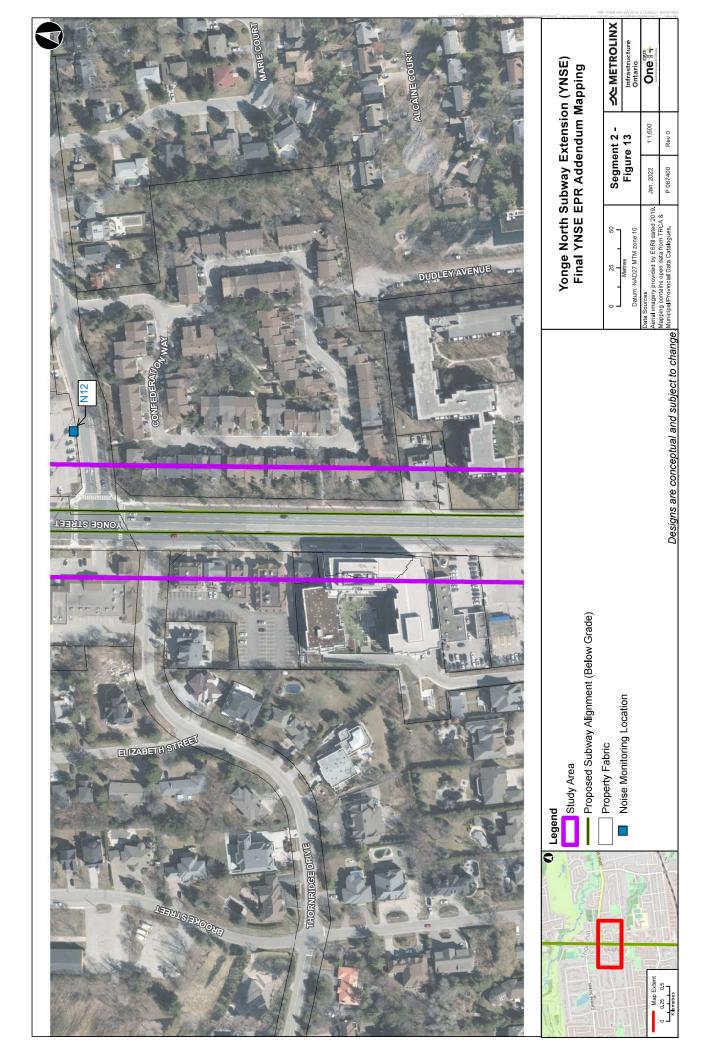


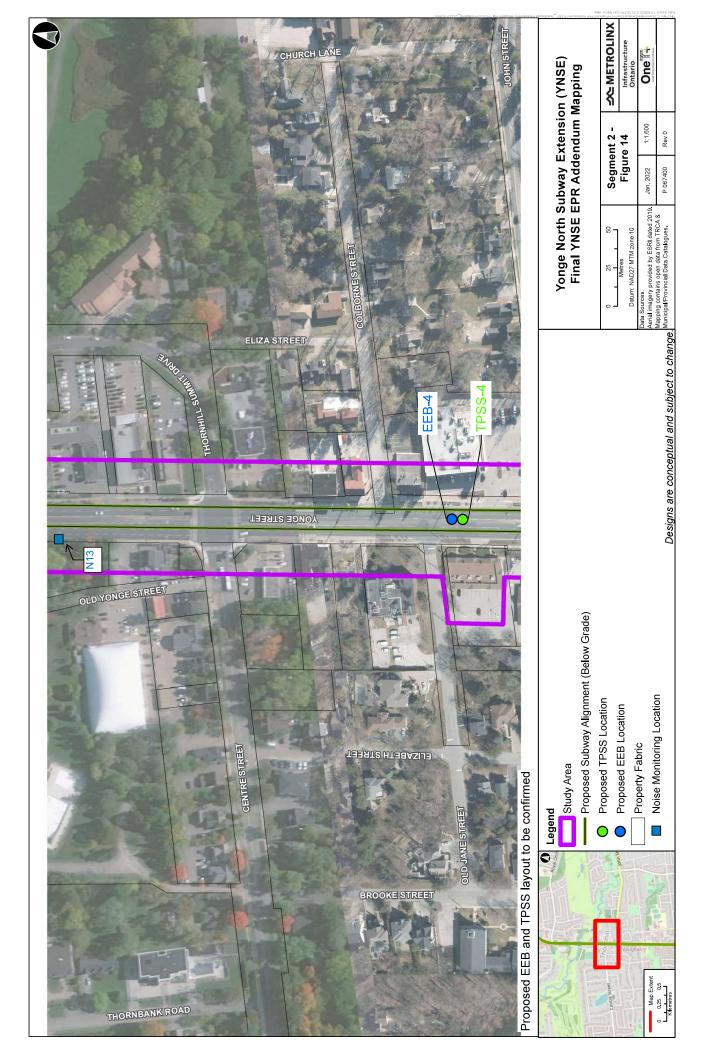


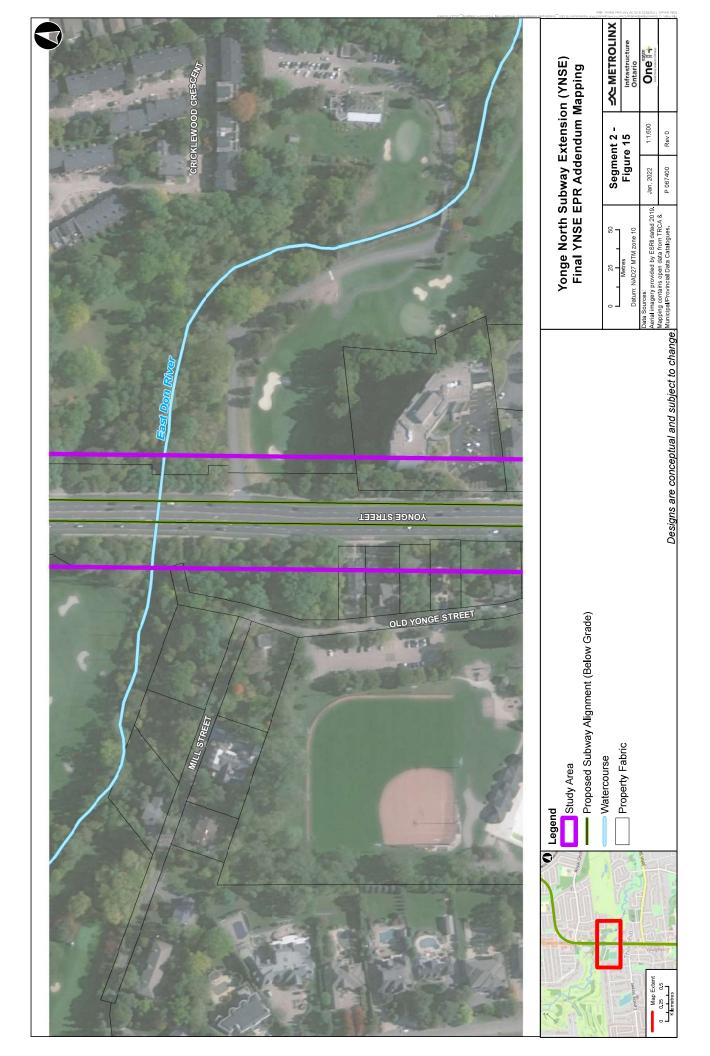


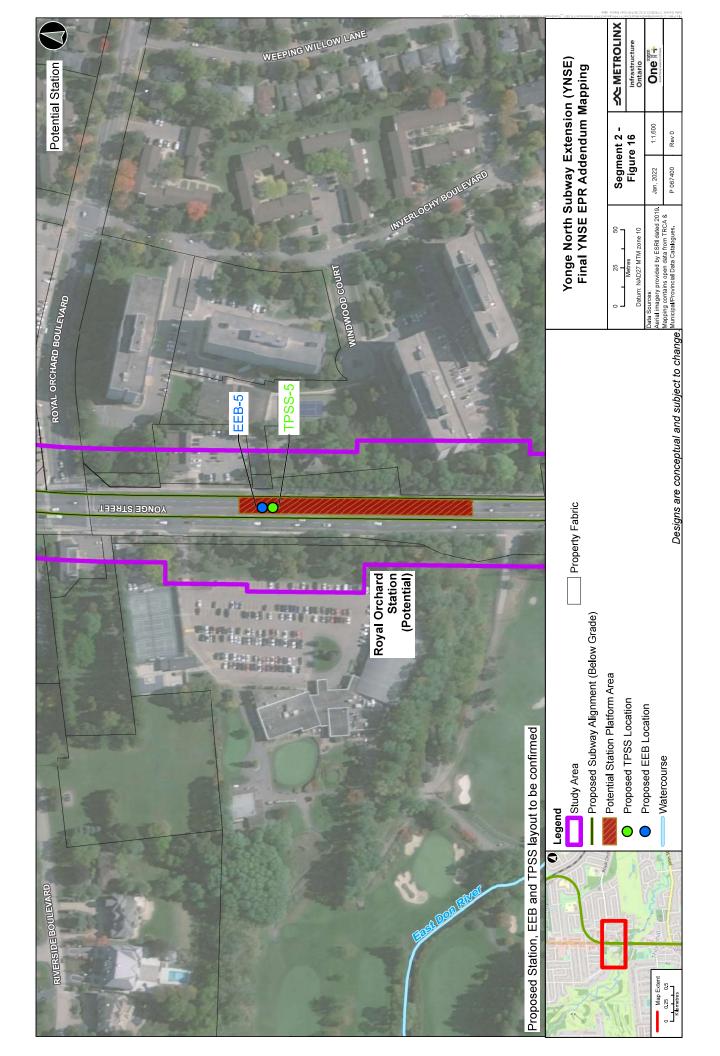


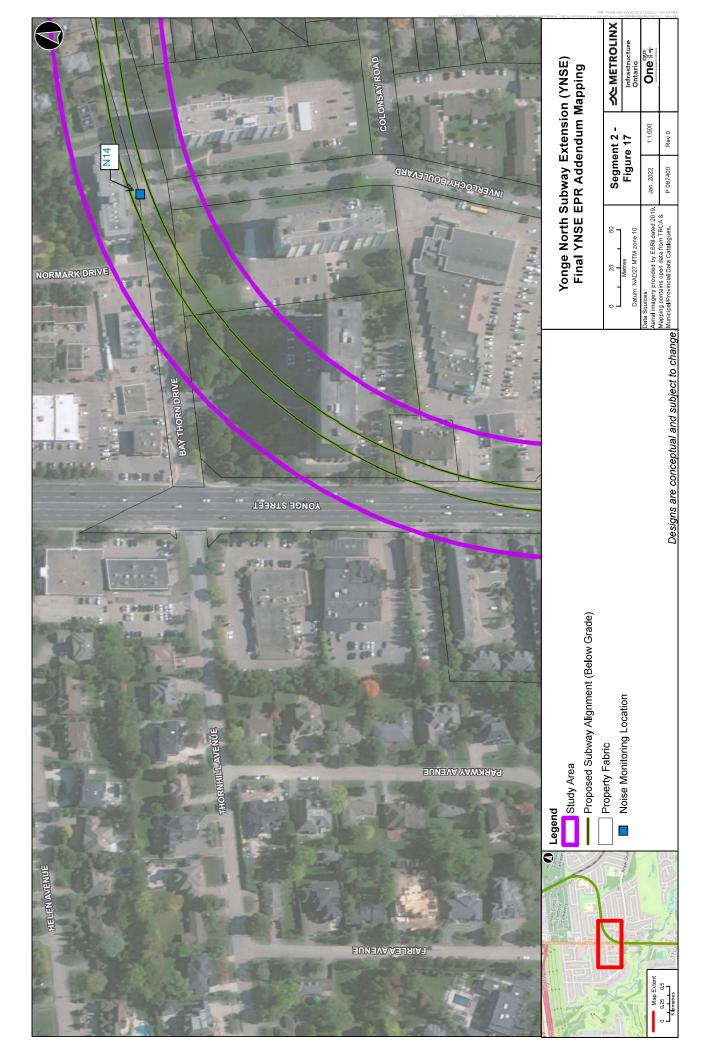


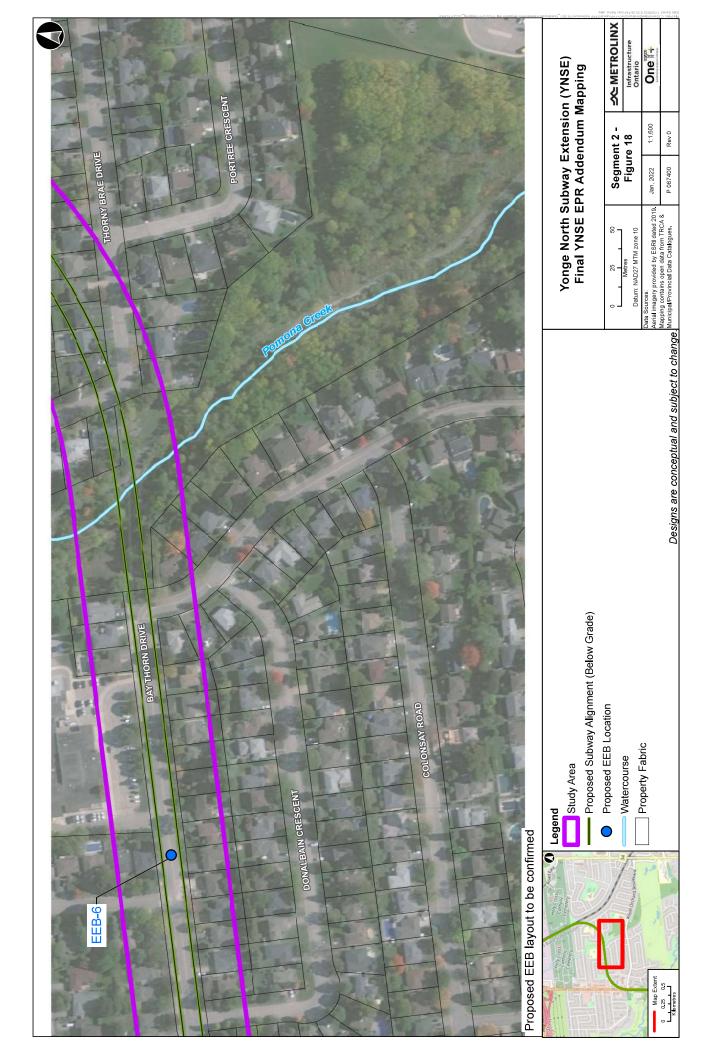


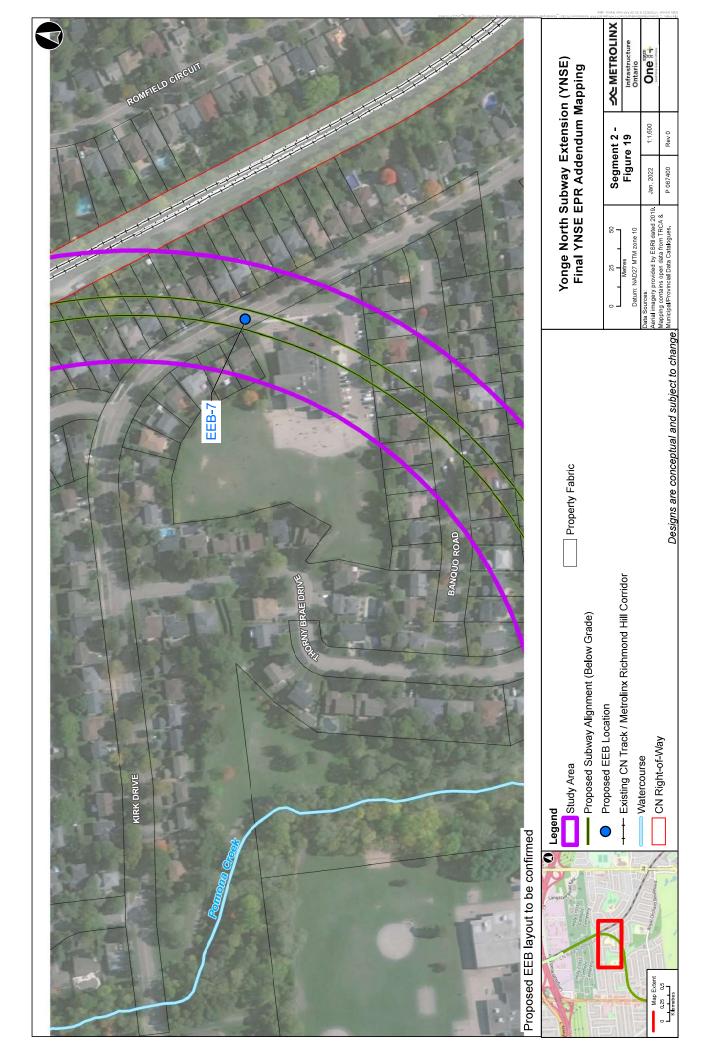


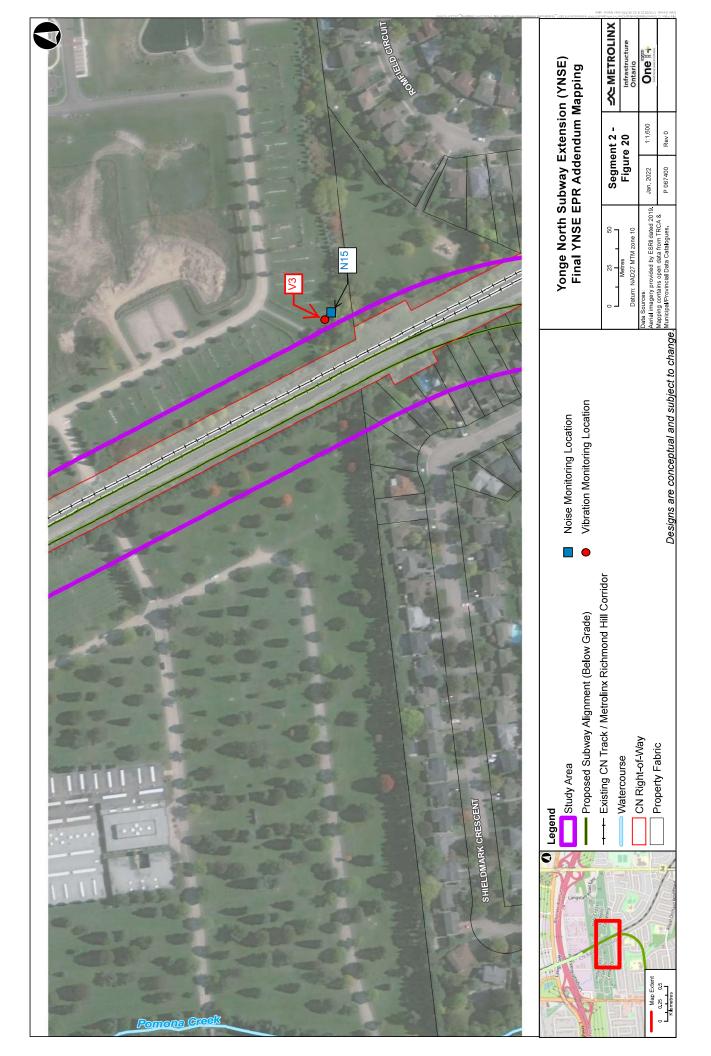


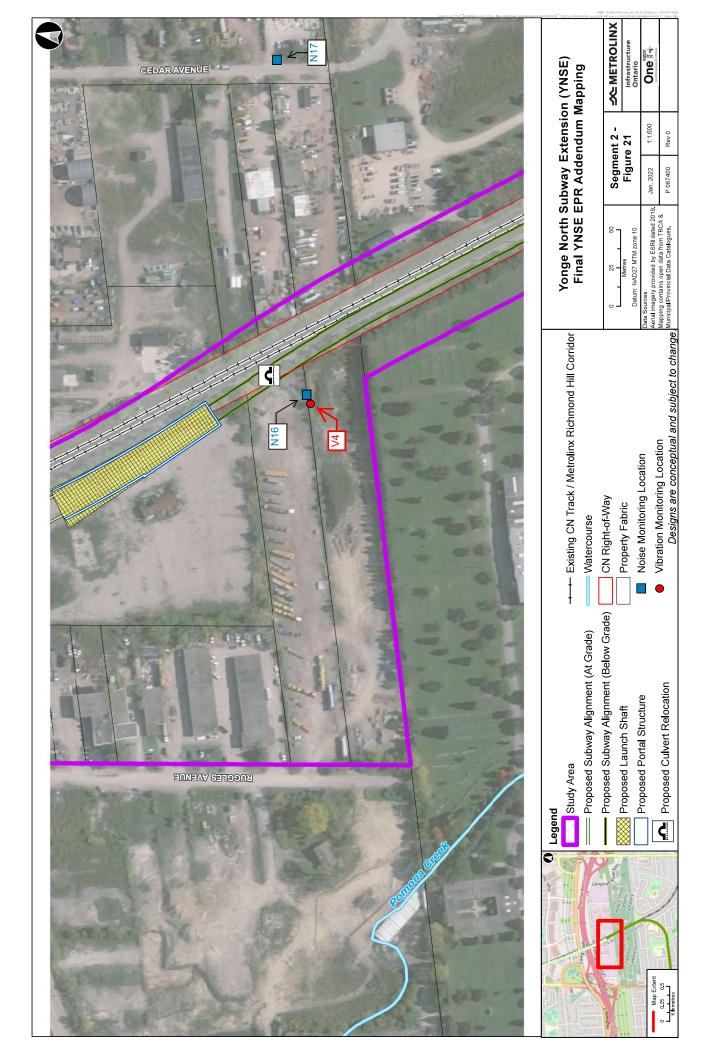


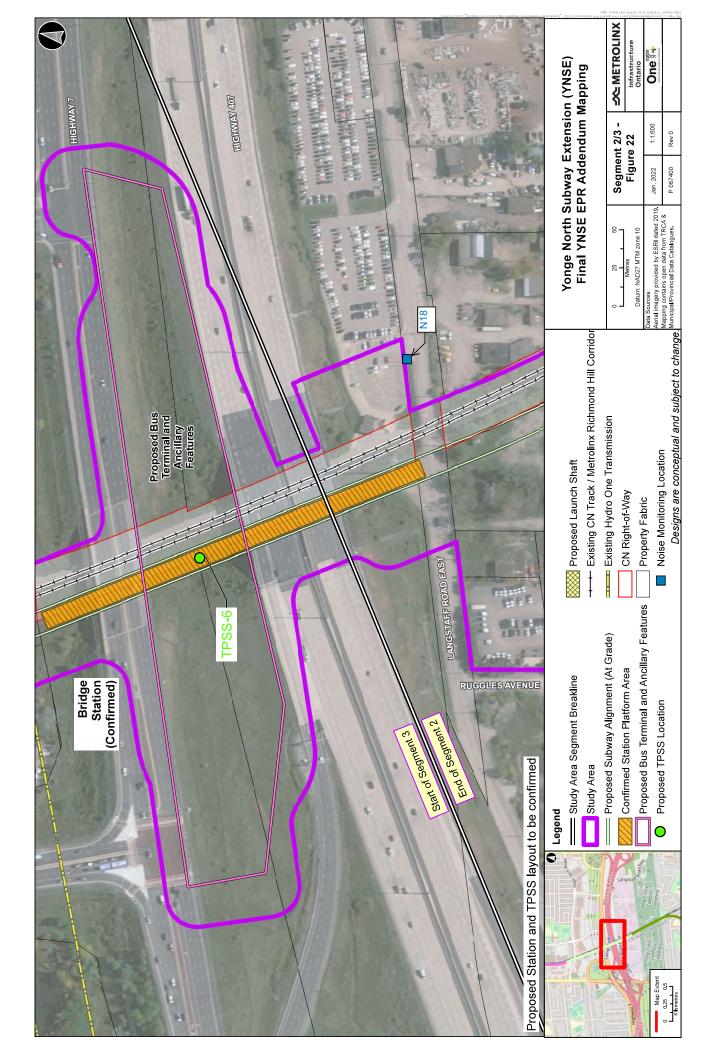


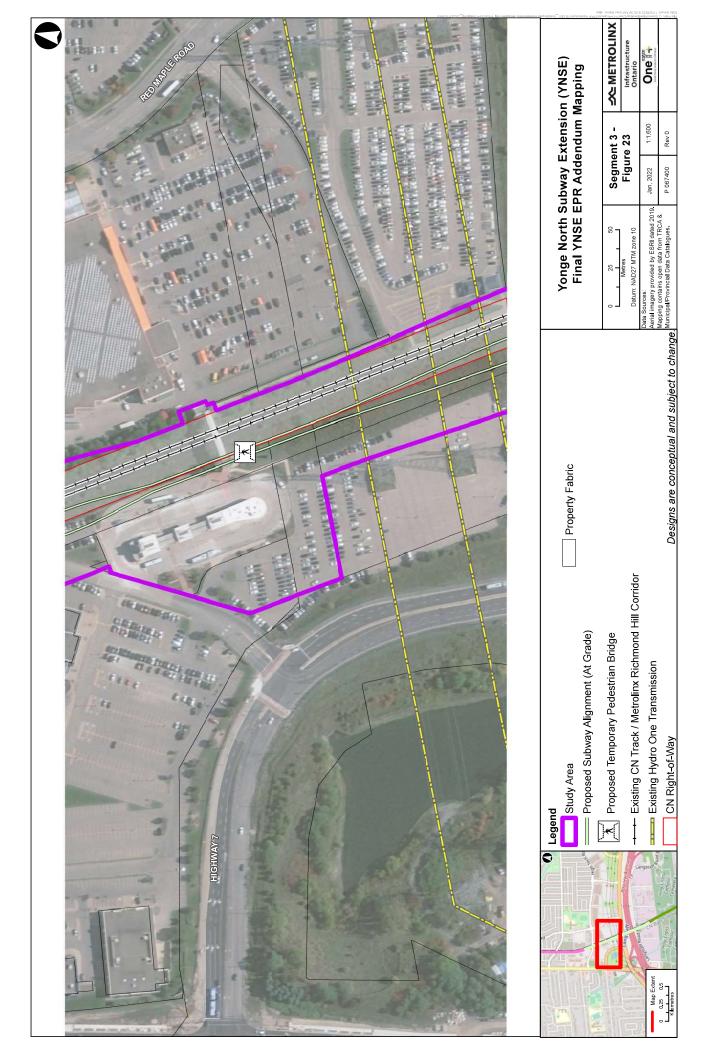


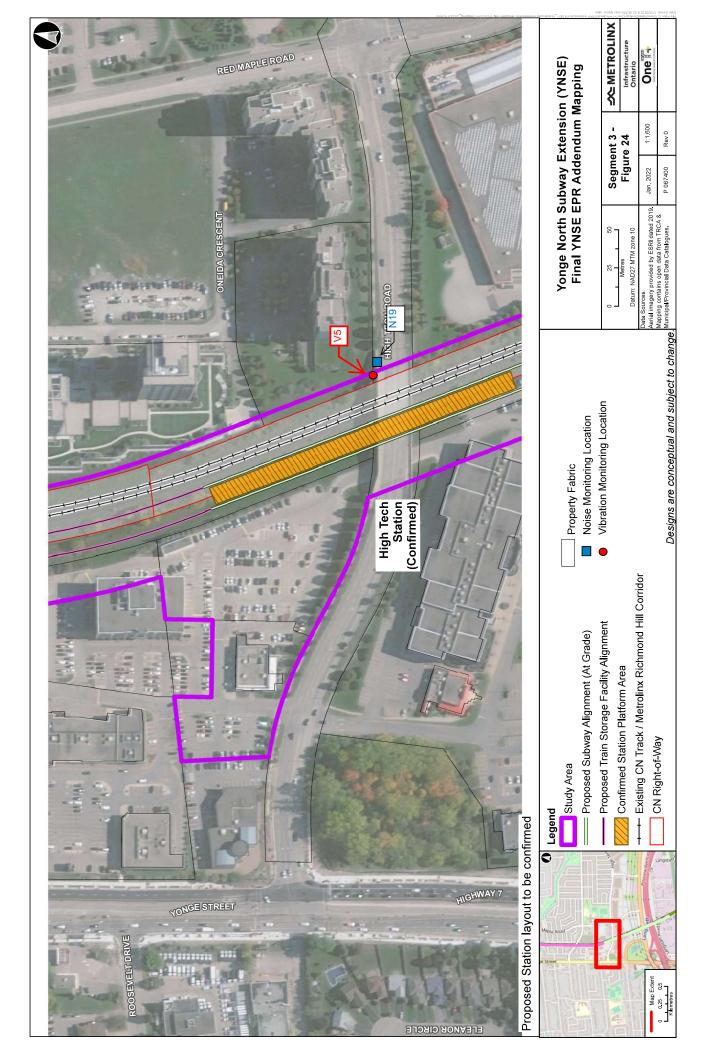


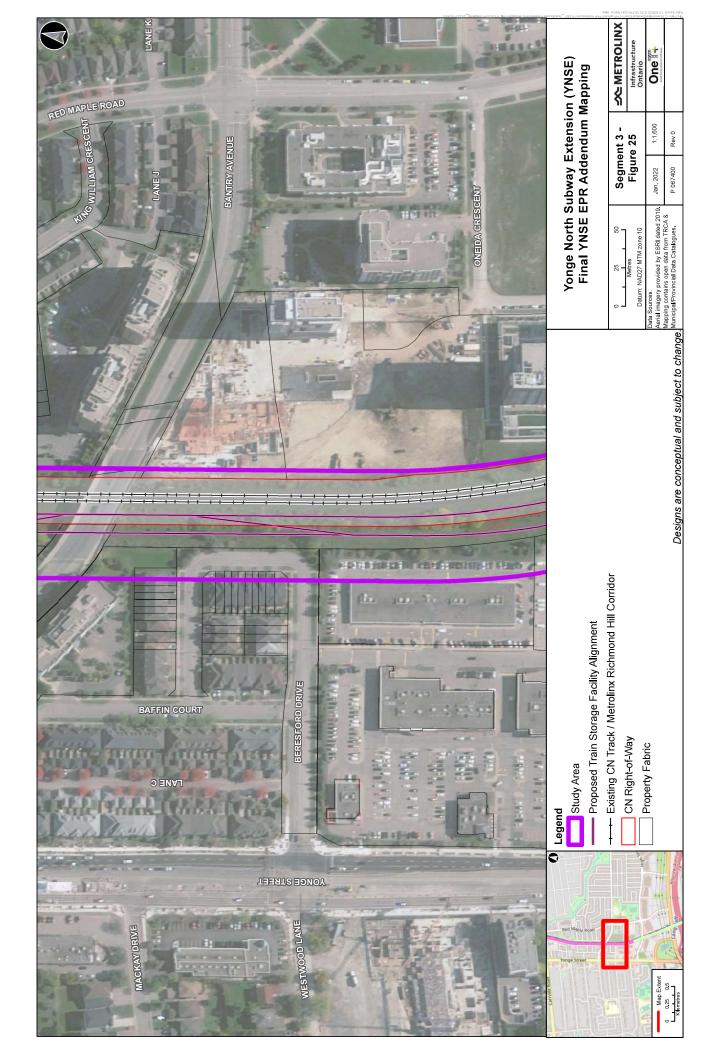




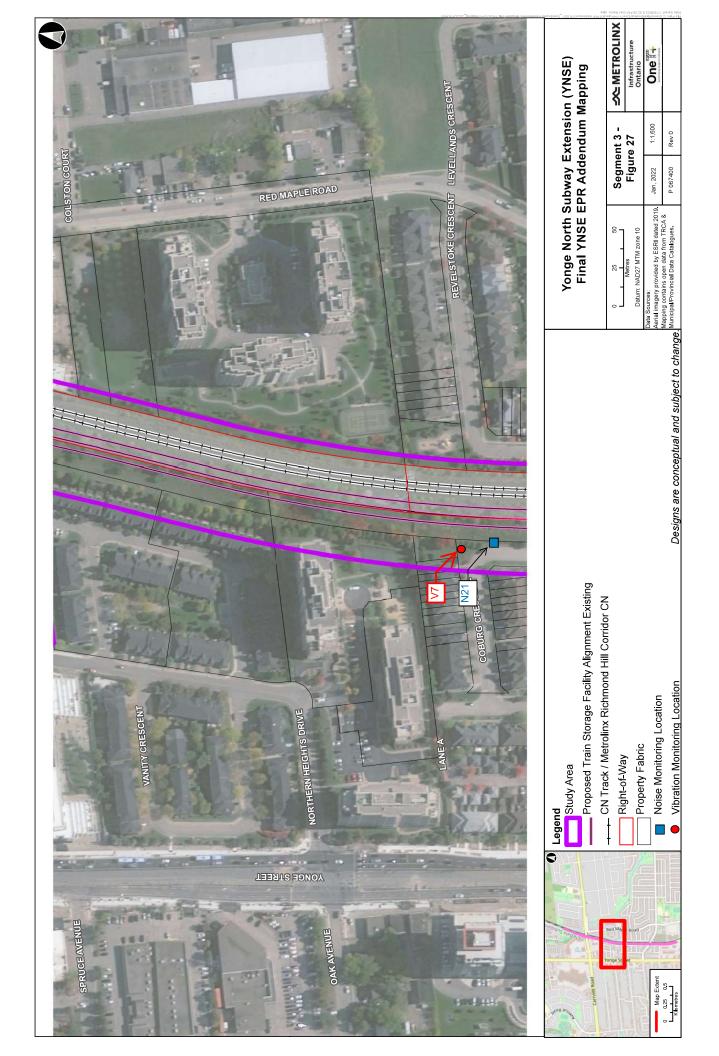


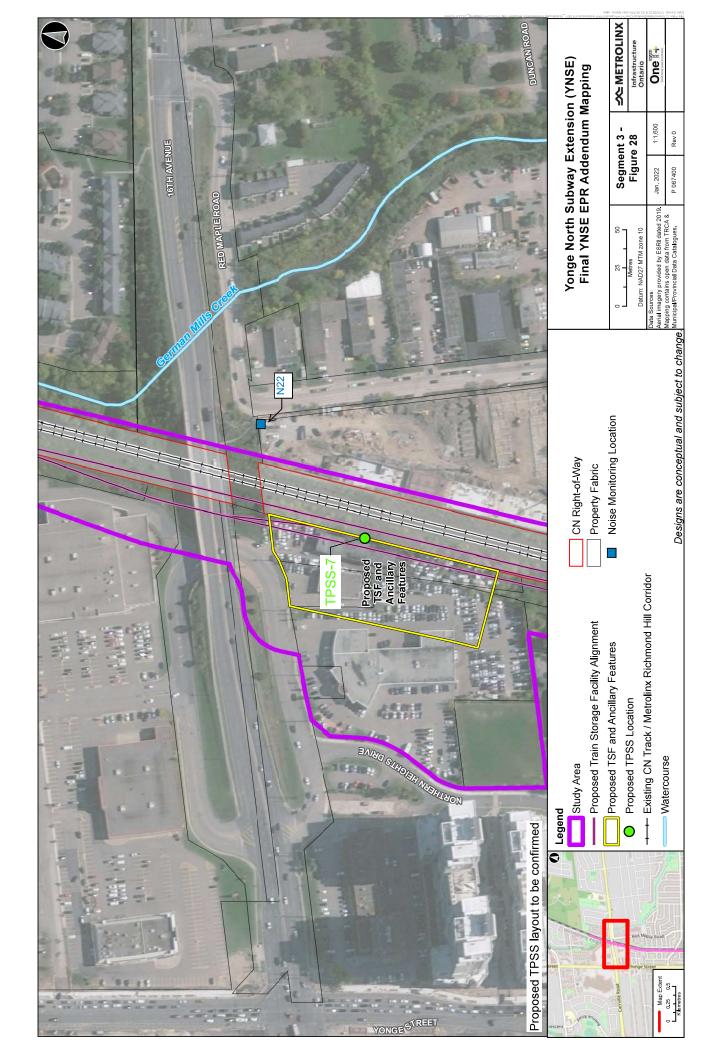


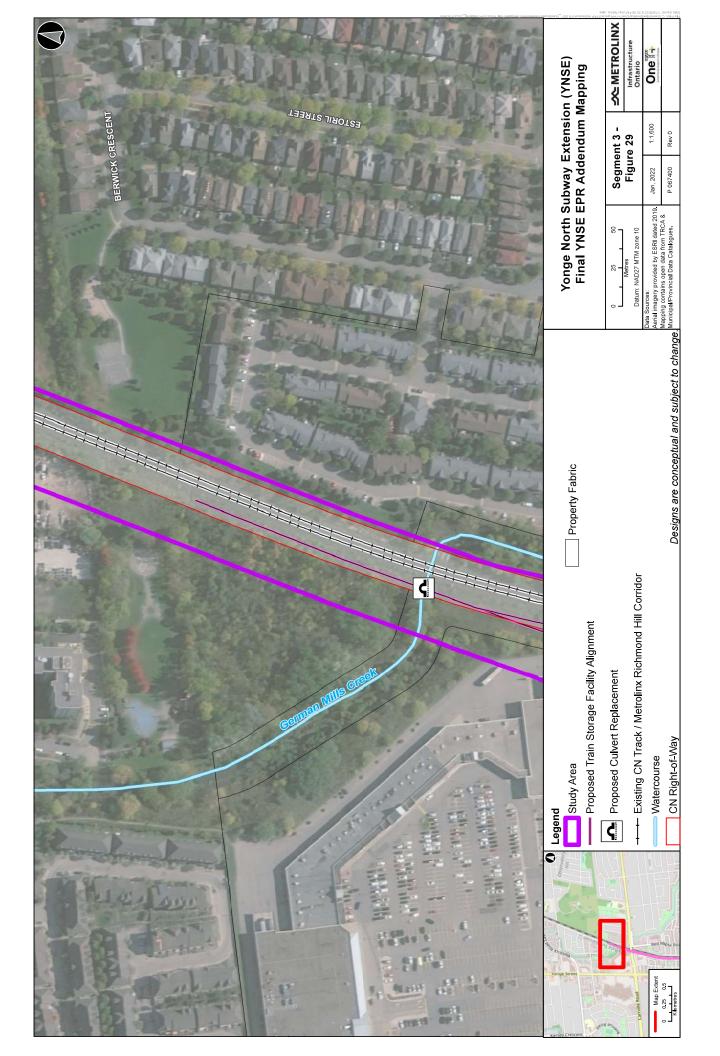


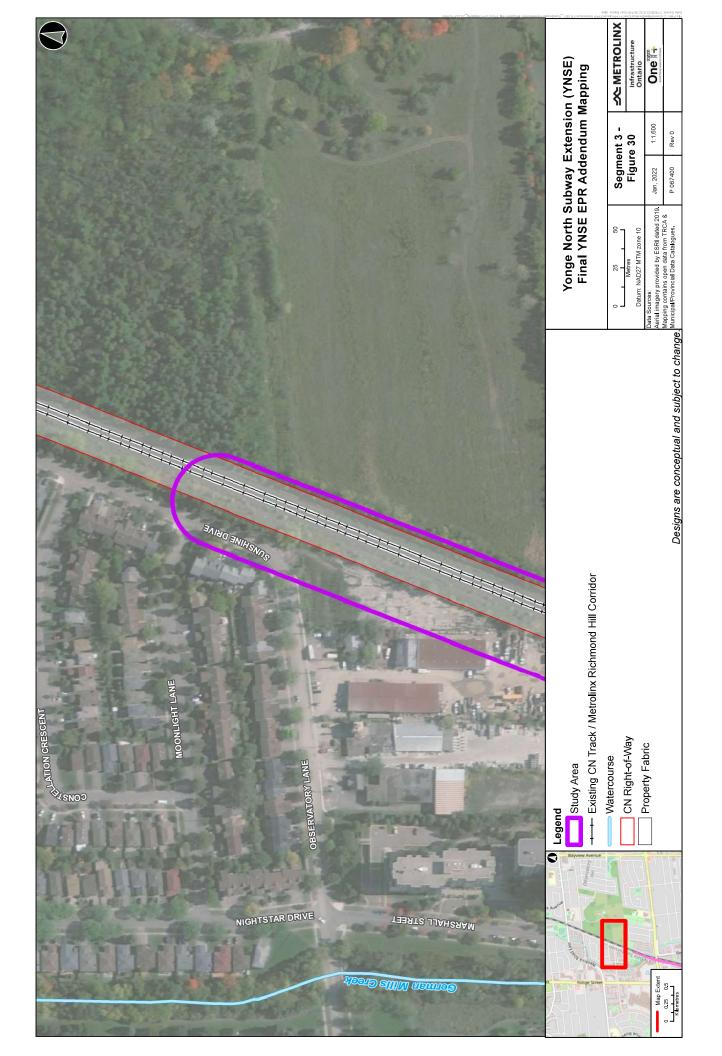










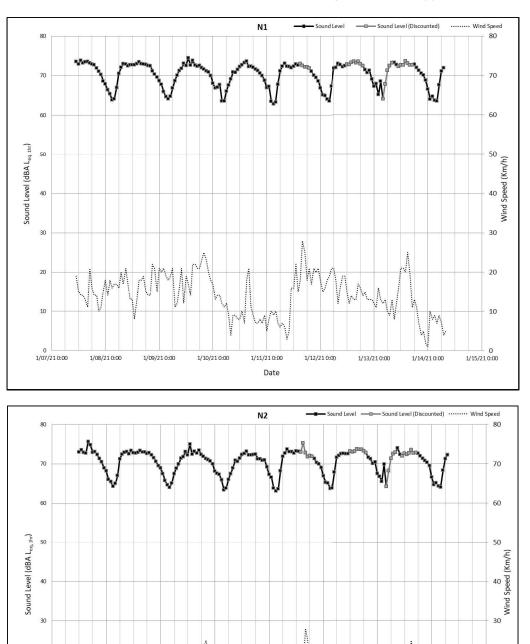




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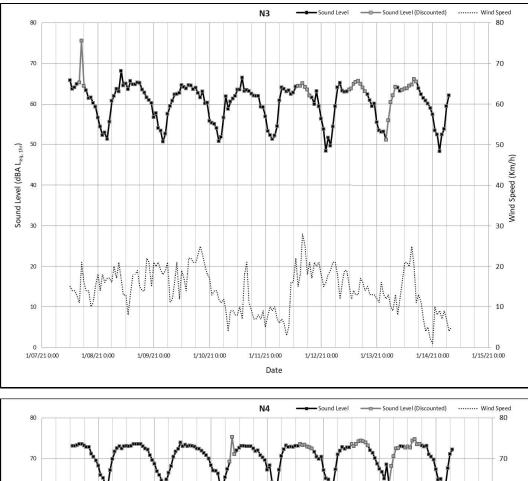
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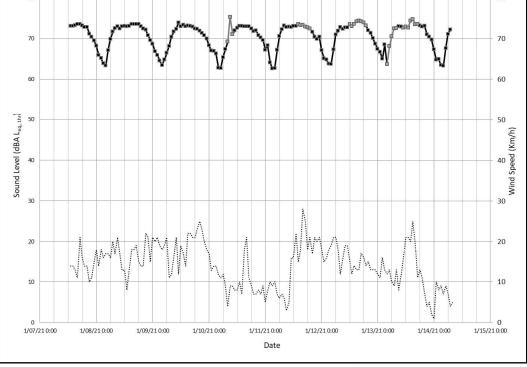
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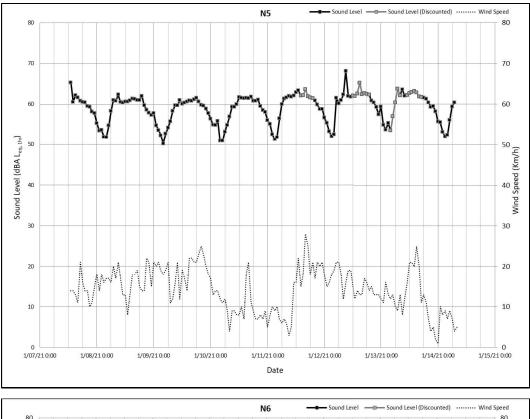


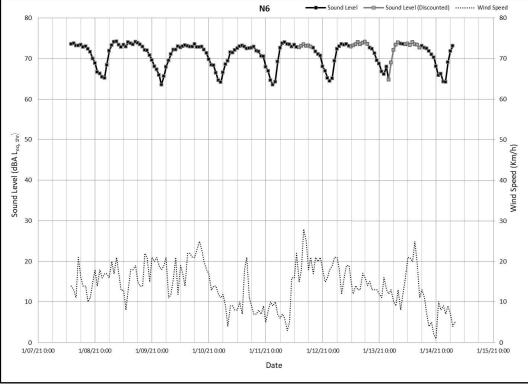








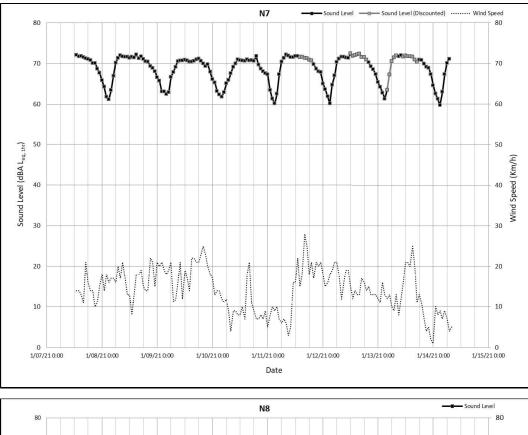


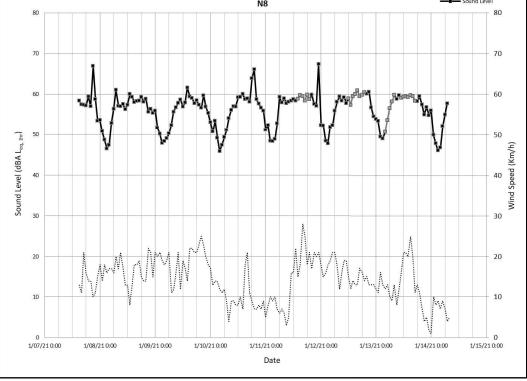




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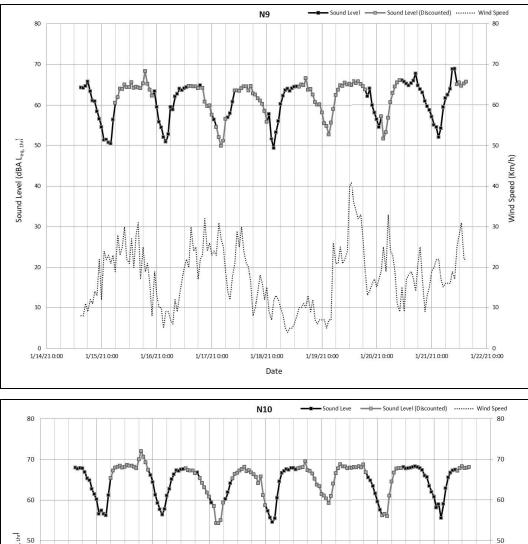


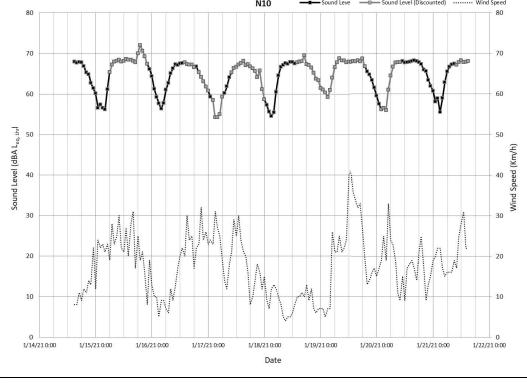




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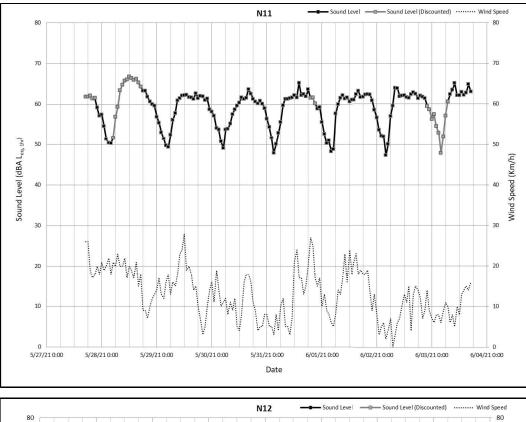


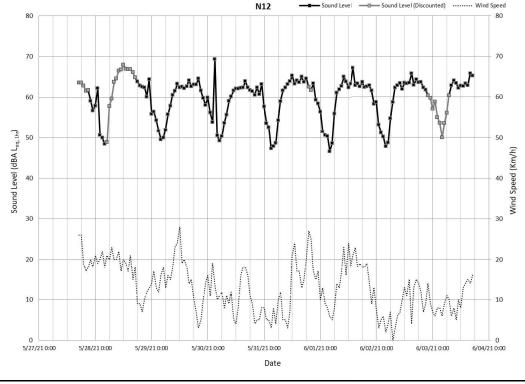






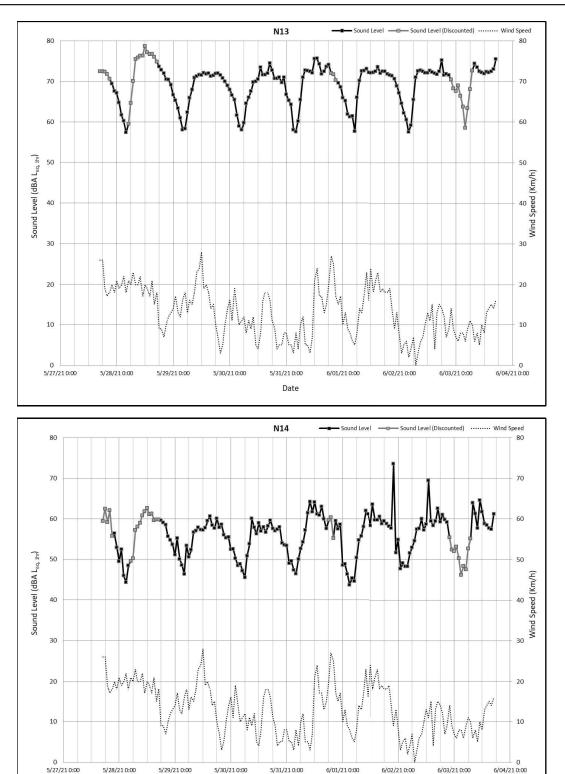








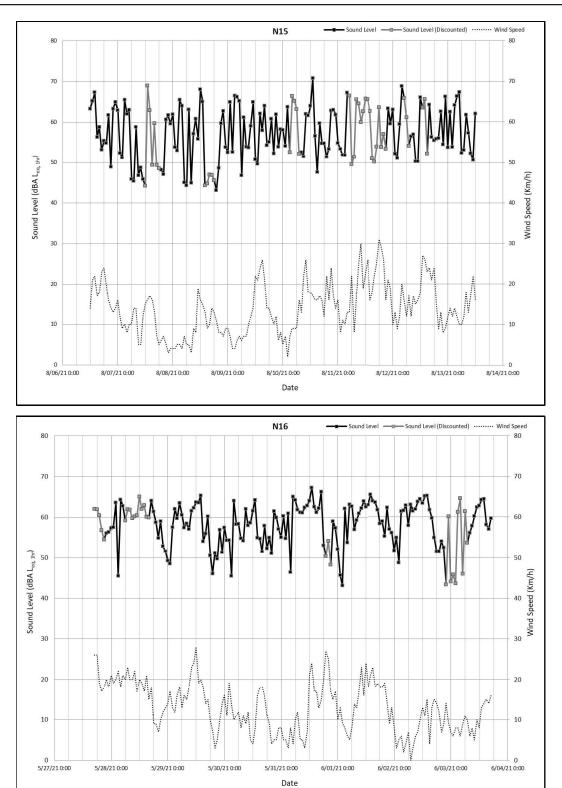
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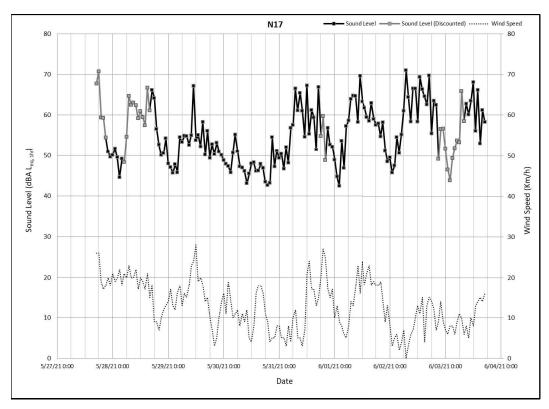
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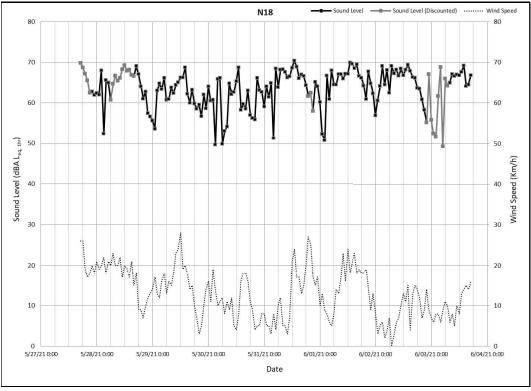




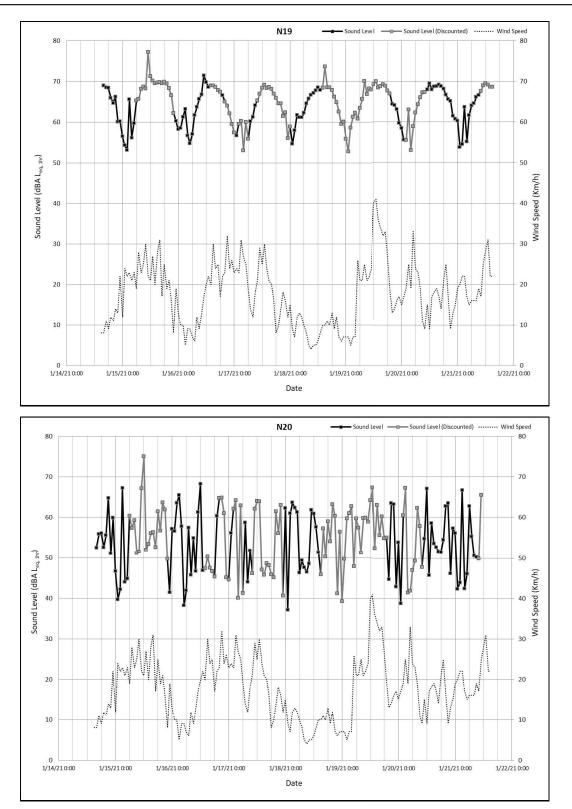




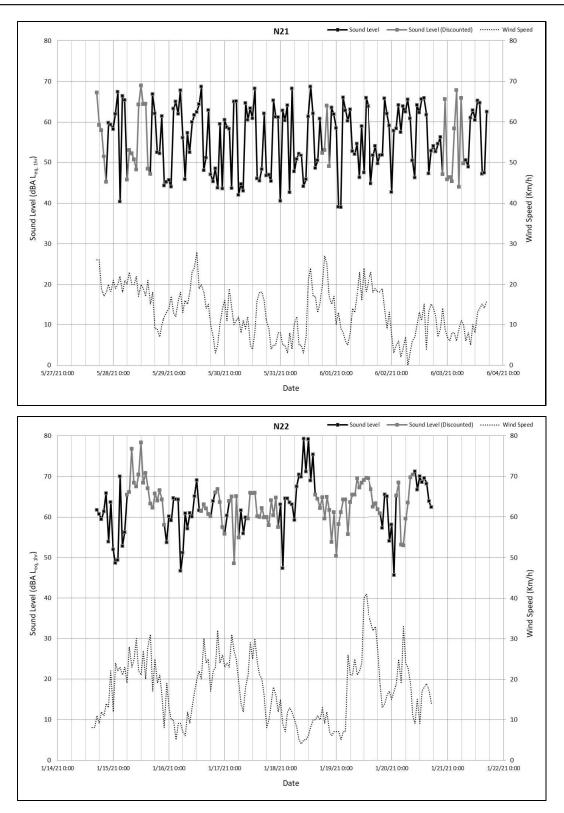




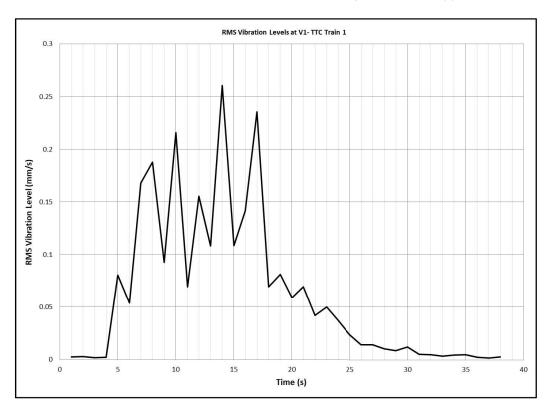








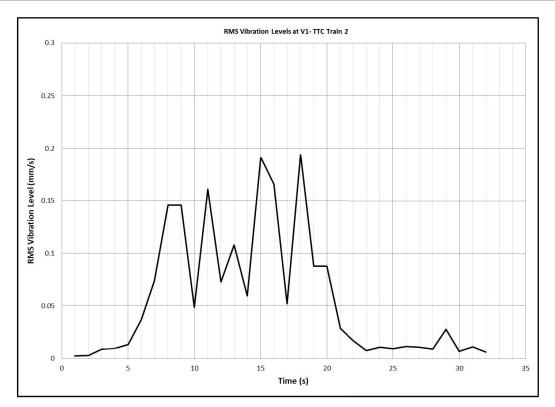


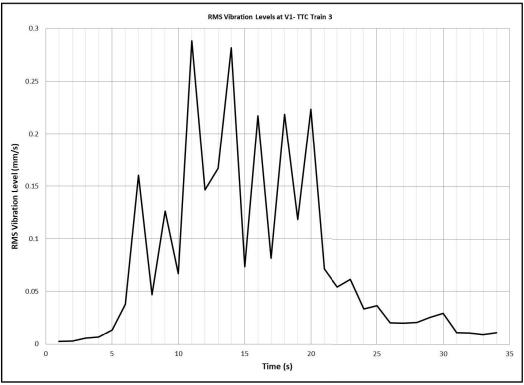


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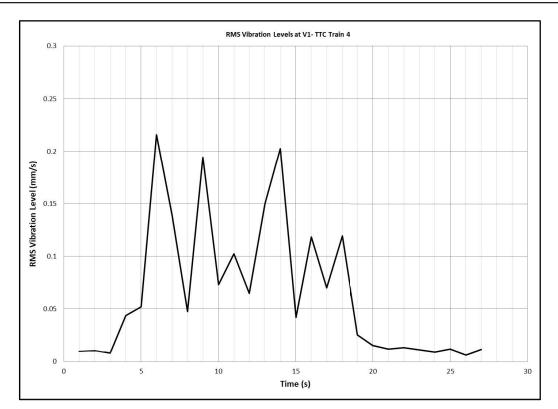


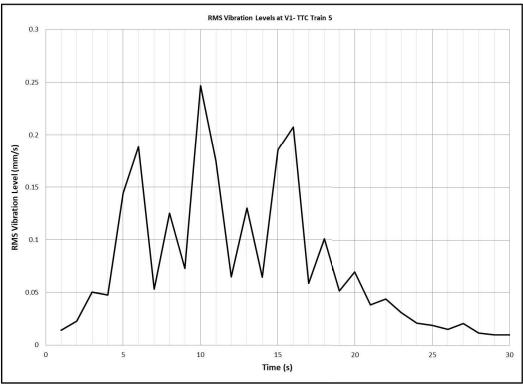






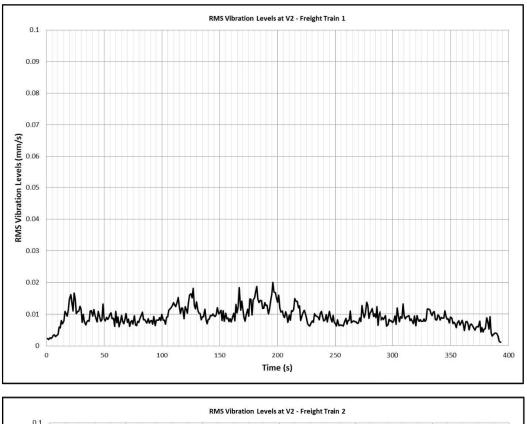


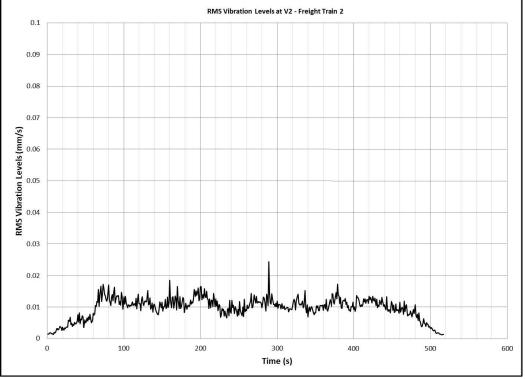






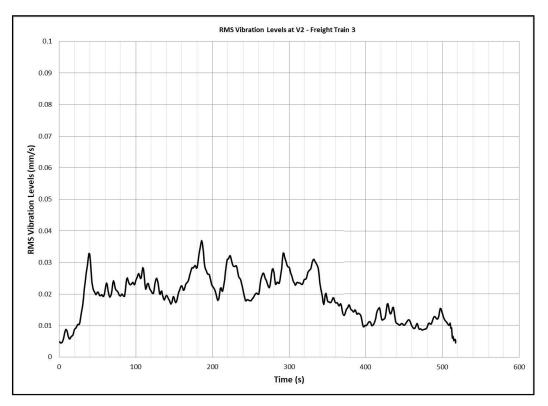


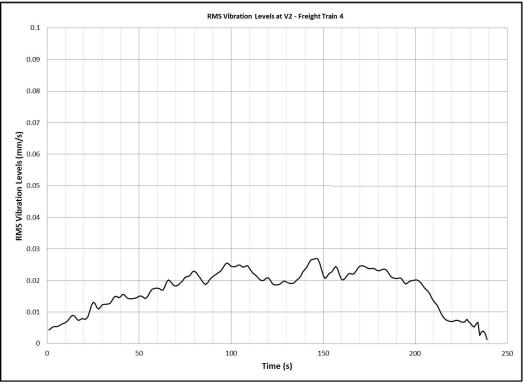






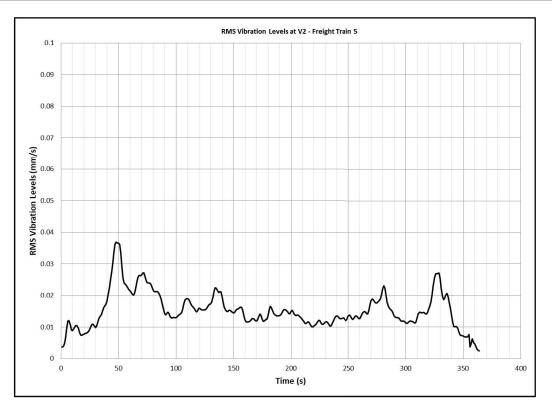


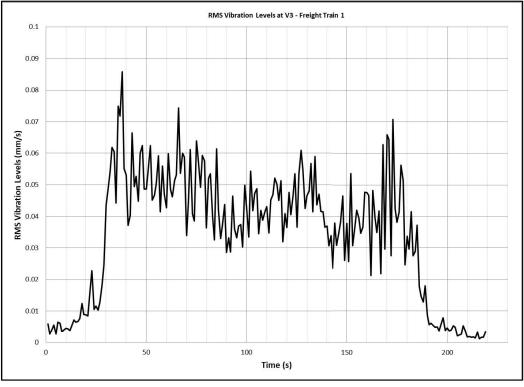






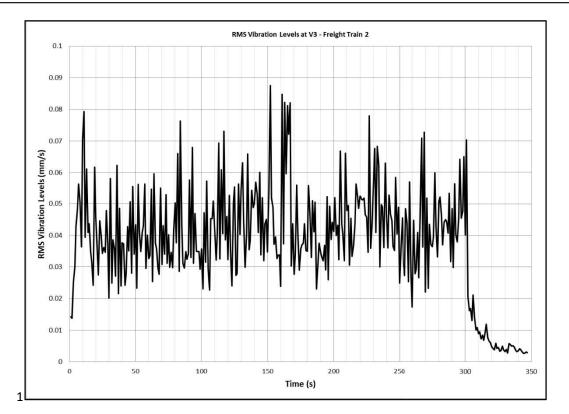


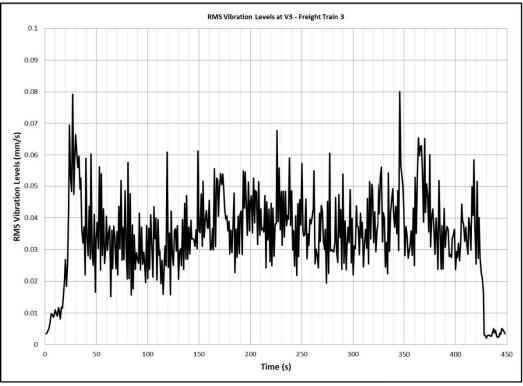






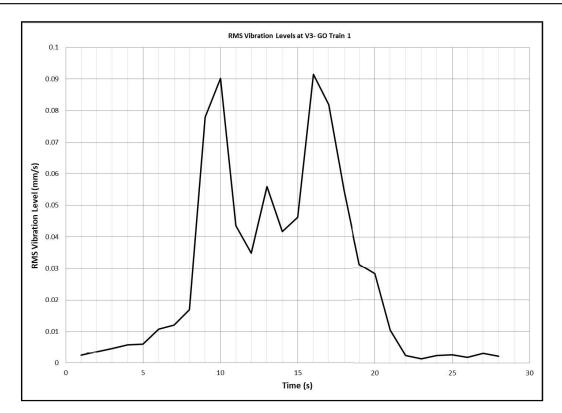


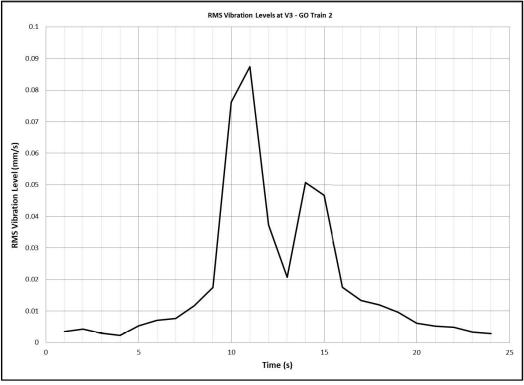




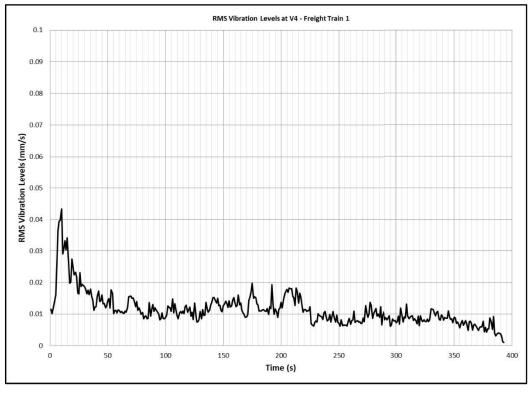


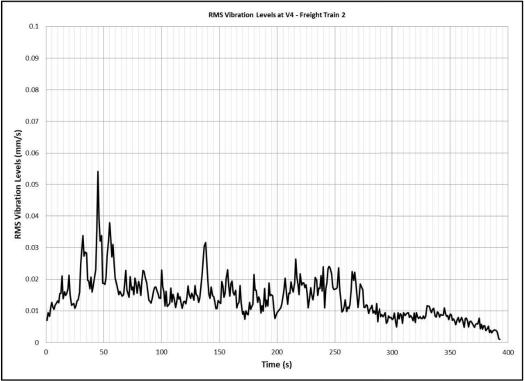






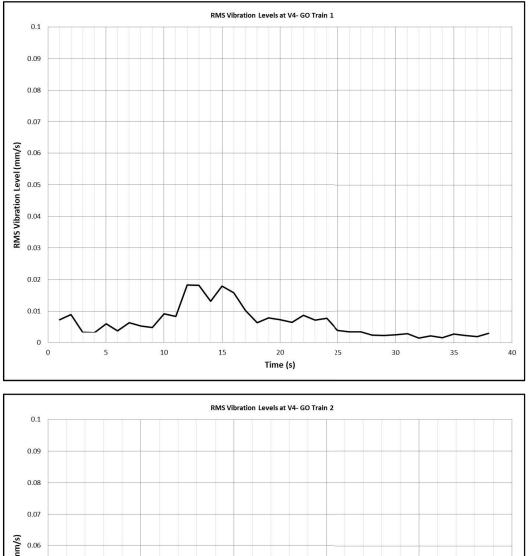


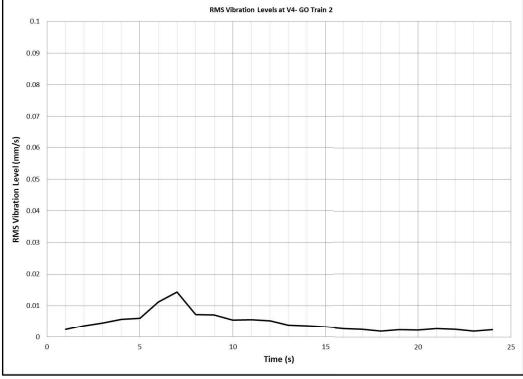






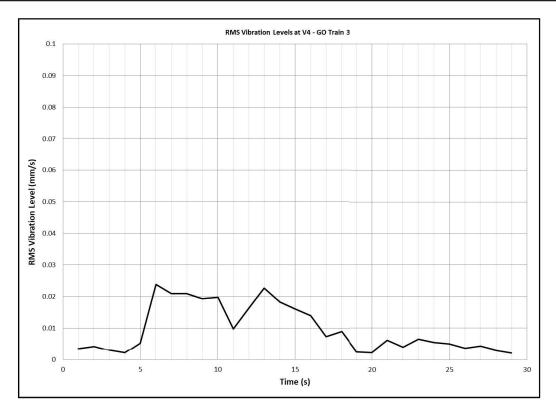


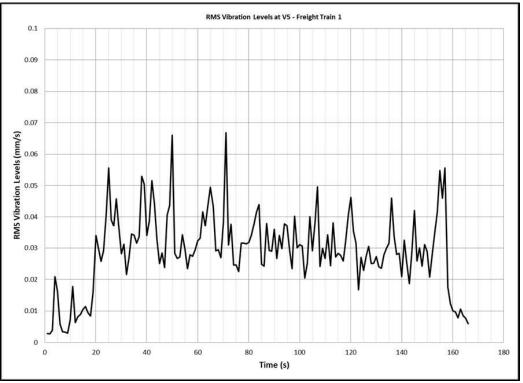






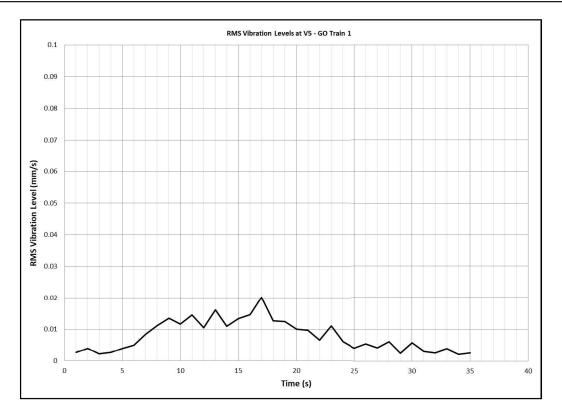


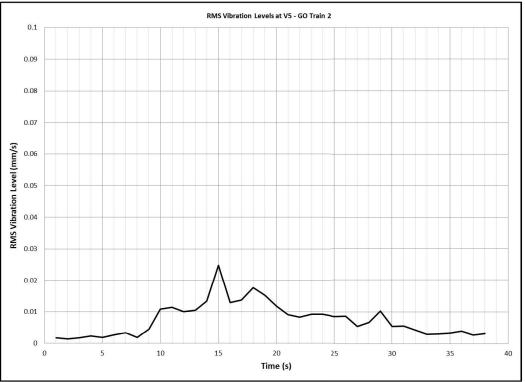






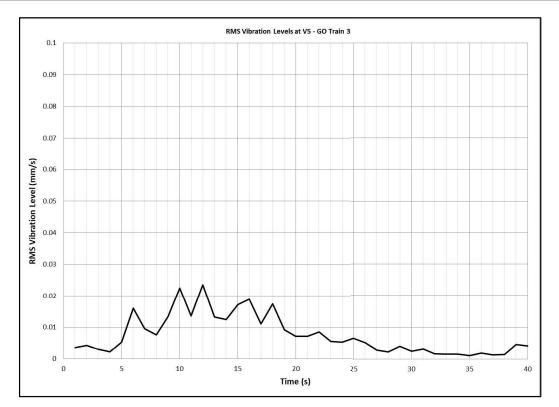


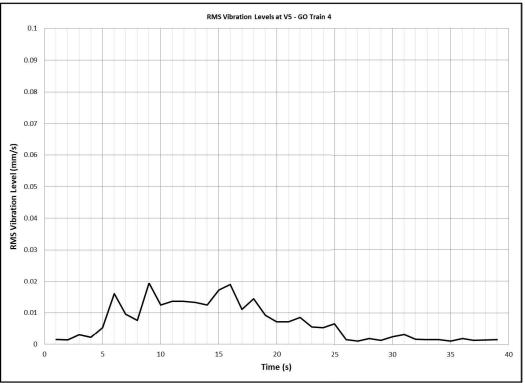






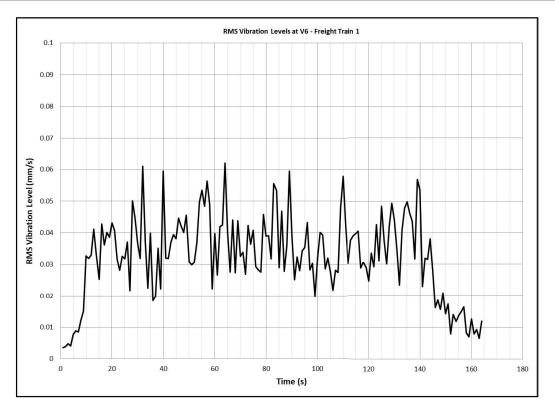


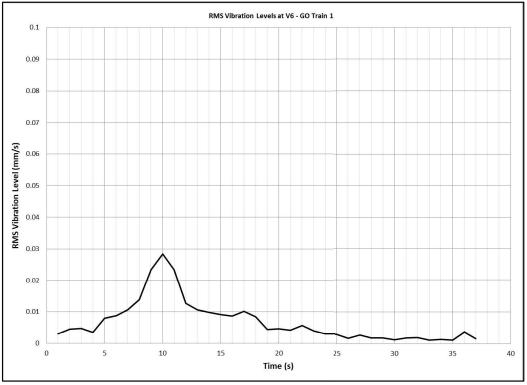






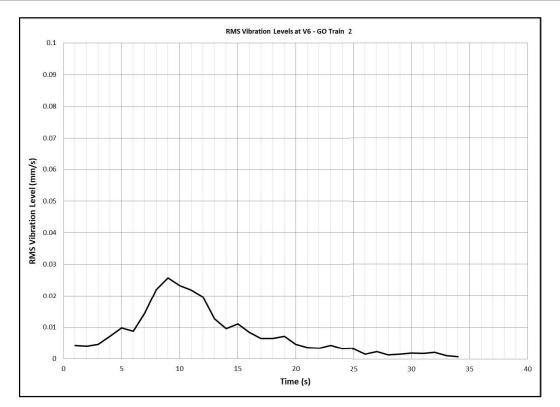


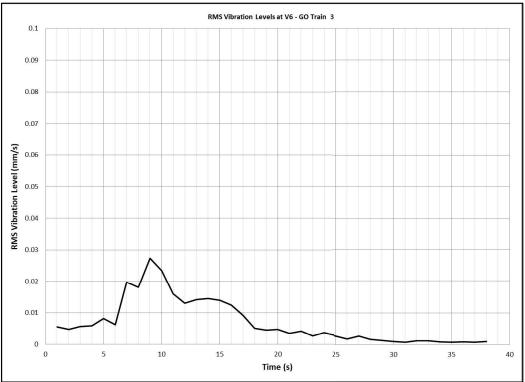






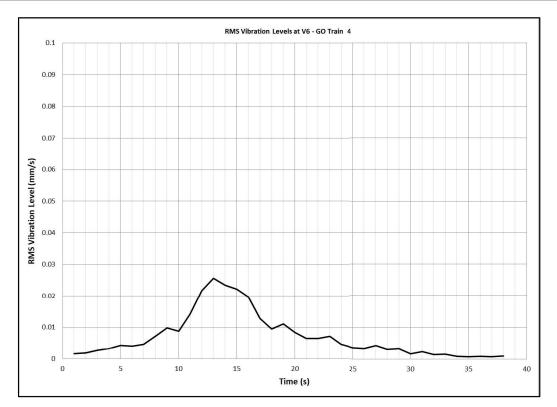


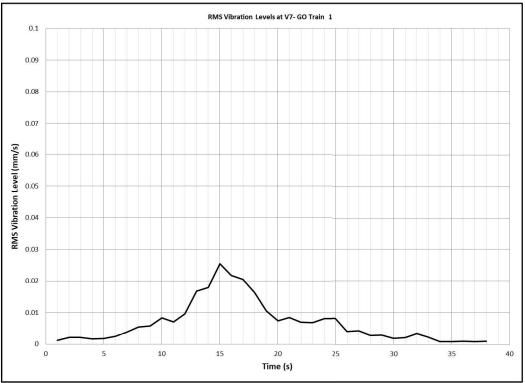






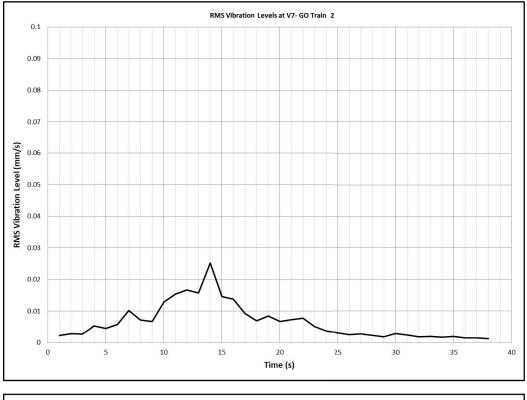


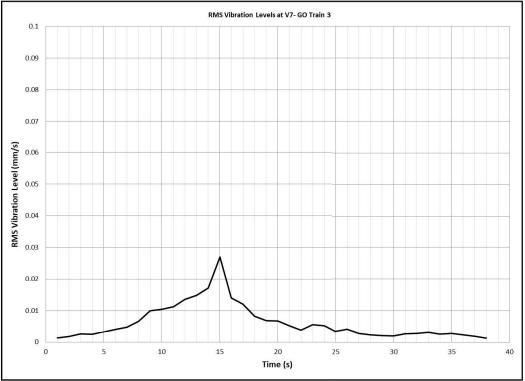






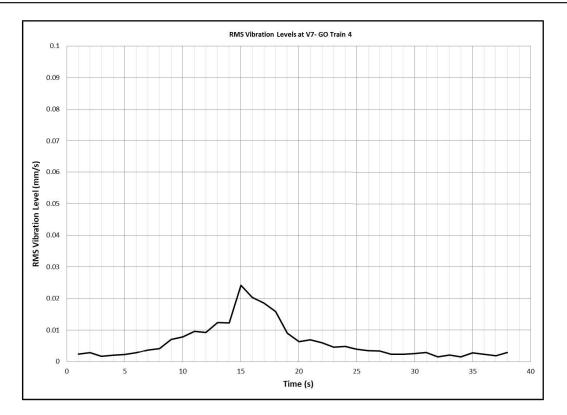














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## **B 1.0** Purpose

The purpose of this section is to document the Noise and Vibration Impact Assessment that has been carried out as part of the Yonge North Subway Extension (YNSE) EPR Addendum, including identification of potential effects, a description of proposed mitigation measures (if required), and monitoring recommendations.

The scope of the noise and vibration assessment is essentially divided into three principal components: the air-borne noise generated by the stations, the noise and vibration generated by the trains running through the underground tunnel and the at grade segment, and the noise and vibration generated during the construction of the tunnel, the stations, and other facilities associated with the YNSE.

# **B 2.0 Approach**

## **B 2.1 Impact Assessment Criteria**

The Noise and Vibration Impact Assessment evaluates the project's noise and vibration effects for the following phases of work:

- 1. Operations and Maintenance
- 2. Construction

The sound and vibration from the Operational and Construction Phases are assessed based on the criteria and guidance documents summarized below.

## **B 2.1.1 Operational Phase Criteria**

## B 2.1.1.1 MOEE/TTC Protocol

The protocol which applies to the below grade component of this project is the MOEE/TTC Draft Protocol for Noise and Vibration Assessment for the Proposed Yonge-Spadina Subway Loop (Draft, 1993). The MOEE/TTC Draft Protocol provides the following limits:

- 1. The subway vehicle passby noise should not exceed 80 dBA  $L_{eq}$  passby at any point of reception.
- 2. The ground-borne vibration velocity level should not exceed 0.10 mm/s root mean square (rms) as measured on the ground outside a point of reception.

The vibration limit of 0.10 mm/s is shown in **Figure B 2-1** relative to some typical environmental vibration levels. For transit such as subways, a vibration level of 0.10 mm/s is considered the limit for tactile (i.e., feelable) vibration.



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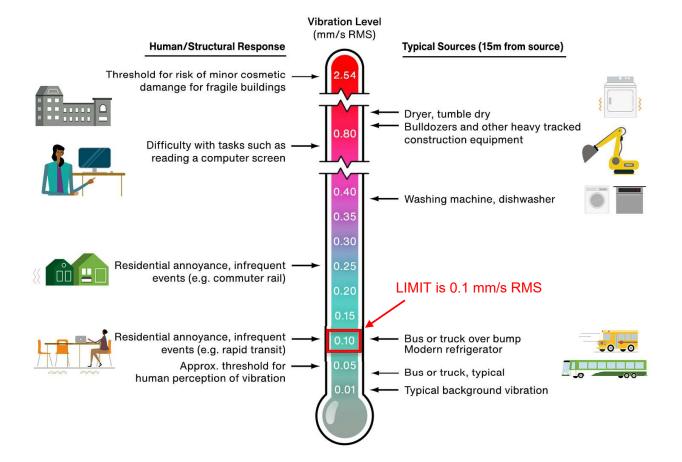


Figure B 2-1 Ground-Borne Vibration Limit (FTA and miscellaneous)

## B 2.1.1.2 MOEE/GO Transit Protocol

The protocol which applies to the above-grade component of the project is the MOEE/GO Transit Draft Protocol for Noise and Vibration Assessment (Draft #9, 1995). The MOEE/GO Transit Draft Protocol states that the future sound level produced by the project in operation should not exceed:

- 1. The sound level existing rail activity combined with the ambient sound level or 55 dBA  $L_{eq,16hr}$ , whichever is greater during the daytime period (07:00 23:00); and
- 2. The sound level existing rail activity combined with the ambient sound level or 50 dBA  $L_{eq,8hr}$ , whichever is greater during the nighttime period (23:00 07:00).

For the purposes of the above assessment, the MOEE/GO Transit Protocol classifies excesses above the target criteria (such as when the future project sound levels exceed the existing ambient or 55 dBA during the daytime and/or 50 dBA during the nighttime as the adjusted noise impact. The following summarizes the range of adjusted noise impacts:

- 1. Insignificant: Adjusted Noise Impact between 0 and 2.99 dB
- 2. Noticeable: Adjusted noise impact between 3 and 4.99 dB



- 3. Significant: Adjusted noise impact between 5 and 9.99 dB
- 4. Very Significant: Adjusted noise impact above 10 dB.

When a significant or very significant noise impact is expected, mitigation needs to be evaluated based on administrative, operational, economic, and technical feasibility.

Where mitigation is considered, the objective is to mitigate the sound levels to the higher of their pre-project or exclusionary guideline levels (55 dB  $L_{eq,16hr}$  or 50 dB  $L_{eq,8hr}$ ).

## B 2.1.1.3 NPC-300

In both of the above protocols, noise associated with ancillary facilities (e.g., traction power substations, bus terminals, etc.) were to be assessed based on NPC-205. NPC-205 has since been updated and replaced by NPC-300, Environmental Noise Guideline - Stationary and Transportation Sources - Approval and Planning. This is the guideline document that applies to and is used to assess all long-term operational sources of stationary noise.

As per NPC-300, the hourly equivalent ( $L_{eq,1hr}$ ) sound level from stationary sources is compared to the  $L_{eq,1hr}$  of the ambient sound or the minimum exclusion criteria (50 dBA daytime and 45 dBA nighttime), whichever is greater. The ambient sound level consists of the noise generated from roadway sources and excludes sources such as lightly used railways and aircraft. For the evaluation of stationary noise sources, heavily used railways with at least 40 trains per day and 20 trains per night can be included in the ambient, after a -10 dB adjustment. The noise assessment is to be cumulative, combining all sources of noise that can reasonably be expected to operate at the same time. Typically, the quietest ambient sound level period is used as an evaluation of the worst-case situation. If the facility's sound level can remain below the quietest ambient sound level during that period, then the facility is likely to meet the guidelines during all periods of the day.

Under NPC-300, stationary sources of noise that operate for emergencies are exempt from the noise guidelines. The periodic testing of emergency equipment is required to be assessed. Due to the infrequent nature of such testing, the noise from such activities may be assessed separately from the other noise sources from a given facility. The noise from testing of emergency equipment is also permitted to generate an additional 5 dB of noise above the ambient or the minimum exclusion criteria before noise control measures are required.

Layover facilities, such as the Train Storage Facility, are referenced in both the MOEE/GO Transit Draft Protocol and *NPC-300*. Similar to stationary sources, layovers are evaluated based on a comparison of the layover facility noise to the higher of 55 dBA  $L_{eq,1hr}$  or the ambient hourly equivalent sound level.

Where the facility exceeds the guidelines, noise control needs to be implemented, as per *NPC-300*. Unlike operational noise, there is no allowable excess above the stationary noise criteria. The noise from facilities is required to meet the above sound level limits.

## B 2.1.1.4 Federal Transit Administration

The MOEE/TTC, MOEE/GO Transit, and NPC-300 guidelines are the core criteria developed by the province and transit agencies for the assessment of noise and vibration sources associated with transit projects. The respective protocols provide limits for ground-borne vibration (vibration that is felt or tactile perception) and air-borne noise. The above-protocols do not provide limits for ground-borne noise (also referred to as vibration-induced noise), which is the audible rumble generated by ground-borne vibration that is re-radiated from a building's surfaces as noise. **Figure B 2-2** 



below provides a graphical representation of the ground-borne noise and vibration as it affects a nearby sensitive receptor.

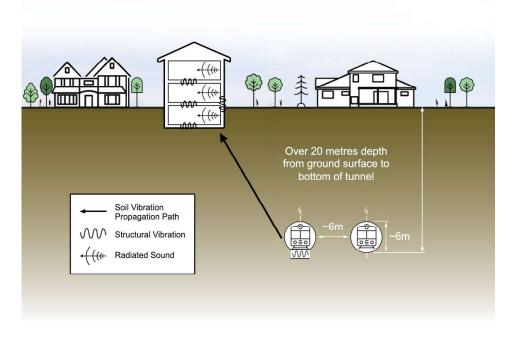


Figure B 2-2 Vibration Propagation Characteristics

Elements of the United States' Federal Transit Administration's Noise and Vibration Impact Assessment Manual (FTA Manual) have been used on recent transit projects to address the gap in guidelines for ground-borne noise. For frequent rail service, the FTA Manual provides the following guidelines:

- 1. A maximum ground-borne vibration velocity level of 0.045 mm/s rms for Category 1 buildings where vibration would interfere with interior operations.
- 2. A maximum ground-borne vibration velocity level of 0.10 mm/s rms and ground-borne noise level of 35 dBA for Category 2 buildings such as residences and other buildings where people normally sleep.
- 3. A maximum ground-borne vibration velocity level of 0.14 mm/s rms and ground-borne noise level of 40 dBA for Category 3 buildings such as institutional and other buildings with primarily daytime use.
- 4. Maximum ground-borne noise levels of 25 dBA for concert halls, TV studios, and recording studios, 30 dBA for auditoria, and 35 dBA for theatres.

The standard indoor limit of 35 dBA for residences is provided alongside other environmental sound levels in **Figure B 2-3**.



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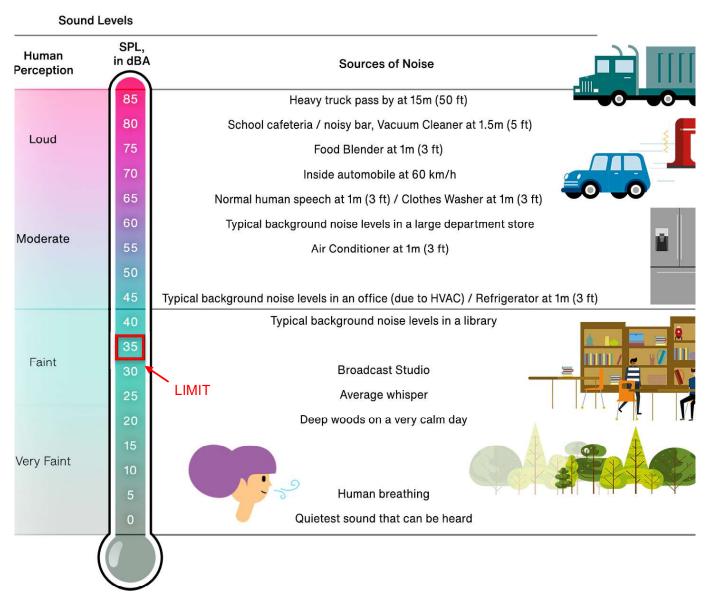


Figure B 2-3 Ground-borne Noise Limit at Residences within the Context of Sound Levels and Various Sound Sources

The above noise and vibration criteria and guidance documents are summarized in **Table B 2-1**Error! Reference source not found.



Table B 2-1 Summary of Operational Noise and Vibration Criteria

|  |  | ומטוב ב-ג אוווווומוץ טו טאבמוטוומו ואטוצב מוום אוטרמווטו כווובוומ  | המשבווסה כוונפוום                          |  |
|--|--|--|--|--|
| Source   | Guideline<br>Document                            | Point of Assessment  | Descriptor                                 | Limit  |
| Revenue vehicle<br>operations noise  | MOEE/GO Transit<br>Draft Protocol                | Exterior façade of receptor or outdoor<br>living areas of residential receptors,<br>whichever is closer  | L <sub>eq,16h</sub> and L <sub>eq,8h</sub> | Daytime (07:00-23:00):<br>Not to exceed 55 dBA or ambient L <sub>eq, 16h</sub> ,<br>whichever is greater by 5 dBA or more.<br>Nighttime (23:00-07:00):<br>Not to exceed 50 dBA or pre-project L <sub>eq,8h</sub> ,<br>whichever is greater by 5 dBA or more.   |
| Revenue vehicle<br>passby noise  | MOEE/TTC Draft<br>Protocol                       | All locations beyond 15 m from the<br>nearest track's centreline, with exception<br>of within 100 m of special track work<br>areas.  | Leq, passby                                | Not to exceed 80 dBA L <sub>eq, passby</sub>   |
| Stationary<br>equipment noise<br>(including<br>ventilation shafts,<br>bus terminals, and<br>substations) | NPC-300  | Exterior façade of sensitive receptor or<br>outdoor living areas of residential<br>receptors, whichever is closer  | Leq, 1h                                    | Maximum of quietest ambient L <sub>eq</sub> ,1hr or 50 dBA during daytime (7:00-19:00) and evening (19:00-23:00) or 45 dBA during nighttime (23:00-7:00) *Testing of emergency equipment is permitted to make 5 dB more noise under the same conditions and may be assessed separately from the other noise sources. |
| Layovers (such as<br>the train storage<br>yard)  | MOEE/GO Transit<br>Draft Protocol and<br>NPC-300 | Exterior façade of sensitive receptor or<br>outdoor living areas of residential<br>receptors, whichever is closer  | Leq,1h                                     | Maximum of ambient L <sub>eq,1h</sub> or 55 dBA L <sub>eq,1h</sub>   |
| Revenue Vehicle<br>passby vibration  | FTA Manual                                       | Ground buildings where vibration could<br>interfere with interior operations (e.g.,<br>concert halls, television studios, recording<br>studios, vibration-sensitive research and | Vertical<br>vibration<br>velocity          | Not to exceed 0.045 mm/sec rms   |



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| Limit                 |   | Not to exceed 0.10 mm/sec rms  | Not to exceed 0.14 mm/sec rms  | 25 dBA   | 30 dBA                     | 35 dBA   | 40 dBA   |
|-----------------------|---|--|--|--|----------------------------|--|--|
| Descriptor            |   | Vertical<br>vibration<br>velocity  | Vertical<br>vibration<br>velocity                                    | L <sub>max,S</sub>   | L <sub>max,S</sub>         | Lmax,s   | Lmax.s   |
| Point of Assessment   | manufacturing facilities, hospitals with vibration-sensitive equipment, etc.) | Ground residences and buildings where<br>people normally sleep (residential<br>buildings, hotels, hospitals, etc.) | Ground outside institutional land uses<br>with primarily daytime use | Inside concert halls, television studios,<br>recording studios | Inside auditoriums         | Inside residences and buildings where<br>people normally sleep (e.g., residential<br>buildings, hotels, hospitals); and theatres | Inside institutional buildings without<br>vibration-sensitive equipment (e.g.,<br>schools, places of worship, office<br>buildings, other institutions) |
| Guideline<br>Document |   | MOEE/TTC Draft<br>Protocol and FTA<br>Manual   |  | FTA Manual   | FTA Manual                 | FTA Manual   | FTA Manual   |
| Source                |   |  |  | Revenue Vehicle<br>passby ground                               | borne noise<br>measured as | maximum passby<br>sound pressure level<br>using slow response  |  |



## B 2.1.1.5 Receptors

The above protocols use various terms to refer to points of assessment/calculation, including receptors, receivers, noise sensitive areas, etc. The term receptors will be used for consistency. Receptors considered for assessment per the above-referenced criteria include:

- 1. Residences (including single family homes, retirement homes, apartment buildings, condominiums, etc.)
- 2. Hotels, motels, campgrounds, trailer parks, etc.
- 3. Institutional facilities such as schools, universities, libraries, and daycares/childcare facilities
- 4. Places of worship such as churches, mosques, synagogues, etc.
- 5. Hospitals
- 6. Commercially sensitive facilities such as recording studios, theatres, research facilities, banquet halls, etc. as applicable based on respective criteria above.

Under the protocols and guidelines, the daytime sound levels are to be evaluated in outdoor living areas of low-rise development (3m from a façade, 1.5m high) or at the planes of the buildings' windows. The nighttime sound levels are to be evaluated at the plane of a window at least 15m away from the nearest track.

The vibration levels are typically determined at a point located parallel to the closest façade of a building in a direction parallel to the tracks (i.e., along the corridor not towards it). This is to ensure the measurement of the vibration levels is not affected by the reflections from the foundation of structures. Measurements in front of a building structure can yield higher levels due to the reflections, depending upon the distance between the measurement point and the below grade structure.

Existing developments, developments with approved site plans, approved condominium plans, or approved draft plans of subdivision are considered as receptors. Lands that are zoned for such uses but for which there are no approved plans are not considered as such future developments will be required by the municipalities to take into consideration the project prior to their approval.

Given the substantial below grade component of the project, not all receptors sensitive to operational noise will be sensitive to operational vibration. As such, receptors will be identified based on if they are exposed to operational noise, operational vibration, or both.

Receptors sensitive to operational noise and vibration were identified using a combination of aerial imaging, land-use planning approvals, and field reviews. The intent is not to document impacts at all receptors but to evaluate a representative sample of potential worst-case impacts.

## **B 2.1.2 Construction Phase Criteria**

While not required under current provincial guidelines requiring the assessment of construction noise and vibration, noise and vibration during the construction phase have been reviewed. The following provide a description of the evaluation criteria that are used.



#### B 2.1.2.1 Construction Noise

All construction equipment used should adhere to the noise limits provided in NPC-115. All trucks used in conjunction with the construction activity should also adhere to Transport Canada's limits of vehicle noise (Motor Vehicle Safety Regulations, Noise Emissions Standard 1106).

The Province of Ontario does not provide any guidelines for receptor-based sound levels during construction. **Table B 2-2** describes the receptor-based limits for construction noise that were adopted to assess the potential noise impacts resulting from construction activities for the purposes of this assessment.

|               | L <sub>eq</sub> (16-hour, 8-hour) (dBA) |  |  |  |  |
|---------------|---|--|--|--|--|
| Land Use      | Day<br>(7:00 to 23:00)                  | Night<br>(23:00 to 7:00 the following day) |  |  |  |
| Residential   | Louder of:                              | Louder of:                                 |  |  |  |
|               | 75 or Baseline+5                        | 65 or Baseline+3                           |  |  |  |
| Institutional | Louder of:                              | Louder of:                                 |  |  |  |
|               | 70 or Baseline+5                        | 60 or Baseline+3                           |  |  |  |
| Commercial    | Louder of:                              | Not Applicable                             |  |  |  |
|               | 80 or Baseline+5                        |  |  |  |  |
| Industrial    | Louder of:                              | Not Applicable                             |  |  |  |
|               | 85 or Baseline+5                        |  |  |  |  |
| Station       | Louder of:                              | Louder of: 70 or Baseline+5                |  |  |  |
|               | 85 or Baseline+5                        |  |  |  |  |

| Table B 2-2 | Adopted | Construction | Noise | Criteria |
|-------------|---------|--------------|-------|----------|

- L<sub>eq</sub> (day) is the average energy equivalent noise level over a 16-hour period (7:00 23:00).
- L<sub>eq</sub> (night) is the average energy equivalent noise level over an 8-hour period (23:00 7:00).

#### B 2.1.2.2 Construction Vibration

Similar to construction noise, the Province of Ontario does not provide vibration limits from construction activity aside from blasting (addressed in NPC-119). As blasting will not be used for the construction of this project, there are no provincial requirements for construction vibration.

The City of Toronto enforces construction vibration limits in its By-Law 514-2008. These limits are intended to avoid structural damage during construction activities that cause significant vibration. The limits for construction vibration are summarized in **Table B 2-3** below:

|              | Vibration Peak Particle Velocity (mm/s) |
|--------------|---|
| Less than 4  | 8                                       |
| 4 to 10      | 15                                      |
| More than 10 | 25                                      |

Table B 2-3 City of Toronto Construction Vibration Limits



The City of Toronto, in by-law 514-2008, defines the construction zone-of-influence (ZOI) as "area of land within or adjacent to a construction site, including any buildings or structures, that potentially may be impacted by vibrations emanating from a construction activity where the peak particle velocity measured at the point of reception is equal to or greater than 5 mm/s PPV at any frequency or such greater area where specific site conditions are identified by the professional engineer." The City of Markham, City of Vaughan, and City of Richmond Hill do not have similar construction by-laws.

The FTA Manual also provides vibration limits for construction as outlined in Table B 2-4.

| Building Category  | Peak Particle<br>Velocity (in/sec) | Peak Particle<br>Velocity (mm/s) |
|--|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Reinforced concrete, steel, or timber (no plaster)                                     | 0.5                                | 12.7                             |
| Engineered concrete and masonry  | 0.3                                | 7.6                              |
| Non-engineered timber and masonry buildings  | 0.2                                | 5.1                              |
| Buildings extremely susceptible to vibration damage (such as some heritage structures) | 0.1                                | 3.1                              |

| Table B 2-4 | FTA ( | Construction | Vibration L | imits |
|-------------|-------|--------------|-------------|-------|
|             |       |              |             |       |

Caltrans (California Department of Transportation) provides useful standards on vibration annoyance depending on if the vibration sources are transient or continuous/frequent in their Transportation and Construction Vibration Guidance Manual (April 2020). The vibration levels for a given human response are summarized in **Table B 2-5**.

| Human Response         | Transient Sources Peak<br>Particle Velocity (mm/s) | Continuous/Frequent Intermittent<br>Sources Peak Particle Velocity (mm/s) |  |  |
|------------------------|--|---|--|--|
| Barely perceptible     | 1.0  | 0.3   |  |  |
| Distinctly Perceptible | 6.35   | 1.0   |  |  |
| Strongly Perceptible   | 22.9   | 2.5   |  |  |
| Severe                 | 50.8   | 10.2  |  |  |

Table B 2-5 Caltrans Construction Vibration

The peak particle velocity is used in the above tables is the metric that is most commonly used to assess the potential for vibration damage due to construction. Human response is based on the terms of root mean square velocity. The conversion from peak particle velocity to root mean square velocity changes depending on the waveform. For a sinusoidal wave, such as from a vibratory compactor, the conversion factor is approximately 0.71. The conversion factor can drop to 0.25 for some sources. As such, the root mean square velocity is typically lower than the peak particle velocity by 0.25 to 0.71. As noted, the above standards help document the potential impact of construction noise and vibration and the potential benefit or importance of mitigation measures.



The construction vibration limit for non-engineered timber and masonry buildings (i.e., 5 mm/s), which corresponds to the vibration ZOI, was used to assess all building structures in the assessment as a conservative approach.

#### B 2.1.2.3 Receptors

Similar to the operational phase, there are several definitions of receptors throughout the various reference documents. For the purposes of this construction noise and vibration assessment, the following receptors are considered:

- 1. Residential
- 2. Institutional
- 3. Commercial
- 4. Industrial

Existing developments, developments with approved site plans, approved condominium plans, or approved draft plans of subdivision are considered as receptors. Lands that are zoned for such uses but for which there are no approved plans are not considered as such future developments will be required by the municipalities to take into consideration the project prior to their approval.

Receptors sensitive to construction noise and vibration were identified using a combination of aerial imaging, land-use planning approvals, and field reviews.

Given the substantial below grade component of the project, not all receptors sensitive to construction noise will be sensitive to construction vibration. As such, receptors will be identified based on if they are exposed to construction noise, construction vibration, or both.

### **B 2.2** Methodology

The Noise and Vibration existing conditions information was used as the basis from which the potential effects (positive and negative) of constructing, operating, and maintaining the Project were identified.

A four-step process was followed to assess potential impacts associated with the Project and to identify mitigation measures and monitoring activities (as required):

- Step 1 Identify potential impacts resulting from the construction and operation of the Project;
- **Step 2** Establish mitigation measures to eliminate or reduce potential adverse effects, as well as monitoring activities to verify and validate that mitigation measures are functioning effectively;
- **Step 3** Carry out consultation with stakeholders/regulatory authorities; update impact assessment results and/or proposed mitigation and monitoring measures as appropriate; and
- **Step 4** Document impact assessment results.

For the purposes of differentiating the various types of potential environmental impacts associated with the Project, impacts were characterized and grouped as follows:



 Table B 2-6 Characterization of Potential Impacts

| Effect                                | Description  |
|---------------------------------------|--|
| Construction Impacts                  | Potential temporary effects (e.g., disruption/disturbance) on existing Study Area features or receptors due to construction activities associated with the Project (e.g., construction of new tracks, tunnelling, storage facility, bridge modifications, etc.).                   |
| Operations and<br>Maintenance Impacts | Potential permanent effects on existing Study Area features (i.e., displacement or removal) or receptors due to operations and/or maintenance activities associated with the Project (e.g., operation of the new subway system/trains, operation of train storage facility, etc.). |

Following the impact assessment, mitigation measures and monitoring activities were identified to avoid or minimize project impacts based on a combination of general best management practices and Project-specific mitigation measures, as appropriate.

### **B 2.3** Mapping

The GIS mapping database initially prepared during the existing conditions phase was updated and augmented with additional data collected and updated mapping was prepared to assist in the analysis of potential effects. The detailed mapping is provided in Appendix A.

### **B 2.4 Identification of Receptors**

Table B 2-7 summarizes the representative receptors selected for the project. As noted, not all receptors are sensitiveto both construction and operational noise and vibration. Similarly, not all receptors are sensitive to both noise andvibration. Receptors designated as V are sensitive only to ground-borne noise and vibration given their location alongthe below grade alignment. Receptors designated as R are sensitive to both air-borne noise and ground-borne noiseand vibration. The overall receptor locations for each segment are shown in Figure B 2-4, Figure B 2-5 and Figure B 2-6below. More detailed receptor mapping is provided in Appendix B.

|         | Receptor | Description           | Receptor Sensitivity |                          |                       |                           |  |
|---------|----------|-----------------------|----------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|--|
| Segment | Number   |                       | Operational<br>Noise | Operational<br>Vibration | Construction<br>Noise | Construction<br>Vibration |  |
| 1       | R1       | High-rise Residential | N                    | Y                        | Y                     | Y                         |  |
|         | V1       | High-rise Residential | N                    | Y                        | N                     | Y                         |  |
|         | V2       | High-rise Residential | N                    | Y                        | N                     | Y                         |  |
|         | R2       | High-rise Residential | Y                    | Y                        | Y                     | Y                         |  |
|         | R3       | High-rise Residential | Y                    | Y                        | Y                     | Y                         |  |
|         | R4       | Low-rise Residential  | Y                    | Y                        | Y                     | Y                         |  |
|         | R5       | High-rise Residential | Y                    | Y                        | Y                     | Y                         |  |

| Table B 2 | 2-7 Rep | resentative | Receptors |
|-----------|---------|-------------|-----------|
|           |         |             |           |



|         | Pocenter           |                       | Receptor Sensitivity |                          |                       |                           |  |
|---------|--------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|--|
| Segment | Receptor<br>Number | Description           | Operational<br>Noise | Operational<br>Vibration | Construction<br>Noise | Construction<br>Vibration |  |
|         | R6                 | Low-rise Residential  | Y                    | Y                        | Y                     | Y                         |  |
|         | R7                 | High-rise Residential | Y                    | Y                        | Y                     | Y                         |  |
|         | R8                 | High-rise Residential | N                    | Y                        | Y                     | Y                         |  |
|         | R9                 | High-rise Residential | N                    | Y                        | Y                     | Y                         |  |
|         | V3                 | High-rise Residential | N                    | Y                        | N                     | Y                         |  |
|         | R10                | Low-rise Residential  | Y                    | Y                        | Y                     | Y                         |  |
|         | R11                | Low-rise Residential  | Y                    | Y                        | Y                     | Y                         |  |
|         | R12                | High-rise Residential | Y                    | Y                        | Y                     | Y                         |  |
|         | R13                | Funeral Home          | Y                    | Y                        | Y                     | Y                         |  |
|         | R14                | Low-rise Residential  | Y                    | Y                        | Y                     | Y                         |  |
|         | R15                | Low-rise Residential  | Y                    | Y                        | Y                     | Y                         |  |
|         | R16                | Low-rise Residential  | Y                    | Y                        | Y                     | Y                         |  |
|         | R17                | Low-rise Residential  | Y                    | Y                        | Y                     | Y                         |  |
|         | R18                | Low-rise Residential  | Y                    | Y                        | Y                     | Y                         |  |
|         | R19                | Low-rise Residential  | Y                    | Y                        | Y                     | Y                         |  |
|         | R20                | High-rise Residential | N                    | Y                        | Y                     | Y                         |  |
|         | R21                | Low-rise Residential  | N                    | Y                        | Y                     | Y                         |  |
|         | V4                 | High-rise Residential | N                    | Y                        | N                     | Y                         |  |
|         | V5                 | High-rise Residential | N                    | Y                        | N                     | Y                         |  |
|         | V6                 | High-rise Residential | N                    | Y                        | N                     | Y                         |  |
| 2       | R22                | Low-rise Residential  | Y                    | Y                        | Y                     | Y                         |  |
|         | R23                | High-rise Residential | Y                    | Y                        | Y                     | Y                         |  |
|         | R24                | High-rise Residential | Y                    | Y                        | Y                     | Y                         |  |
|         | R25                | High-rise Residential | Y                    | Y                        | Y                     | Y                         |  |
|         | R26                | High-rise Residential | Y                    | Y                        | Y                     | Y                         |  |
|         | V7                 | High-rise Residential | N                    | Y                        | N                     | Y                         |  |
|         | V8                 | High-rise Residential | N                    | Y                        | N                     | Y                         |  |
|         | V9                 | Low-rise Residential  | N                    | Y                        | N                     | Y                         |  |



|         | Decenter           |                       | Receptor Sensitivity |                          |                       |                           |  |
|---------|--------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|--|
| Segment | Receptor<br>Number | Description           | Operational<br>Noise | Operational<br>Vibration | Construction<br>Noise | Construction<br>Vibration |  |
|         | V10                | Low-rise Residential  | N                    | Y                        | N                     | Y                         |  |
|         | R27                | Low-rise Residential  | Y                    | Y                        | Y                     | Y                         |  |
|         | R28                | Low-rise Residential  | Y                    | Y                        | Y                     | Y                         |  |
|         | V11                | Church                | N                    | Y                        | N                     | Y                         |  |
|         | V12                | High-rise Residential | N                    | Y                        | N                     | Y                         |  |
|         | R29                | Golf Club             | Y                    | Y                        | Y                     | Y                         |  |
|         | R30                | High-rise Residential | Y                    | Y                        | Y                     | Y                         |  |
|         | R31                | High-rise Residential | Y                    | Y                        | Y                     | Y                         |  |
|         | R32                | Church                | Y                    | Y                        | Y                     | Y                         |  |
|         | V13                | High-rise Residential | N                    | Y                        | N                     | Y                         |  |
|         | R33                | High-rise Residential | N                    | Y                        | N                     | Y                         |  |
|         | R34                | High-rise Residential | N                    | Y                        | N                     | Y                         |  |
|         | V14                | Low-rise Residential  | N                    | Y                        | N                     | Y                         |  |
|         | R35                | Low-rise Residential  | N                    | Y                        | Y                     | Y                         |  |
|         | R36                | Low-rise Residential  | N                    | Y                        | Y                     | Y                         |  |
|         | V15                | Low-rise Residential  | N                    | Y                        | N                     | Y                         |  |
|         | V16                | Low-rise Residential  | N                    | Y                        | N                     | Y                         |  |
|         | V17                | Low-rise Residential  | N                    | Y                        | N                     | Y                         |  |
|         | R37                | School                | N                    | Y                        | Y                     | Y                         |  |
|         | R38                | Low-rise Residential  | N                    | Y                        | Y                     | Y                         |  |
|         | R39                | Low-rise Residential  | N                    | Y                        | Y                     | Y                         |  |
|         | R40                | Low-rise Residential  | Y                    | Y                        | Y                     | Y                         |  |
| 3       | R41                | Church                | Y                    | Y                        | Y                     | Y                         |  |
|         | V18                | Theatre               | N                    | Y                        | N                     | Y                         |  |
|         | R42                | High-rise Residential | Y                    | Y                        | Y                     | Y                         |  |
|         | R43                | High-rise Residential | Y                    | Y                        | Y                     | Y                         |  |
|         | R44                | Low-rise Residential  | Y                    | Y                        | Y                     | Y                         |  |
|         | R45                | High-rise Residential | Y                    | Y                        | Y                     | Y                         |  |



|         | Decenter           |                       | Receptor Sensitivity |                          |                       |                           |  |
|---------|--------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|--|
| Segment | Receptor<br>Number | Description           | Operational<br>Noise | Operational<br>Vibration | Construction<br>Noise | Construction<br>Vibration |  |
|         | R46                | Low-rise Residential  | Y                    | Y                        | Y                     | Y                         |  |
|         | R47                | High-rise Residential | Y                    | Y                        | Y                     | Y                         |  |
|         | R48                | Low-rise Residential  | Y                    | Y                        | Y                     | Y                         |  |
|         | R49                | High-rise Residential | Y                    | Y                        | Y                     | Y                         |  |
|         | R50                | Low-rise Residential  | Y                    | Y                        | Y                     | Y                         |  |
|         | R51                | Low-rise Residential  | Y                    | Y                        | Y                     | Y                         |  |
|         | R52                | Low-rise Residential  | Y                    | Y                        | Y                     | Y                         |  |
|         | R53                | Low-rise Residential  | Y                    | Y                        | Y                     | Y                         |  |
|         | R54                | Low-rise Residential  | Y                    | Y                        | Y                     | Y                         |  |
|         | R55                | High-rise Residential | Y                    | Y                        | Y                     | Y                         |  |
|         | R56                | High-rise Residential | Y                    | Y                        | Y                     | Y                         |  |
|         | R57                | Low-rise Residential  | Y                    | Y                        | Y                     | Y                         |  |
|         | R58                | Low-rise Residential  | Y                    | Y                        | Y                     | Y                         |  |
|         | R59                | Low-rise Residential  | Y                    | Y                        | Y                     | Y                         |  |
|         | R60                | Low-rise Residential  | Y                    | Y                        | Y                     | Y                         |  |





Figure B 2-4 Segment 1 Receptor Locations



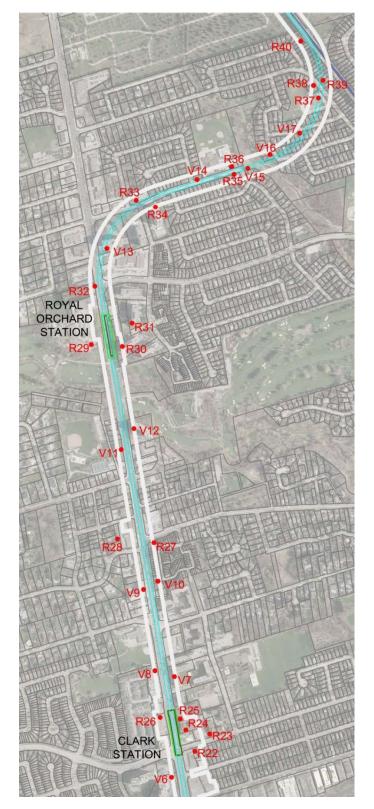


Figure B 2-5 Segment 2 Receptor Locations



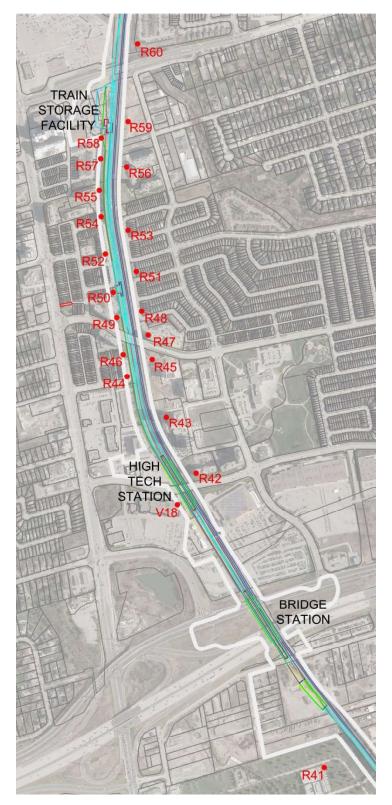


Figure B 2-6 Segment 3 Receptor Locations



### **B 3.0 Impact Assessment – Operational Noise**

### **B 3.1** Scope

The operational noise assessment reviews the following project components:

- 1. Stationary noise from stations, including ventilation shafts, mechanical equipment such as exhaust fans, bus terminals, and a bus loop.
- 2. Operational subway noise from the subway when it operates at grade.
- 3. Operational noise from the train storage facility.

### **B 3.1.1 Stations and Portal**

All public areas of underground stations are passively ventilated and conditioned using the piston effect of passing trains. Back of house areas such as electrical rooms, break rooms, etc. require cooling and ventilation. This is often addressed via internal mechanical systems that intake and exhaust air to the outdoors. Exhaust fans are provided for various rooms as well. The mechanical and electrical design of the stations is typically not completed at such an early stage. Reasonable estimates of mechanical and electrical equipment, along with their quantities and sound levels, are provided in **Table B 3-1**.

| Equipment                        | Sound Power<br>Level (dBA L <sub>w</sub> ) | Quantity |
|----------------------------------|--|----------|
| Condensing Units                 | 68   | 8        |
| Air Handling Units/Rooftop Units | 80   | 1        |
| Exhaust Fans                     | 78   | 6        |
| HRV                              | 75   | 1        |
| Transformers                     | 75   | 4        |

| Table B 3-1 | Typical | Below | Grade | Station | Equipment |
|-------------|---------|-------|-------|---------|-----------|
|             |         |       |       |         |           |

Above-ground stations may require more active ventilation of enclosed areas due to the lack of piston effect of the trains. Similarly, the mechanical design is typically not completed at such an early stage. Reasonable estimates of mechanical and electrical equipment, along with their quantities and sound levels, are provided in **Table B 3-2**.

| Table B 3- | 2 Typical | At Grade | Station | Equipment |
|------------|-----------|----------|---------|-----------|
|------------|-----------|----------|---------|-----------|

| Equipment                        | Sound Power<br>Level (dBA L <sub>w</sub> ) | Quantity |
|----------------------------------|--|----------|
| Condensing Units                 | 68   | 8        |
| Air Handling Units/Rooftop Units | 80   | 2        |
| Exhaust Fans                     | 78   | 4        |



| Equipment     | Sound Power<br>Level (dBA L <sub>w</sub> ) | Quantity |
|---------------|--|----------|
| TPSS Building | 85   | 1        |

Bus station buildings are typically provided with several air-handling units as well. However, the sound from the mechanical equipment is usually relatively insignificant as compared to the noise from the buses.

Each underground station is also provided with four tunnel ventilation system (TVS) exhaust fans. TVS fans are intended to provide emergency smoke dispersion during fires and other emergency events. While intended for emergency operations, such fans can be used during non-emergency situations as well. Non-emergency use can include supplemental ventilation during congested subway operations or during periods of very warm weather. Sound levels for the TVS fans are estimated based on previous project experience. The TVS fan sound levels are shown in **Table B 3-3.** 

| Condition  | Octave Band Sound Power Level (dB) |        |        |        |         |         |         |         | Overall |
|------------|------------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| condition  | 63 Hz                              | 125 Hz | 250 Hz | 500 Hz | 1000 Hz | 2000 Hz | 4000 Hz | 8000 Hz | (dBA)   |
| Full Speed | 114                                | 114    | 122    | 126    | 123     | 119     | 113     | 105     | 127     |
| Half Speed | 99                                 | 107    | 111    | 108    | 104     | 98      | 90      | 84      | 109     |

| Table | В | 3-3 | TVS | Fan | Sound | Data |  |
|-------|---|-----|-----|-----|-------|------|--|
|-------|---|-----|-----|-----|-------|------|--|

The above sound levels represent the condition during emergency operations when each fan is operating at full design speed. In general, the following summarize the operational characteristics of the TVS:

- 1. One fan at each end of the station operates at 50% speed throughout the day
- 2. During maintenance periods (late night), one fan at each end of the station will operate at 50% speed (maintenance includes track welding, grinding, etc.)
- 3. Fans are tested at 50% speed once per month for fifteen minutes at the most. Only one fan is tested at any one time. The fans may occasionally be tested to 100% speed for a few minutes each.

In terms of environmental noise, the maintenance period operation is the most critical as the fans generate the highest non-emergency sound levels when the ambient (guideline) sound levels are the lowest.

The portal will also be provided with two tunnel ventilation fans.

TVS fans are typically provided with silencers. Table B 3-4 provides some typical silencer insertion losses.

**Octave Band Insertion Loss (dB)** 63 Hz 250 Hz 500 Hz 1000 Hz 2000 Hz 8000 Hz 125 Hz 4000 Hz 10 20 30 45 55 45 30 20

Table B 3-4 TVS Fan Silencer Insertion Losses



Buses using and idling at the bus terminals/loops are considered stationary noise sources. There are a total of 3 bus terminals proposed and one bus loop. Hourly bus volumes have been estimated based on the routes expected to use those bus terminals and loops. The volumes are summarized in **Table B 3-5**.

| Bus      | Morning Peak Buses (0600-0700) |     |    | Late Night Buses (2200-2300) |     |    | Overnigh | nt Buses (02 | 00-0300) |
|----------|--------------------------------|-----|----|------------------------------|-----|----|----------|--------------|----------|
| Facility | ттс                            | YRT | GO | ттс                          | YRT | GO | ттс      | YRT          | GO       |
| Cummer   | 10                             | -   | -  | 4                            | -   | -  | 0        | -            | -        |
| Steeles  | 28                             | 20  | -  | 23                           | 20  | -  | 5        | 4            | -        |
| Clark    | -                              | 16  | -  | -                            | 10  | -  | -        | 2            | -        |
| Bridge   | -                              | 86  | 48 | -                            | 30  | 15 | -        | 10           | 5        |

Table B 3-5 Bus Facility Volumes

A total of 7 traction powered substations (TPSS) are proposed for the project. These will include three (3) at Steeles, Clark, and Royal Orchard Stations, one (1) TPSS at EEB 1, one (1) TPSS at EEB 4, one (1) TPSS at Bridge Station, and one (1) TPSS at the Train Storage Facility (TSF), immediately south of 16th Ave. TPSSs generally consist of transformers along with associated cooling equipment. From outdoors, the dominant source of noise is typically from the cooling equipment.

TPSS building sound power levels are estimated at 85 dBA L<sub>w</sub>. Tonal noises are generally considered of higher nuisance. MECP suggests adding 5 dB to noise sources that sound tonal. A tonality correction is not applied as the noise is dominated by the cooling systems from the TPSS building/enclosure. The transformers alone are more than 5 dB quieter. Hence, in the absence of noise from the cooling systems, the sound of the transformers alone and the tonality correction would still be less than 85 dBA L<sub>w</sub>.

### B 3.1.2 Subway

The YNSE will use the same subway vehicles as are currently deployed on Line 1 (Yonge-University-Spadina) and Line 4 (Sheppard). Air-borne noise from the below grade is generally insignificant. Some noise may escape through the ventilation shafts and will be reviewed as part of the ventilation shaft noise assessment.

The final subway schedule is still under development. A total of 3 scenarios are investigated for the project as outlined in **Table B 3-6**.

| Service Level                   | <b>Total Trains</b> | Nighttime Trains | Daytime Trains |
|---------------------------------|---------------------|------------------|----------------|
| 1. Current (210s Headways)      | 650                 | 111              | 538            |
| 2. Planned (100s Peak Headways) | 933                 | 168              | 765            |
| 3. Planned (100s Headways)      | 1259                | 168              | 1091           |

#### Table B 3-6 Subway Volumes



The above volumes are estimated based on current TTC schedules and hours of operation. The subway does not operate regular revenue service between 1:30am and 5:30am. The peak periods are from 5:30am to 9:00am and 3:00pm to 7:00pm.

Subway noise for the at-grade component is based on the maximum allowable levels provided by the TTC in **Table B 3-7**. This is slightly conservative as this typical train passbys would produce lower sound levels and are also not expected to operate at the maximum speeds noted below.

The subway speeds are as follows:

- 1. 80 km/hr through tangent track, slightly lower speeds at curves
- 2. 20 km/hr within the TSF
- 3. 30 km/hr between the TSF and High Tech Station

The at-grade alignment terminates just south of Bantry Avenue. The TSF boundary starts at Bantry Avenue and extends approximately to Moonlight Lane, north of 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

The volumes in **Table B 3-6** are representative of the volumes south of High Tech Station. Between High Tech Station and the TSF, there are planned to be approximately 30 train movements during the day and 15 at night.

### **B 3.1.3 Train Storage Facility**

The TSF/layover will be strictly used for overnight storage and cleaning of the trains. There will be no major maintenance completed at the facility. A total of 15 trains will be stored at the yard. As the final schedule is still being developed, it is assumed that all 15 trains will leave during the hourly period between 5:00am and 6:00am. This is the busiest period in terms of TSF activity. Some trains will return during the day after the morning rush hour and will depart prior to the afternoon rush hour. The trains will trickle back in through the remainder of the day. Subway vehicle noise data was provided by the TTC, reflective of both yard-specific conditions (slow speed and stationary conditions) and mainline conditions (high speed). These are summarized in **Table B 3-7**.

| Condition              | Sound Level (dBA)               |
|------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Low speed (20 km/hr.)  | 73 @ 7.5m from track centreline |
| High speed (80 km/hr.) | 78 @ 25m from track centreline  |
| Stationary             | 72@ 7.5m from track centreline  |

Table B 3-7 Subway Vehicle Sound Data

While primarily used for train storage, the TSF will also include a support building as well as a standalone TPSS. The equipment associated with the TSF are summarized in **Table B 3-8**.

| Equipment                        | Sound Power Level (dBA L <sub>w</sub> ) | Quantity |
|----------------------------------|---|----------|
| Condensing Units                 | 68                                      | 8        |
| Air Handling Units/Rooftop Units | 80                                      | 2        |
| Exhaust Fans                     | 78                                      | 4        |



| Equipment     | Sound Power Level (dBA L <sub>w</sub> ) | Quantity |
|---------------|---|----------|
| TPSS Building | 85                                      | 1        |

### B 3.2 Approach

### **B 3.2.1 Prediction Procedures**

Operational sound levels are calculated using the CadnaA computer program which allows for 3D acoustical modelling using a variety of prediction procedures. These prediction procedures are summarized below:

- 1. ISO-9631-2 is the provincially accepted prediction procedure for stationary sources.
- 2. For transit sources, such as the at grade guideway, the provincially accepted prediction procedure used is that of the Federal Transit Administration.
- 3. For roadways and highways, the preferred prediction procedure at the time of publication is ORNAMENT (Ontario Road Noise Analysis Method for Environment and Transportation). CadnaA can be used with reference sound levels from the ORNAMENT prediction procedure, as per previous transit projects. MECP is releasing updated guidance (NPC-306 Methods to Determine Sound Levels Due to Road and Rail Traffic) on roadway noise prediction procedures and methods that should be adopted during the detailed design of the project.
- 4. Unlike the comparison of operational noise for guideway or surface transit or transportation sources, the assessment of stationary sources relies on the absolute sound level of the background or ambient. As such, the accuracy of the calculated sound levels is more critical in these cases. ORNAMENT is an empirical prediction procedure that was based on sound level measures of various vehicles at the time. Trucks and buses have especially been getting quieter and quieter. Consequently, calculated sound levels using ORNAMENT may overpredict the absolute sound levels, depending on the truck percentage. The extent of the overprediction is largely an extent of the percentage of trucks along that route. The measured sound levels conducted as part of the existing conditions study can be used to confirm if the calculated sound levels from road traffic need to be adjusted to be more representative of the true background sound levels.

### **B 3.2.2** Roadway and Highway Traffic Volumes

Existing traffic average annual daily traffic (AADT) and 24-hour traffic volumes were provided by the various municipalities along the corridor. Growth factors and future 2041 traffic volumes for roadways at key intersections were provided by the OneT+ traffic consultant. While opening day is predicted to be 2031, a future horizon year of 2041 is used. This is consistent with most planning policies. Traffic volumes and bus terminal volumes usually require some time to stabilize after a project's completion.

As noted, the criteria for stationary sources are based on a set of minimum exclusion criteria or the ambient sound level. The greatest impact for stationary sources occurs when the delta/difference between the facility's noise output and the background sound level are greatest. As such, the existing 24-hour counts provide a profile of the daily 2041 traffic that may be present when the project is completed.

The existing and future traffic volumes are provided in Table B 3-9.



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|                     | Erom           | ۲.<br>۲              | Existing Traffic Volumes | ic Volumes | Future Traffic Volumes | c Volumes    | Truck |
|---------------------|----------------|----------------------|--------------------------|------------|------------------------|--------------|-------|
| KOAG                |                | 0                    | Year                     | AADT       | Without Project        | With Project | %     |
| 16th Avenue         | Yonge Street   | Red Maple Road       | 2021                     | 33,584     | 47,666                 | 47,666       | 2     |
| Yonge Street        | 16th Avenue    | Bantry Avenue        | 2021                     | 48,953     | 56,820                 | 55,524       | 2     |
| Bantry Avenue       | Yonge Street   | Red Maple Road       | 2019                     | 5,974      | 9,880                  | 9,690        | 2     |
| High Tech Road      | Yonge Street   | Red Maple Road       | 2017                     | 13,370     | 32,930                 | 31,260       | 5     |
| Garden Avenue       | Yonge Street   | Pearson Avenue       | 2019                     | 4,873      | 9,980                  | 086'6        | ε     |
| Langstaff Road      | Yonge Street   | Cedar Avenue         | 2020                     | 1,591      | 5,060                  | 4,870        | 10    |
| Royal Orchard       | Yonge Street   | Inverlochy Boulevard | 2019                     | 4,736      | 7,730                  | 7,510        | 2     |
| Boulevard           |                |                      |                          |            |                        |              |       |
| Yonge Street        | Royal Orchard  | Centre Street        | 2019                     | 50,831     | 73,464                 | 73,260       | 2     |
|                     | Boulevard      |                      |                          |            |                        |              |       |
| Elgin Street        | Yonge Street   | Dudley Avenue        | 2019                     | 3,391      | 4,750                  | 4,790        | 1     |
| Clark Avenue        | Yonge Street   | Dudley Avenue        | 2017                     | 6,243      | 5,830                  | 5,850        | 5     |
| Yonge Street        | Steeles Avenue | Meadowview Avenue    | 2019                     | 54,515     | 61,969                 | 64,802       | 5     |
|                     | East           |                      |                          |            |                        |              |       |
| Steeles Avenue East | Yonge Street   | Hilda Avenue         | 2019                     | 43,796     | 30,430                 | 27,460       | 5     |
| Steeles Avenue East | Yonge Street   | Willowdale Boulevard | 2019                     | 39,771     | 29,460                 | 29,000       | 2     |
| Yonge Street        | Cummer Avenue  | Turnberry Court      | 2019                     | 48,401     | 67,263                 | 68,504       | 4     |
| Yonge Street        | Cummer Avenue  | Wedgewood Drive      | 2019                     | 46,765     | 61,705                 | 65,847       | 4     |
| Cummer Avenue       | Yonge Street   | Hilda Avenue         | 2019                     | 11,539     | 9,960                  | 8,260        | 9     |
| Drewry Avenue       | Yonge Street   | Silverview Drive     | 2019                     | 11,638     | 10,210                 | 10,400       | 9     |
| Yonge Street        | Finch Avenue   | Bishop Avenue        | 2019                     | 39,274     | 51,234                 | 51,234       | 2     |
| Yonge Street        | Finch Avenue   | Olive Avenue         | 2019                     | 37,709     | 50,010                 | 50,010       | 5     |
| Finch Avenue        | Yonge Street   | Duplex Avenue        | 2019                     | 32,003     | 24,190                 | 23,330       | 4     |
| Finch Avenue        | Yonge Street   | Doris Avenue         | 2019                     | 27,806     | 22,360                 | 22,860       | 4     |
|                     |                |                      |                          |            |                        |              |       |
|                     |                |                      |                          |            |                        | 210          |       |

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Highway 407 volumes have been used in the calculations but are commercially confidential. The future 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue Traffic Volumes are derived from York Region's 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue Widening Environmental Assessment (2018).

### **B 3.2.3 Railway Traffic Volumes**

The at grade alignment runs adjacent to the CN Bala Subdivision. The CN corridor primarily carries GO Transit and CN Freight traffic.

A less critical railway that runs perpendicular to the below grade alignment is CN's York Subdivision, which carries only freight traffic.

The existing railway traffic volumes are provided below.

| Train<br>Type | Direction | Segment                                | Time<br>Period | Trains per<br>Period | Train<br>Configuration | Speed<br>(km/h) | Throttle<br>Setting |
|---------------|-----------|--|----------------|----------------------|------------------------|-----------------|---------------------|
| CN            | North     | Within Study Area                      | Daytime        | 12                   | 4 Locomotives          | 80              | 5                   |
|               | and South | ,                                      | Nighttime      | 4                    | 140 Cars               |                 |                     |
|               | North     | Within Study Area                      | Daytime        | 6                    | 1 Locomotives          |                 | 8                   |
| GO            |           |  | Nighttime      | 0                    | 12 Cars                | 88              |                     |
|               | South     | Within Study Area                      | Daytime        | 3                    |                        |                 | 5                   |
|               |           | ······································ | Nighttime      | 3                    |                        |                 |                     |

#### Table B 3-10 Existing CN Bala Subdivision Railway Traffic

#### Table B 3-11 Existing CN York Subdivision Railway Traffic

| Train<br>Type | Direction | Segment           | Time<br>Period | Trains per<br>Period | Train<br>Configuration | Speed<br>(km/h) | Throttle<br>Setting |
|---------------|-----------|-------------------|----------------|----------------------|------------------------|-----------------|---------------------|
| CN            | East and  | Within Study Area | Daytime        | 18                   | 4 Locomotives          | 72              | 5                   |
|               | West      | •                 | Nighttime      | 2                    | 140 Cars               |                 |                     |

Future GO Transit volumes were provided by Metrolinx. To be conservative, it is assumed that future CN traffic will remain approximately the same. This will tend to lower the ambient sound levels and increase the relative impact of new subway service in this corridor. Future volumes are summarized in

Table B 3-12.



| Train<br>Type | Direction | Segment           | Time<br>Period | Trains per<br>Period | Train<br>Configuration | Speed<br>(km/h) | Throttle<br>Setting |
|---------------|-----------|-------------------|----------------|----------------------|------------------------|-----------------|---------------------|
| CN            | North     | Within Study Area | Daytime        | 12                   | 4 Locomotives          | 80              | 5                   |
|               | and South |                   | Nighttime      | 4                    | 140 Cars               |                 |                     |
| GO            | North     | Within Study Area | Daytime        | 12                   | 1 Locomotives          | 88              | 8                   |
|               |           |                   | Nighttime      | 1                    | 12 Cars                |                 |                     |
|               | South     | Within Study Area | Daytime        | 9                    |                        |                 | 5                   |
|               |           |                   | Nighttime      | 4                    |                        |                 |                     |

#### Table B 3-12 Future CN Bala Subdivision Railway Traffic

#### Table B 3-13 Future CN York Subdivision Railway Traffic

| Train<br>Type | Direction | Segment           | Time<br>Period | Trains per<br>Period | Train<br>Configuration | Speed<br>(km/h) | Throttle<br>Setting |
|---------------|-----------|-------------------|----------------|----------------------|------------------------|-----------------|---------------------|
| CN            | East and  | Within Study Area | Daytime        | 18                   | 4 Locomotives          | 72              | 5                   |
|               | West      |                   | Nighttime      | 2                    | 140 Cars               |                 | _                   |

### **B 3.3** Segment 1 – Finch Station to Clark Station

Figures 1 to 11 in **Appendix A** provide an overview of the infrastructure proposed within this segment. Refer to **Appendix B** for more detailed corridor plans/mapping and corresponding receptor locations.

#### **B 3.3.1 Potential Impacts**

**Table B 3-14** provides the predicted sound levels from all stationary sources within Segment 1 (including stations,<br/>ventilation equipment, traction power substations, bus terminals, etc.). In all cases, the sound levels from the<br/>stationary sources are predicted to meet the guideline limits. Mitigation measures are not warranted.

| Receptor | Predicted So<br>(dBA L |           |         | eline Sound<br>BA L <sub>eq,1hr</sub> ) | Project Component |
|----------|------------------------|-----------|---------|---|-------------------|
| Daytime  |                        | Nighttime | Daytime | Nighttime                               |                   |
| R4       | 51                     | 42        | 53      | 46                                      | Cummer Station    |
| R5       | 43                     | 43        | 64      | 57                                      | Cummer Station    |

#### Table B 3-14 Segment 1 Stationary Source Sound Levels



| Receptor | Predicted Sc<br>(dBA L |           |         | eline Sound<br>BA L <sub>eq,1hr</sub> ) | Project Component |
|----------|------------------------|-----------|---------|---|-------------------|
|          | Daytime                | Nighttime | Daytime | Nighttime                               |                   |
| R6       | 39                     | 39        | 60      | 53                                      | Cummer Station    |
| R7       | 49                     | 49        | 63      | 56                                      | Cummer Station    |
| R8       | 45                     | 45        | 65      | 58                                      | Cummer Station    |
| R9       | 54                     | 54        | 63      | 56                                      | Cummer Station    |
| R12      | 49                     | 42        | 62      | 55                                      | Steeles Station   |
| R13      | 52                     | 44        | 67      | 60                                      | Steeles Station   |
| R14      | 49                     | 42        | 55      | 47                                      | Steeles Station   |
| R15      | 48                     | 40        | 57      | 50                                      | Steeles Station   |
| R16      | 49                     | 42        | 55      | 48                                      | Steeles Station   |
| R17      | 39                     | 39        | 68      | 61                                      | Steeles Station   |
| R18      | 38                     | 34        | 57      | 50                                      | Steeles Station   |
| R19      | 41                     | 37        | 58      | 51                                      | Steeles Station   |

**Table B 3-15** provides a prediction of the cumulative noise from the bus terminal at Steeles Station and the bus loop atCummer Avenue. The cumulative noise includes the noise from the buses as well as any stationary sources of soundassociated with the station or facility itself. Similarly, due to either the modest operations or the lack of nearbysensitive receptors, the bus facilities are not expected to generate a noise impact. Mitigation measures are notrequired.

 Table B 3-15 Steeles Station Bus Terminal and Cummer Loop Sound Levels

|                    | Representative |           | Peak Period<br>- 7:00) | Late Night Pe<br>23:0 |                            | Overnight Pe<br>3:0 | •         |
|--------------------|----------------|-----------|------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------|---------------------|-----------|
| Bus Terminal       | Receptor       |           |                        | Sound Levels          | (dBA L <sub>eq,1hr</sub> ) |                     |           |
|                    |                | Predicted | Guideline              | Predicted             | Guideline                  | Predicted           | Guideline |
| Cummer Bus<br>Loop | R4             | 51        | 54                     | 49                    | 53                         | N/A <sup>1</sup>    | N/A       |
| Steeles<br>Station | R16            | 49        | 56                     | 49                    | 55                         | 42                  | 48        |

1. Note that the overnight period was not assessed at Cummer Station as buses are not expected to use the loop during the nighttime.



### **B 3.3.2 Mitigation Measures**

Based on the assessment, the sound levels from the noise sources in Segment 1 are expected to meet the applicable guideline limits without further noise control measures. Inherent to the design are mitigation measures such as silencers for the tunnel ventilation system and selection of quiet mechanical and electrical equipment. Noisier equipment, for example, may require additional noise mitigation in order to meet the limits. An updated analysis will be completed as the mechanical/electrical design of the facilities progresses.

### **B 3.4** Segment 2 – Clark Station to Portal/Launch Shaft

Figures 12 to 22 in **Appendix A** provide an overview of the infrastructure proposed within this segment. Refer to **Appendix B** for more detailed corridor plans/mapping and corresponding receptor locations.

### **B 3.4.1 Potential Impacts**

**Table B 3-16** provides the predicted sound levels for all stationary sources associated with Segment 2, between thePortal and Clark Station. Note the impact of the portal itself will be assessed in Section B 3.5.

| Receptor |         | ound Levels<br>L <sub>eq,1hr</sub> ) |         | deline (dBA<br>,1hr) | Project Component     |
|----------|---------|--------------------------------------|---------|----------------------|-----------------------|
|          | Daytime | Nighttime                            | Daytime | Nighttime            |                       |
| R22      | 51      | 45                                   | 62      | 55                   | Clark Station         |
| R23      | 49      | 46                                   | 58      | 51                   | Clark Station         |
| R24      | 60      | 53                                   | 59      | 51                   | Clark Station         |
| R25      | 43      | 43                                   | 65      | 58                   | Clark Station         |
| R26      | 52      | 52                                   | 64      | 57                   | Clark Station         |
| R27      | 36      | 36                                   | 62      | 55                   | TPSS                  |
| R28      | 43      | 43                                   | 55      | 48                   | TPSS                  |
| R29      | 39      | 39                                   | 60      | 53                   | Royal Orchard Station |
| R30      | 54      | 54                                   | 64      | 57                   | Royal Orchard Station |
| R31      | 40      | 40                                   | 60      | 53                   | Royal Orchard Station |
| R32      | 42      | 42                                   | 62      | 55                   | Royal Orchard Station |

Table B 3-16 Segment 2 Stationary Source Sound Levels

As peak bus terminal volumes vary, the operational scenarios for the bus terminal at Clark Station have been assessed separately. The predicted sound levels are summarized in **Table B 3-17**. As can be seen, there is a modest 2 dB impact predicted at the worst case. This impact is entirely due to the operational noise from the bus terminal. The stationary



sources associated with the station itself (such as the TPSS, tunnel ventilation systems, etc.) do not significantly contribute to this excess. Mitigation measures are discussed in the following section.

| Due Terreite el | Representative        |           | Peak Buses<br>- 7:00) |             | uses (22:00 -<br>00)          | Overnight B<br>3:0 | -         |
|-----------------|-----------------------|-----------|-----------------------|-------------|-------------------------------|--------------------|-----------|
| Bus Terminal    | Bus Terminal Receptor |           |                       | Sound Level | ls (dBA L <sub>eq,1hr</sub> ) |                    |           |
|                 |                       | Predicted | Guideline             | Predicted   | Guideline                     | Predicted          | Guideline |
| Clark Station   | R24                   | 60        | 59                    | 57          | 59                            | 53                 | 51        |

### **B 3.4.2 Mitigation Measures**

Based on the assessment, the sound levels from the mechanical and electrical noise sources in Segment 2 are expected to meet the applicable guideline limits without further noise control measures. Inherent to the design are mitigation measures such as silencers for the tunnel ventilation system and selection of quiet mechanical and electrical equipment. Noisier equipment, for example, may require additional noise mitigation in order to meet the limits. An updated analysis should be completed as the mechanical/electrical design of the facilities progresses.

Due to the height of the receptor (R24 is a 6-storey building), a 5.5m tall noise barrier is recommended along the north extent of the Clark Station bus terminal. With the barrier in place, the sound levels are predicted to be below or equal to the guideline limits as shown in **Table B 3-18**.

| Bus              | Representative | Morning Peak Period<br>(6:00 - 7:00)    |           | Late Night Period (22:00 -<br>23:00) |           | Overnight Period (2:00 -<br>3:00) |           |
|------------------|----------------|---|-----------|--------------------------------------|-----------|-----------------------------------|-----------|
| Terminal         | Receptor       | Sound Levels (dBA L <sub>eq,1hr</sub> ) |           |                                      |           |                                   |           |
|                  |                | Predicted                               | Guideline | Predicted                            | Guideline | Predicted                         | Guideline |
| Clark<br>Station | R24            | 57                                      | 59        | 55                                   | 59        | 51                                | 51        |

The predicted excess is ~ approximately 2 dB, which is relatively minor. NPC-300 requires mitigation for any excess even if it is relatively insignificant. In this case, the minor excess is predicted to be mitigated by a 5.5m tall noise barrier. Given that most agencies are moving towards electric buses, which are quieter than their diesel counterparts, the need for a noise barrier should be reviewed as the design develops during the Detailed Design phase. The noise mitigation needed could be reduced or eliminated through the increased use of electric buses.

### **B 3.5** Segment 3 – Portal/Launch Shaft to Moonlight Lane

Figures 22 to 30 in **Appendix A** provide an overview of the infrastructure proposed within this segment. Refer to **Appendix B** for more detailed corridor plans/mapping and corresponding receptor locations.



### **B 3.5.1 Potential Impacts**

**Table B 3-19** provides the predicted sound levels during the peak operational period of the train storage facility. Asnoted, the guideline limit of 55 dBA  $L_{eq, 1hr}$  is slightly exceeded at several receptors to the west of the storage tracks.Mitigation measures are discussed in the following section.

| Receptor | Sound Levels<br>(dBA L <sub>eq,1hr</sub> ) | MECP Guideline<br>Limit (dBA<br>L <sub>eq,1hr</sub> ) | Project<br>Component |
|----------|--|---|----------------------|
| R43      | 48   | 55  | TSF                  |
| R44      | 52   | 55  | TSF                  |
| R45      | 52   | 55  | TSF                  |
| R46      | 59   | 55  | TSF                  |
| R47      | 63   | 55  | TSF                  |
| R48      | 56   | 55  | TSF                  |
| R49      | 66   | 55  | TSF                  |
| R50      | 54   | 55  | TSF                  |
| R51      | 49   | 55  | TSF                  |
| R52      | 56   | 55  | TSF                  |
| R53      | 52   | 55  | TSF                  |
| R54      | 56   | 55  | TSF                  |
| R55      | 55   | 55  | TSF                  |
| R56      | 52   | 55  | TSF                  |
| R57      | 56   | 55  | TSF                  |
| R58      | 41   | 55  | TSF                  |
| R59      | 54   | 55  | TSF                  |
| R60      | 52   | 55  | TSF                  |

| Table B 3-19 Predicted | Sound Levels fo  | r Train Storage | Facility |
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**Table B 3-20** provides the predicted sound levels for the remainder of the stationary sources along the at gradealignment. Given the substantial setback between the facilities and nearby receptors, excesses are not predicted, andmitigation is not required.



#### Table B 3-20 Segment 3 Stationary Source Sound Levels

| Receptor | Predicted Sound Levels<br>(dBA L <sub>eq,1hr</sub> ) |           | Guideline ( | (dBA L <sub>eq,1hr</sub> ) | Project Component |  |
|----------|--|-----------|-------------|----------------------------|-------------------|--|
|          | Daytime  | Nighttime | Daytime     | Nighttime                  |                   |  |
| R40      | 45   | 35        | 56          | 49                         | Portal            |  |
| R41      | 50   | 41        | 58          | 51                         | Portal            |  |
| R42      | 48   | 40        | 61          | 54                         | High Tech Station |  |

The nearest representative receptor to Bridge Station is more than 500m from the bus terminal. The sound levels from the Bridge Station bus terminal at that receptor are provided in **Table B 3-21**.

| Table B 3-21 | Bridge Station | <b>Bus Terminal Review</b> |
|--------------|----------------|----------------------------|
|--------------|----------------|----------------------------|

|                   | Representative | Morning Peak Period<br>(6:00 – 7:00)    |           | Late Night Period (22:00 –<br>23:00) |           | Overnight Period (2:00<br>– 3:00) |           |  |
|-------------------|----------------|---|-----------|--------------------------------------|-----------|-----------------------------------|-----------|--|
| Bus Terminal      | Receptor       | Sound Levels (dBA L <sub>eq,1hr</sub> ) |           |                                      |           |                                   |           |  |
|                   |                | Predicted                               | Guideline | Predicted                            | Guideline | Predicted                         | Guideline |  |
| Bridge<br>Station | R41            | 50                                      | 59        | 46                                   | 58        | 41                                | 50        |  |

As noted previously, the TSF boundary is approximately at Bantry Avenue. South of Bantry Avenue is the start of the operations of the subway. The sound levels between Bantry Avenue and High Tech Station are modest due to the lack of significant subway train traffic as compared to the full volume of trains that operates between High Tech Station and the Portal. Full service starts just north of High Tech Station. The assessment has reviewed the maximum permissible train volumes as a first step. The operational sound levels from the subway are summarized in **Table B 3-22**.

Table B 3-22 Operational Subway Sound Levels (Maximum Service Levels)

|          | Existing                    |                            | Subwa                       | y Only                     | Future With Subway          |                            |  |
|----------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|--|
| Receptor | Day                         | Night                      | Day                         | Night                      | Day                         | Night                      |  |
|          | (dBA L <sub>eq,16hr</sub> ) | (dBA L <sub>eq,8hr</sub> ) | (dBA L <sub>eq,16hr</sub> ) | (dBA L <sub>eq,8hr</sub> ) | (dBA L <sub>eq,16hr</sub> ) | (dBA L <sub>eq,8hr</sub> ) |  |
| R40      | 70                          | 67                         | 49                          | 44                         | 71                          | 68                         |  |
| R41      | 66                          | 60                         | 55                          | 50                         | 68                          | 62                         |  |
| R42      | 69                          | 65                         | 66                          | 61                         | 71                          | 67                         |  |
| R43      | 67                          | 65                         | 56                          | 52                         | 68                          | 66                         |  |



| E        |                             | ting                       | Subwa                       | y Only                     | Future With Subway          |                            |
|----------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|
| Receptor | Day                         | Night                      | Day                         | Night                      | Day                         | Night                      |
|          | (dBA L <sub>eq,16hr</sub> ) | (dBA L <sub>eq,8hr</sub> ) | (dBA L <sub>eq,16hr</sub> ) | (dBA L <sub>eq,8hr</sub> ) | (dBA L <sub>eq,16hr</sub> ) | (dBA L <sub>eq,8hr</sub> ) |
| R44      | 68                          | 65                         | 60                          | 56                         | 69                          | 66                         |
| R45      | 69                          | 66                         | 54                          | 51                         | 70                          | 67                         |
| R46      | 68                          | 65                         | 58                          | 54                         | 69                          | 66                         |
| R47      | 68                          | 65                         | 48                          | 45                         | 68                          | 65                         |

Notes:

Existing includes current noise from road and rail sound sources

Subway Only includes noise only from the subway trains

Future With Subway includes noise from subway trains, road and other rail sound sources

**Table B 3-23**Error! Reference source not found. provides a comparison between the subway sound levels and the existing ambient as well as a comparison of the total future sound levels (Future With Subway) with the existing ambient. As seen in **Table B 3-22** and **Table B 3-23**, the subway does not result in an increase in the ambient sound levels present at critical receptors. The increase in the future sound levels is predominantly a result of minor service increases in GO Transit railway traffic and roadway traffic. The subway itself only results in a minor increase in sound levels at one receptor (R42). The modest increase in sound is primarily a result of the relatively quiet sound levels from electrified subway service as well as the lack of noise sensitive receptors between High Tech Station and the portal. Given the insignificant contribution of the subway sound levels (as the subway sound levels are lower than or equal to the existing sound levels), noise mitigation measures are not warranted. Similarly, the subway service is expected to comply with the L<sub>eq,passby</sub> limit of 80 dBA at 15m or more from normal trackwork at all receptors. The assessment has been completed based on the maximum number of trains proposed (Scenario 3). The interim scenarios would have even lower sound levels and correspondingly lower impacts. The minor increases in sound levels noted below may not be realized for several years until GO Transit ridership reaches sufficient levels.

| Subway vs. Existing |                             | Future With Pro            | ject vs. Existing           | Future With Project vs. Without Project |                             |                            |
|---------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|---|-----------------------------|----------------------------|
| Receptor            | Day                         | Night                      | Day                         | Night                                   | Day                         | Night                      |
|                     | (dBA L <sub>eq,16hr</sub> ) | (dBA L <sub>eq,8hr</sub> ) | (dBA L <sub>eq,16hr</sub> ) | (dBA L <sub>eq,8hr</sub> )              | (dBA L <sub>eq,16hr</sub> ) | (dBA L <sub>eq,8hr</sub> ) |
| R40                 | 0                           | 0                          | 1                           | 1                                       | 0                           | 0                          |
| R41                 | 0                           | 0                          | 2                           | 2                                       | 0                           | 0                          |
| R42                 | 0                           | 0                          | 2                           | 2                                       | 1                           | 1                          |
| R43                 | 0                           | 0                          | 1                           | 1                                       | 0                           | 0                          |
| R44                 | 0                           | 0                          | 1                           | 1                                       | 0                           | 0                          |
| R45                 | 0                           | 0                          | 1                           | 1                                       | 0                           | 0                          |
| R46                 | 0                           | 0                          | 1                           | 1                                       | 0                           | 0                          |

Table B 3-23 Operational Subway Noise Impacts



|          | Subway vs. Existing         |                            | Future With Project vs. Existing |                            | Future With Project vs. Without Project |                            |
|----------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------|---|----------------------------|
| Receptor | Day                         | Night                      | Day                              | Night                      | Day                                     | Night                      |
|          | (dBA L <sub>eq,16hr</sub> ) | (dBA L <sub>eq,8hr</sub> ) | (dBA L <sub>eq,16hr</sub> )      | (dBA L <sub>eq,8hr</sub> ) | (dBA L <sub>eq,16hr</sub> )             | (dBA L <sub>eq,8hr</sub> ) |
| R47      | 0                           | 0                          | 0                                | 0                          | 0                                       | 0                          |

Notes: Subway vs. Existing provides the comparison of the subway only sound levels to the existing ambient sound levels as per the MECP protocols. This indicates that the project does not generate any noise impacts based on the guidelines, even at the project's highest (most frequent) service level.

**Future With Project vs. Existing** compares the total future sound levels, inclusive of rail, road, and subway against the existing ambient road and railway sound levels. This demonstrates that the growth in sound levels would not be as a result of the project.

**Future With Project vs. Future Without Project** compares the future sound levels inclusive of rail, road, and subway against the future sound levels (inclusive of road and rail) without the subway. This similarly demonstrates that some of the increase in sound levels would occur regardless of the subway extension project.

### **B 3.5.2 Mitigation Measures**

#### B 3.5.2.1 TSF Mitigation Measures

Sound levels from the TSF building and TPSS are expected to meet the applicable limits and do not require further mitigation measures. Sound levels from the TSF trackwork are predicted to exceed the guideline limit of 55 dBA  $L_{eq,1hr}$  at the nearest residences. The exceedance is caused by a combination of rolling noise along tangent track, impact noise at special trackwork, and to a lesser degree the idling noise before trains depart for service.

A 5.5m high noise barrier is recommended along the western extent of the TSF area from approximately Bantry Avenue to south of 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue and is shown in the figures below. The final height and extent of the noise barrier will be subject to further refinement during the Detailed Design phase. In order to limit noise reflections, the side of the barrier facing the TSF should be acoustically absorptive.



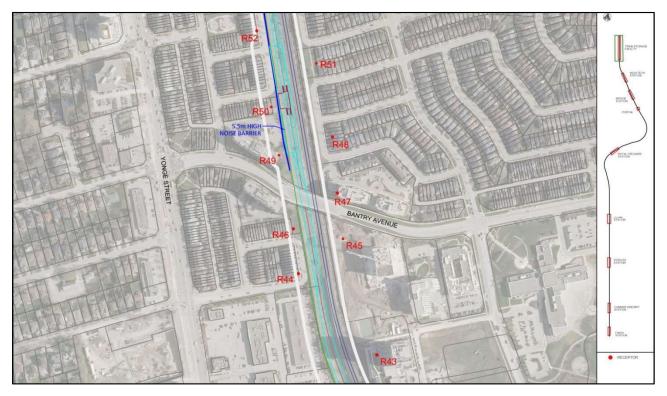


Figure B 3-1 TSF Noise Barrier Part 1



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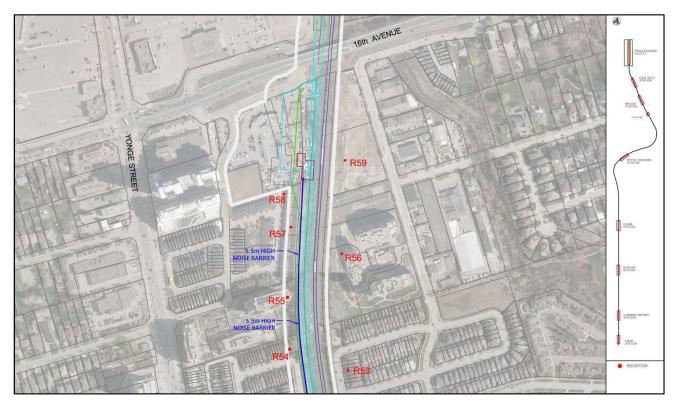


Figure B 3-2 TSF Noise Barrier Part 2

In addition, all special trackwork associated with the TSF should be provided with moveable point frogs. In traditional frogs, such as railbound manganese frogs (RBM), there is a permanent gap at the crossover. This results in a "clickety clack" type noise as vehicles pass over. Moveable point frogs have, as the name implies, moving points which close the gap and create a continuous rail. Moveable point frogs greatly reduce the impact noise generated by trains that travel across and through the special trackwork. Due to the heights of nearby apartment buildings, noise barriers alone may not be sufficient to mitigate the noise from the special trackwork.

| Table B 3-24 Train Storage Facility Sound Levels with Mitigation |  |   |                   |  |  |  |  |  |
|--|--|---|-------------------|--|--|--|--|--|
| Receptor   | Sound Levels<br>(dBA L <sub>eq,1hr</sub> ) | MECP<br>Guideline Limit<br>(dBA L <sub>eq,1hr</sub> ) | Project Component |  |  |  |  |  |
| R43  | 38   | 55  | TSF               |  |  |  |  |  |
| R44  | 44   | 55  | TSF               |  |  |  |  |  |
| R45  | 42   | 55  | TSF               |  |  |  |  |  |
| R46  | 45   | 55  | TSF               |  |  |  |  |  |
| R47  | 48   | 55  | TSF               |  |  |  |  |  |
| R48  | 49   | 55  | TSF               |  |  |  |  |  |
| R49  | 51   | 55  | TSF               |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |   |                   |  |  |  |  |  |



| Receptor | Sound Levels<br>(dBA L <sub>eq,1hr</sub> ) | MECP<br>Guideline Limit<br>(dBA L <sub>eq,1hr</sub> ) | Project Component |
|----------|--|---|-------------------|
| R50      | 45   | 55  | TSF               |
| R51      | 49   | 55  | TSF               |
| R52      | 48   | 55  | TSF               |
| R53      | 52   | 55  | TSF               |
| R54      | 46   | 55  | TSF               |
| R55      | 54   | 55  | TSF               |
| R56      | 52   | 55  | TSF               |
| R57      | 49   | 55  | TSF               |
| R58      | 40   | 55  | TSF               |
| R59      | 54   | 55  | TSF               |
| R60      | 52   | 55  | TSF               |

### B 3.5.2.2 Facilities Mitigation Measures

Based on the assessment, the sound levels from the mechanical and electrical noise sources associated with the remaining facilities in Segment 3 (inclusive of High Tech and Bridge Stations and the Portal) are expected to meet the applicable guideline limits without further noise control measures. Inherent to the design are mitigation measures such as silencers for the tunnel ventilation system and selection of quiet mechanical and electrical equipment. Noisier equipment, for example, may require additional noise mitigation in order to meet the limits. An updated analysis should be completed as the mechanical/electrical design of the facilities progresses.

The above-grade facilities analysis has been completed to demonstrate that it is feasible to meet the noise criteria with practical mitigation measures. The locations of specific above-grade project elements are still being determined within the study area. Updated assessments will be completed in subsequent design phases to confirm mitigation measures needed for compliance with the criteria.

### B 3.5.2.3 At Grade Alignment Mitigation Measures

The increases in sound levels at nearby receptors as a result of the project are minor and do not trigger the need for noise mitigation measures. This is part due to the relatively low sound levels from electric subway trains. There are also few noise sensitive receptors between High Tech Station and the Portal as the lands are predominantly commercial or industrial. As well, there are relatively few trains between the train storage facility and High Tech Station where there are more residential receptors.



### **B 4.0 Impact Assessment – Operational Vibration**

### B 4.1 Scope

The operational vibration assessment focuses on the ground-borne noise and vibration generated by subway vehicles along the proposed alignment and project facilities such as the TSF. Ground-borne vibration refers to vibration that travels through the soil that may be felt (i.e., tactile vibration). Ground-borne noise refers to ground-borne vibration that enters a building and is reradiated from that building's surfaces as noise (i.e., audible vibration, vibration-induced noise, or the "rumble" of passing trains).

For below grade transit systems, ground-borne noise is often the most critical. In most cases, ground-borne noise will reach the guideline limits before the vibration levels reach the limits for ground-borne vibration.

For at grade systems, ground-borne vibration is often the most critical. This is typically a result of the lower frequency vibration typical of tie-on-ballast tracks and the increased distance between the tracks and adjacent receptors.

The operational vibration will review the vibration generated by the below grade segment, the at grade segment, and at the TSF. Otherwise, there are no significant sources of operational vibration associated with this project.

### B 4.2 Approach

There are a number of variables involved in the prediction of vibration levels. The soil conditions, presence of rock or boulders, and type of construction equipment (which includes power output and frequency of operation) all play a factor in the generation of vibration. The distance to an object and type of soil or intermediary layer affect the propagation of vibration. At the receptor, the type of building (how it is built) and the coupling of the soil to the structure play a factor in the resulting indoor vibration levels.

Operational vibration levels are calculated based on the FTA Manual's General Vibration Assessment Method. The procedure typically expresses vibration velocity in terms of vibration decibels (VdB) and converts the vibration levels into ground-borne sound levels depending on the frequency content of the sound.

The FTA manual provides the following adjustments for conversion to ground-borne noise based on the dominant frequency of vibration. These conversion factors are provided in **Table B 4-1**.

| Frequency               | Conversion to<br>Ground-borne Noise | Notes  |
|-------------------------|-------------------------------------|--|
| Low (<30 Hz)            | -50                                 | Typical for subways surrounded by cohesionless sandy soil,<br>vibration from isolated track support systems (i.e., mitigated<br>vibration), most surface tracks (tie-on-ballast) |
| Mid (30 Hz to 60<br>Hz) | -35                                 | Base case for most subways, surface track for when the soil is very stiff with a high clay content   |
| High (>60 Hz)           | -20                                 | Subways when the transit structure is founded in rock or when there is the presence of stiff, clayey soil.   |

#### Table B 4-1 FTA Conversion Factors for Ground-borne Noise



For at grade vibration, which is built on tie-on-ballast track, a conversion factor of -50 dB is typically used to convert the vibration velocity (expressed in VdB) to the A-weighted sound levels. Measurements of existing TTC subways at grade indicate a dominant frequency of approximately 40-50 Hz. A conversion factor of -35 dB is more appropriate in this case as a conservative adjustment.

In most vibration measurements of below grade subway systems in Toronto, the dominant frequency is between 32.5 Hz and 160 Hz where vibration isolation is not provided. It would be appropriate to use a conversion factor between - 20 and -35 dB to estimate ground-borne noise from the below grade alignment. Measurements of subway systems in various locations of the GTA with vibration isolation indicate a dominant frequency of approximately 31.5-40 Hz. Some vibration energy remains in the 50-63 Hz range. Given the measurements completed along transit systems, a conversion factor of -20 dB is used to estimate ground-borne noise within in the "no mitigation case". This is slightly conservative as it would yield a higher ground-borne noise level than using the FTA's suggested conversion factors but is more representative of conditions measured at various locations along the existing subway network. The "with mitigation" ground-borne noise levels will vary depending on the mitigation measure (floating slab track, resilient tie block, etc.).

### **B4.3** Assumptions

The following are key inputs into the calculation procedure for the operations phase:

- The subway design speed is 80 km/hr. The actual speeds are approximately 5-10 km/hr slower than the design speed.
- The subway design speed when using special trackwork is 20 km/hr.
- The speed within the TSF is 20 km/hr.
- The speed between High Tech Station and the TSF is 30 km/hr.
- All track between the portal and the terminus of the project is to be tie-on-ballast.
- To be conservative, soils are assumed to propagate vibration efficiently. According to the FTA prediction procedure, this results in 10 dB more noise and 3x as much vibration. Realistically, this is likely to overpredict the vibration levels by 2-3 dB. Detailed vibration propagation testing should be completed during Detailed Design to confirm the propagation characteristics of the soil.
- The tracks are to be continuously welded and in good repair (i.e., no corrugation).
- Vibration levels are predicted outdoors at the ground floor level as per the MECP/TTC protocol.
- Ground-borne noise levels are predicted indoors at the closest occupied floor (basements for low-rise homes and ground or second floors for multi-family dwellings or institutional uses).

### **B 4.4** Segment 1 – Finch Station to Clark Station

Figures 1 to 11 in **Appendix A** provide an overview of the infrastructure proposed within this segment. Refer to **Appendix B** for more detailed corridor plans/mapping and corresponding receptor locations.

### **B 4.4.1 Potential Impacts**

**Table B 4-1** provides the predicted vibration and ground-borne noise levels for representative receptors alongSegment 1.



| Switches |        | Ground-borne Vibration (mm/s RMS) |                         |        | Ground-borne Noise (dBA) |                        |        |
|----------|--------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------|--------|--------------------------|------------------------|--------|
| Receptor | Nearby | Predicted                         | MOEE<br>Limit/Guideline | Impact | Predicted                | FTA<br>Limit/Guideline | Impact |
| V2       | No     | 0.29                              | 0.10                    | 0.19   | 48                       | 35                     | 13     |
| R2       | No     | 0.28                              | 0.10                    | 0.18   | 48                       | 35                     | 13     |
| R3       | No     | 0.26                              | 0.10                    | 0.16   | 47                       | 35                     | 12     |
| R4       | No     | 0.02                              | 0.10                    | 0      | 32                       | 35                     | 0      |
| R5       | No     | 0.28                              | 0.10                    | 0.18   | 48                       | 35                     | 13     |
| R6       | No     | 0.08                              | 0.10                    | 0      | 46                       | 35                     | 11     |
| R7       | No     | 0.26                              | 0.10                    | 0.16   | 47                       | 35                     | 12     |
| R8       | No     | 0.30                              | 0.10                    | 0.2    | 49                       | 35                     | 14     |
| R9       | No     | 0.20                              | 0.10                    | 0.1    | 45                       | 35                     | 10     |
| V3       | No     | 0.27                              | 0.10                    | 0.17   | 48                       | 35                     | 13     |
| R10      | No     | 0.05                              | 0.10                    | 0      | 43                       | 35                     | 8      |
| R11      | No     | 0.12                              | 0.10                    | 0.02   | 50                       | 35                     | 15     |
| R12      | No     | 0.25                              | 0.10                    | 0.15   | 49                       | 35                     | 14     |
| R13      | No     | 0.33                              | 0.14                    | 0.19   | 54                       | 40                     | 14     |
| R14      | Yes    | 0.22                              | 0.10                    | 0.12   | 55                       | 35                     | 20     |
| R15      | Yes    | 0.19                              | 0.10                    | 0.09   | 54                       | 35                     | 19     |
| R16      | No     | 0.13                              | 0.10                    | 0.03   | 50                       | 35                     | 15     |
| R17      | No     | 0.09                              | 0.10                    | 0      | 47                       | 35                     | 12     |
| R18      | No     | 0.04                              | 0.10                    | 0      | 40                       | 35                     | 5      |
| R19      | No     | 0.10                              | 0.10                    | 0      | 48                       | 35                     | 13     |
| R20      | No     | 0.24                              | 0.10                    | 0.14   | 47                       | 35                     | 12     |
| R21      | No     | 0.11                              | 0.10                    | 0.01   | 49                       | 35                     | 14     |
| V4       | No     | 0.19                              | 0.10                    | 0.09   | 45                       | 35                     | 10     |
| V5       | No     | 0.09                              | 0.10                    | 0      | 38                       | 35                     | 3      |
| V6       | No     | 0.13                              | 0.10                    | 0.03   | 41                       | 35                     | 6      |

Table B 4-2 Segment 1 - Predicted Vibration Levels

Note: Bolded numbers and grey cells indicate exceedance of applicable criteria



Table B 4-2Error! Reference source not found. indicates that vibration levels may exceed the criteria by up to 0.20mm/s for ground-borne vibration and up to 20 dBA for ground-borne noise at a number of receptors. As such,mitigation measures should be implemented to adequately control the operational vibration levels.

### **B 4.4.2 Mitigation Measures**

**Table B 4-3** summarizes the performance needed from the vibration mitigation measures in order to meet therespective limits. The analysis is conservative and may over predict the potential impacts. The indicative measures arereadily available and proven technologies that are predicted to achieve required reductions and are provided todemonstrate the feasibility of meeting the criteria. During detailed design, further studies will be completed to identifylocation-specific mitigation measures to be used.

| Receptor | Reduction Needed to control<br>Ground-borne Vibration (dB) | Reduction Needed to control<br>Ground-borne Noise (dB) | Indicative Mitigation<br>Measures           |
|----------|--|--|---|
| V2       | 9  | 13   | Resilient tie block                         |
| R2       | 9  | 13   | Resilient tie block                         |
| R3       | 8  | 12   | Resilient tie block                         |
| R4       | 0  | 0  | Resilient tie block*                        |
| R5       | 9  | 13   | Resilient tie block                         |
| R6       | 0  | 11   | Resilient tie block                         |
| R7       | 8  | 12   | Resilient tie block                         |
| R8       | 10   | 14   | Resilient tie block /floating<br>slab track |
| R9       | 6  | 10   | Resilient tie block                         |
| V3       | 9  | 13   | Resilient tie block                         |
| R10      | 0  | 8  | Resilient tie block                         |
| R11      | 2  | 15   | Resilient tie block                         |
| R12      | 8  | 14   | Resilient tie block                         |
| R13      | 10   | 19   | Resilient tie block/moveable<br>point frogs |
| R14      | 7  | 20   | Resilient tie block/moveable<br>point frogs |
| R15      | 6  | 19   | Resilient tie block/moveable point frogs    |
| R16      | 2  | 15   | Resilient tie block/moveable point frogs    |

Table B 4-3 Segment 1 - Vibration Mitigation Recommendations



| Receptor | Reduction Needed to control<br>Ground-borne Vibration (dB) | Reduction Needed to control<br>Ground-borne Noise (dB) | Indicative Mitigation<br>Measures |
|----------|--|--|-----------------------------------|
| R17      | 0  | 12   | Resilient tie block               |
| R18      | 0  | 5  | Resilient tie block               |
| R19      | 0  | 13   | Resilient tie block               |
| R20      | 8  | 12   | Resilient tie block               |
| R21      | 1  | 14   | Resilient tie block               |
| V4       | 6  | 10   | Resilient tie block               |
| V5       | 0  | 3  | Resilient tie block*              |
| V6       | 2  | 6  | Resilient tie block               |

\*Different mitigation measures are not able to be transitioned in such a small area. Hence, even if mitigation is not required for a particular receptor, it is assumed to be provided due to the impacts predicted at other nearby receptors.

According to the FTA General Assessment Procedure, floating slab track can provide a reduction in vibration levels of approximately 15 dB. As such, it would be suitable to employ floating slab track (as shown in **Figure B 4-1**) in areas where reductions of 10 dB or more are needed in the vibration levels. In general, controlling ground-borne noise is more challenging than controlling ground-borne vibration. That is, achieving the ground-borne noise limits will usually result in achieving ground-borne vibration levels that are well below the limits.

For areas where such high performance is not required, alternative track vibration isolation can be considered. Resilient tie block systems consist of a series of precast concrete tie blocks (lower mass) that sit on vibration isolation pads. According to the FTA general assessment procedure, high attenuation resilient tie block (or low vibration track) can provide reductions of up to 10 dB in the overall levels. Depending on the soil propagation characteristics, reductions of 15-20 dBA can be expected in the A-weighted sound levels. There are several kinds of resilient tie block that can be used.

The existing TTC subway systems in Toronto employ a type of floating slab track known as the double tie floating slab (also referred to as a discontinuous floating slab). The floating slab consists of a series of precast concrete slabs that rest of rubber isolation pucks. The TTC double tie floating slab track has been measured to provide more than 15 dB reduction in the vibration levels as compared to the older subway systems at similar depths. The system is highly effective at controlling ground-borne noise. A reduction of more than 25 dB in the A-weighted sound levels can be achieved with this system in place. At the closest receptors, sound levels of less than 30 dBA can be expected with floating slab track in place. Again, there are a variety of floating slab configurations and types that can be used to provide the necessary vibration isolation.



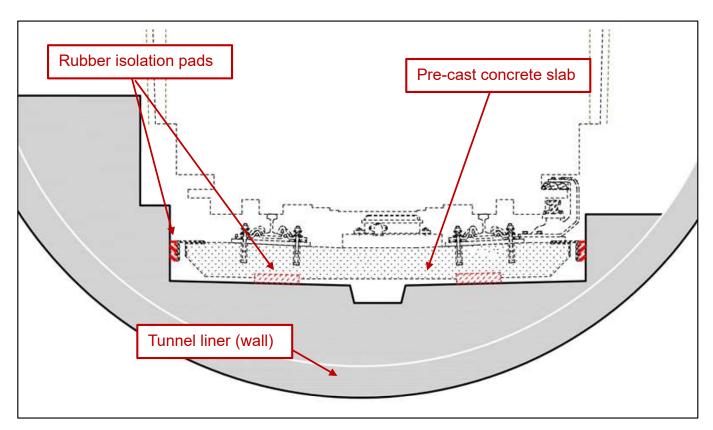


Figure B 4-1 Cross-Section of TTC Floating Slab Track

### **B 4.5** Segment 2 – Clark Station to Portal/Launch Shaft

Figures 11 to 22 in **Appendix A** provide an overview of the infrastructure proposed within this segment. Refer to **Appendix B** for more detailed corridor plans/mapping and corresponding receptor locations.

### **B 4.5.1 Potential Impacts**

**Table B 4-4** provides the predicted vibration and ground-borne noise levels for representative receptors alongSegment 2.

| Receptor Speed (km/h) |    | Ground-borne Vibration (mm/s RMS) |                      |        | Ground-borne Noise (dBA) |                     |        |
|-----------------------|----|-----------------------------------|----------------------|--------|--------------------------|---------------------|--------|
| Receptor              |    | Predicted                         | MOEE Limit/Guideline | Impact | Predicted                | FTA Limit/Guideline | Impact |
| R22                   | 80 | 0.11                              | 0.10                 | 0.01   | 49                       | 35                  | 14     |
| R23                   | 80 | 0.03                              | 0.10                 | 0      | 32                       | 35                  | 0      |
| R24                   | 80 | 0.21                              | 0.10                 | 0.11   | 47                       | 35                  | 12     |
| R25                   | 80 | 0.24                              | 0.10                 | 0.14   | 49                       | 35                  | 14     |
| R26                   | 80 | 0.15                              | 0.10                 | 0.05   | 43                       | 35                  | 8      |

Table B 4-4 Segment 2 - Predicted Vibration Levels



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| Receptor Speed (km/h) |              | Ground-borne Vibration (mm/s RMS) |                      |        | Ground-borne Noise (dBA) |                     |        |
|-----------------------|--------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------|--------|--------------------------|---------------------|--------|
| <del>ke</del> ceptor  | Speed (km/n) | Predicted                         | MOEE Limit/Guideline | Impact | Predicted                | FTA Limit/Guideline | Impact |
| V7                    | 80           | 0.21                              | 0.10                 | 0.11   | 50                       | 35                  | 15     |
| V8                    | 80           | 0.18                              | 0.10                 | 0.08   | 47                       | 35                  | 12     |
| V9                    | 80           | 0.23                              | 0.10                 | 0.13   | 49                       | 35                  | 14     |
| V10                   | 80           | 0.18                              | 0.10                 | 0.08   | 53                       | 35                  | 18     |
| R27                   | 80           | 0.17                              | 0.10                 | 0.07   | 52                       | 35                  | 17     |
| R28                   | 80           | 0.06                              | 0.10                 | 0      | 44                       | 35                  | 9      |
| V11                   | 80           | 0.14                              | 0.14                 | 0      | 47                       | 40                  | 7      |
| V12                   | 80           | 0.14                              | 0.10                 | 0.04   | 44                       | 35                  | 9      |
| R29                   | 80           | 0.08                              | 0.10                 | 0      | 44                       | 35                  | 9      |
| R30                   | 80           | 0.12                              | 0.10                 | 0.02   | 43                       | 35                  | 8      |
| R31                   | 80           | 0.06                              | 0.10                 | 0      | 36                       | 35                  | 1      |
| R32                   | 80           | 0.11                              | 0.14                 | 0      | 45                       | 40                  | 5      |
| V13                   | 80           | 0.13                              | 0.10                 | 0.03   | 41                       | 35                  | 6      |
| R33                   | 80           | 0.14                              | 0.10                 | 0.04   | 44                       | 35                  | 9      |
| R34                   | 80           | 0.13                              | 0.10                 | 0.03   | 43                       | 35                  | 8      |
| V14                   | 80           | 0.16                              | 0.10                 | 0.06   | 52                       | 35                  | 17     |
| R35                   | 80           | 0.19                              | 0.10                 | 0.09   | 53                       | 35                  | 18     |
| R36                   | 80           | 0.18                              | 0.10                 | 0.08   | 53                       | 35                  | 18     |
| V15                   | 80           | 0.29                              | 0.10                 | 0.19   | 57                       | 35                  | 22     |
| V16                   | 80           | 0.32                              | 0.10                 | 0.22   | 58                       | 35                  | 23     |
| V17                   | 80           | 0.31                              | 0.10                 | 0.21   | 58                       | 35                  | 23     |
| R37                   | 80           | 0.32                              | 0.14                 | 0.18   | 54                       | 40                  | 14     |
| R38                   | 80           | 0.26                              | 0.10                 | 0.16   | 56                       | 35                  | 21     |
| R39                   | 80           | 0.32                              | 0.10                 | 0.22   | 58                       | 35                  | 23     |
| R40                   | 80           | 0.22                              | 0.10                 | 0.12   | 55                       | 35                  | 20     |
| R41                   | 80           | 0.04                              | 0.14                 | 0      | 35                       | 40                  | 0      |

Note: Bolded numbers and grey cells indicate exceedance of applicable criteria



While no exceedances are predicted at some receptors, **Table B 4-4** indicates that vibration levels may exceed the criteria for ground-borne vibration and ground-borne noise at other receptors. As such, mitigation measures should be implemented to adequately control the operational vibration levels. As discussed below, predicted exceedances are expected to be readily mitigatable using conventional technologies.

### **B 4.5.2 Mitigation Measures**

**Table B 4-5** below summarizes the reduction needed from the vibration mitigation measures in order to meet the respective limits. The analysis is conservative and may over predict the potential impacts. The indicative measures are readily available and proven technologies that are predicted to achieve required reductions and are provided to demonstrate the feasibility of meeting the criteria. During detailed design, further studies will be completed to identify location-specific mitigation measures to be used.

| Receptor | Reduction Needed to control<br>Ground-borne Vibration (dB) | Reduction Needed to control<br>Ground-borne Noise (dB) | Indicative Mitigation Measures |
|----------|--|--|--------------------------------|
| R22      | 1  | 14   | Resilient tie block            |
| R23      | 0  | 0  | Resilient tie block*           |
| R24      | 7  | 12   | Resilient tie block            |
| R25      | 8  | 14   | Resilient tie block            |
| R26      | 4  | 8  | Resilient tie block            |
| V7       | 6  | 15   | Resilient tie block            |
| V8       | 5  | 12   | Resilient tie block            |
| V9       | 7  | 14   | Resilient tie block            |
| V10      | 5  | 18   | Resilient tie block            |
| R27      | 5  | 17   | Resilient tie block            |
| R28      | 0  | 9  | Resilient tie block            |
| V11      | 3  | 12   | Resilient tie block            |
| V12      | 3  | 9  | Resilient tie block            |
| R29      | 0  | 9  | Resilient tie block            |
| R30      | 2  | 8  | Resilient tie block            |
| R31      | 0  | 1  | Resilient tie block*           |
| R32      | 1  | 10   | Resilient tie block            |
| V13      | 2  | 6  | Resilient tie block            |
| R33      | 3  | 9  | Resilient tie block            |



| Receptor | Reduction Needed to control<br>Ground-borne Vibration (dB) | Reduction Needed to control<br>Ground-borne Noise (dB) | Indicative Mitigation Measures |  |
|----------|--|--|--------------------------------|--|
| R34      | 2  | 8  | Resilient tie block            |  |
| V14      | 4  | 17   | Resilient tie block            |  |
| R35      | 5  | 18   | Resilient tie block            |  |
| R36      | 5  | 18   | Resilient tie block            |  |
| V15      | 9  | 22   | Floating slab track            |  |
| V16      | 10   | 23   | Floating slab track            |  |
| V17      | 10   | 23   | Floating slab track            |  |
| R37      | 10   | 19   | Floating slab track            |  |
| R38      | 8  | 21   | Floating slab track            |  |
| R39      | 10   | 23   | Floating slab track            |  |
| R40      | 7  | 20   | Floating slab track            |  |
| R41      | 0  | 0  | -                              |  |

\*Different mitigation measures are not able to be transitioned in such a small area. Hence, even if mitigation is not required for a particular receptor, it is assumed to be provided due to the impacts predicted at other nearby receptors.

According to the FTA General Assessment Procedure, floating slab track can provide a reduction in vibration levels of approximately 15 dB. As such, it would be suitable to employ floating slab track (as shown in **Figure B 4-1**) in areas where reductions of 10 dB or more are needed in the vibration levels. In general, controlling ground-borne noise is more challenging than controlling ground-borne vibration. That is, achieving the ground-borne noise limits will usually result in achieving ground-borne vibration levels that are well below the limits.

For areas where such high performance is not required, alternative track vibration isolation can be considered. Resilient tie block systems consist of a series of precast concrete tie blocks (lower mass) that sit on vibration isolation pads. According to the FTA general assessment procedure, high attenuation resilient tie block (or low vibration track) can provide reductions of up to 10 dB in the overall levels. Depending on the soil propagation characteristics, reductions of 15-20 dBA can be expected in the A-weighted sound levels. There are several kinds of resilient tie block that can be used.

The existing TTC subway systems in Toronto employ a type of floating slab track known as the double tie floating slab (also referred to as a discontinuous floating slab). The floating slab consists of a series of precast concrete slabs that rest of rubber isolation pucks. The TTC double tie floating slab track has been measured to provide more than 15 dB reduction in the vibration levels as compared to the older subway systems at similar depths. The system is highly effective at controlling ground-borne noise. A reduction of more than 25 dB in the A-weighted sound levels can be achieved with this system in place. At the closest receptors, sound levels of less than 30 dBA can be expected with floating slab track in place. As noted previously, there are a variety of floating slab configurations and types that can be used to provide the necessary vibration isolation.



The industry standard criteria for ground-borne noise and vibration at residential receptors are 35 dBA and 0.10 mm/s, respectively. In order to reduce the potential impact of tunneling under existing low-rise homes in a mature residential neighbourhood, Metrolinx is committed to achieving ground-borne noise levels of less than 30 dBA and ground-borne vibration levels of less than 0.05 mm/s. Though subject to further refinement as the design progresses, this would entail installing floating slab track approximately between the north end of Royal Orchard Station and the south end of the portal. As noted previously, based on the depths through the residential community, floating slab track can achieve sound levels of less than 30 dBA. The corresponding ground-borne vibration level would be less than 0.05 mm/s, and would be imperceptible.

### **B 4.6** Segment 3 – Portal/Launch Shaft to Moonlight Lane

Figures 22 to 30 in **Appendix A** provide an overview of the infrastructure proposed within this segment. Refer to **Appendix B** for more detailed corridor plans/mapping and corresponding receptor locations.

### **B 4.6.1 Potential Impacts**

**Table B 4-6** provides the predicted ground-borne noise and vibration levels for the at grade segment between the TSFand the Portal.

| Receptor | Switches | Track   | Speed  |           | oorne Vib<br>(mm/s RI | oration Level<br>MS) | Ground-borne Sound Level (dBA) |              |        |
|----------|----------|---------|--------|-----------|-----------------------|----------------------|--------------------------------|--------------|--------|
|          | Nearby   | Туре    | (km/h) | Predicted | MOEE<br>Limit         | Excess               | Predicted                      | FTA<br>Limit | Excess |
| V18      | Yes      | Ballast | 80     | 0.54      | 0.10                  | 0.44                 | 50                             | 35           | 15     |
| R42      | No       | Ballast | 80     | 0.09      | 0.10                  | 0                    | 30                             | 35           | 0      |
| R43      | No       | Ballast | 80     | 0.09      | 0.10                  | 0                    | 28                             | 35           | 0      |
| R44      | Yes      | Ballast | 30     | 0.28      | 0.10                  | 0.18                 | 47                             | 35           | 12     |
| R45      | Yes      | Ballast | 30     | 0.03      | 0.10                  | 0                    | 19                             | 35           | 0      |
| R46      | Yes      | Ballast | 30     | 0.31      | 0.10                  | 0.21                 | 48                             | 35           | 13     |
| R47      | No       | Ballast | 20     | 0.03      | 0.10                  | 0                    | 20                             | 35           | 0      |
| R48      | No       | Ballast | 20     | 0.02      | 0.10                  | 0                    | 25                             | 35           | 0      |
| R49      | Yes      | Ballast | 20     | 0.19      | 0.10                  | 0.09                 | 37                             | 35           | 2      |
| R50      | Yes      | Ballast | 20     | 0.22      | 0.10                  | 0.12                 | 45                             | 35           | 10     |
| R51      | Yes      | Ballast | 20     | 0.04      | 0.10                  | 0                    | 31                             | 35           | 0      |
| R52      | Yes      | Ballast | 20     | 0.18      | 0.10                  | 0.08                 | 43                             | 35           | 8      |
| R53      | No       | Ballast | 20     | 0.03      | 0.10                  | 0                    | 26                             | 35           | 0      |
| R54      | No       | Ballast | 20     | 0.07      | 0.10                  | 0                    | 34                             | 35           | 0      |

### Table B 4-6 Segment 3 - Predicted Vibration Levels



| Receptor | <sup>or</sup> Switches Track |         | Speed  | Ground-borne Vibration Level<br>(mm/s RMS) |               |        | Ground-borne Sound Level (dBA) |              |        |  |
|----------|------------------------------|---------|--------|--|---------------|--------|--------------------------------|--------------|--------|--|
|          | Nearby                       | Туре    | (km/h) | Predicted                                  | MOEE<br>Limit | Excess | Predicted                      | FTA<br>Limit | Excess |  |
| R55      | No                           | Ballast | 20     | 0.06                                       | 0.10          | 0      | 27                             | 35           | 0      |  |
| R56      | No                           | Ballast | 20     | 0.02                                       | 0.10          | 0      | 17                             | 35           | 0      |  |
| R57      | No                           | Ballast | 20     | 0.06                                       | 0.10          | 0      | 34                             | 35           | 0      |  |
| R58      | No                           | Ballast | 20     | 0.05                                       | 0.10          | 0      | 33                             | 35           | 0      |  |
| R59      | No                           | Ballast | 20     | 0.03                                       | 0.10          | 0      | 27                             | 35           | 0      |  |
| R60      | Yes                          | Ballast | 20     | 0.04                                       | 0.10          | 0      | 29                             | 35           | 0      |  |

Note: Bolded numbers and grey cells indicate exceedance of applicable criteria

As seen in the table above, the vibration levels exceed the criteria at several receptors along the alignment, both for ground-borne vibration and for ground-borne noise, mitigation measures have been investigated. These are reviewed in the next section.

### **B 4.6.2 Mitigation Measures**

The vibration levels from the TSF and at grade alignment are generally predicted to be below the limits except for areas where there are existing residential uses or other sensitive uses located close to special trackwork. In these areas, reductions of up to 10 dB are needed in order to meet the limits for ground-borne vibration and noise. This can typically be achieved by ballast mats. As the noise impact assessment (**Section B 3.0**) indicated that moveable point frogs were needed to control air borne noise, the combination of ballast mats and moveable point frogs is expected to be sufficient to control the ground-borne noise and vibration levels from the TSF.

Higher vibration levels are also expected at V18 (a theatre) due to the proximity of the tracks and the nearby switches. A combination of ballast mats and monoblock frogs can be used to achieve an overall 15 dB reduction in the sound levels. In terms of controlling vibration levels, a combination of ballast mats and monoblock frogs would be sufficient to meet the limits at the theatre.

The noise and vibration aspects of special trackwork, including the locations of such features, will be reviewed further during detailed design.

**Table B 4-7** below summarizes the reduction needed from the vibration mitigation measures in order to meet therespective limits. The analysis is conservative and may over predict the potential impacts. The indicative measures areconventional technologies that are predicted to achieve required reductions and are provided to demonstratefeasibility using conventional technologies. During detailed design, further studies will be completed to identifylocation-specific mitigation measures to be used.





| Receptor | Reduction Needed to control<br>Ground-borne Vibration (dB) | Reduction Needed to control<br>Ground-borne Noise (dB) | Indicative Mitigation Measures                  |
|----------|--|--|---|
| V18      | 15   | 15   | Ballast mat/monoblock or<br>moveable point frog |
| R42      | 0  | 0  | -   |
| R43      | 0  | 0  | -   |
| R44      | 9  | 12   | Ballast mat/moveable point<br>frog              |
| R45      | 0  | 0  | -   |
| R46      | 10   | 13   | Ballast mat/moveable point<br>frog              |
| R47      | 0  | 0  | -   |
| R48      | 0  | 0  | -   |
| R49      | 6  | 2  | Moveable point frog                             |
| R50      | 7  | 10   | Ballast mat/moveable point<br>frog              |
| R51      | 0  | 0  | -   |
| R52      | 5  | 8  | Moveable point frog                             |
| R53      | 0  | 0  | -   |
| R54      | 0  | 0  | -   |
| R55      | 0  | 0  | -   |
| R56      | 0  | 0  | -   |
| R57      | 0  | 0  | -   |
| R58      | 0  | 0  | -   |
| R59      | 0  | 0  | -   |
| R60      | 0  | 0  | -   |

Table B 4-7 Segment 3 - Vibration Mitigation Recommendations

In terms of controlling vibration levels, implementation of a combination of ballast mats and monoblock frogs is anticipated to meet the limits. As noted in the Operational Noise Assessment (**Section B 3.0**), moveable point frogs are needed to control the air-borne sound levels. As such, they are assumed to be provided to control the vibration levels as well. The noise and vibration aspects of special trackwork, including the specific locations of such features, will be reviewed further during detailed design.



### **B 5.0 Impact Assessment – Construction Noise and Vibration**

The impact of construction noise and vibration on nearby receptors has been reviewed. As the project has not reached the Detail Design stage, specifics of equipment to be used in the construction process have not been determined.

Receptor-based limits on construction noise have not been developed by the MECP. For the purposes of this assessment, receptor-based limits outlined in **Section B 2.1.2** were used.

The following sections will review the potential sound levels during construction, during the daytime and nighttime, derived using a conservative approach (further discussed in **Section B 5.2**). Noise and vibration mitigation measures will be recommended where feasible, in order to reduce the impact of construction noise and vibration on adjacent receptors. This impact assessment will be updated prior to commencement of construction using the most up-to-date information on construction methods and equipment, as required.

### B 5.1 Scope

The assessment will focus on predicting the general construction sound levels at nearby receptors. Construction activity is typically very variable. Equipment on construction sites are rarely used continuously. On many sites, the equipment also moves around, resulting in a moving-point source. This would mean that sound levels could be lower at one receptor at one point of the day and higher at another, and the reverse at another time of day. As the specifics of construction sequencing and staging are yet unknown, only a general assessment can be completed.

The FTA guideline provides sound levels for typical equipment used in construction activity. Similarly, the US Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) also publishes equipment sound levels and typical usage factors (given that most equipment does not run continuously for hours and hours at a time). Construction equipment measurement data from recent projects has been used as well.

The sound levels at receptors have been calculated based on the typical equipment used, the usage factor for such equipment, and the location of the equipment within the work zones.

The proposed subway will involve several different facilities and construction approaches. The components of the construction include:

- 1. Subway tunnels and trackwork
- 2. At grade alignment and trackwork
- 3. Below grade stations and associated surface structures (including traction power substations and bus terminals)
- 4. At grade stations and other at grade structures (including traction power substations and bus terminals)
- 5. Emergency exit buildings
- 6. Train storage facility
- 7. Launch shaft and portal structure

### **B 5.2** Assumptions



Stations such as Cummer Station, Clark Station, and Steeles Station were assumed to be constructed using a top-down or cut-and-cover method. Given the depth, Royal Orchard Station was assumed to be built using the sequential excavation method (SEM). Bridge Station and High Tech Station, by virtue of being at grade, were assumed to be simpler to construct and involve fewer construction equipment.

The precise locations, layouts, and extents of construction staging and laydown areas have not been identified at this stage in project planning. Preliminary areas for the purposes of this assessment were assumed based upon typical construction activities and previous projects. Construction equipment used at various phases of construction have been determined based on experience from past subway construction projects. Only major stages of construction have been reviewed at this time.

The following tables outline the assumed construction phases and equipment for the project components.

| Construction Equipment | Sound Level<br>Assumed at<br>15m (dBA) | Site Preparation | Shoring | Excavation | Concrete Forming | Restoration |
|------------------------|--|------------------|---------|------------|------------------|-------------|
| Auger Drill Rig        | 85                                     | -                | 2       | -          | -                | -           |
| Anchor Drill Rig       | 80                                     | -                | -       | 1          | -                | -           |
| Backhoe w/hammer       | 90                                     | 1                | -       | -          | -                | -           |
| Compactor              | 80                                     | 1                | -       | -          | -                | 1           |
| Compressors            | 76                                     | -                | -       | 2          | 2                | -           |
| Concrete Pump Truck    | 82                                     | -                | -       | -          | 2                | -           |
| Concrete Trucks        | 80                                     | -                | 2       | -          | 4                | -           |
| Dozer                  | 80                                     | -                | -       | -          | -                | 1           |
| Dump Trucks            | 78                                     | 1                | 2       | 4          | -                | 4           |
| Excavator              | 80                                     | -                | -       | 2          | -                | -           |
| Generator              | 70                                     | -                | -       | 2          | 2                | -           |
| Grader                 | 80                                     | -                | -       | -          | -                | 1           |
| Hydrovac Truck         | 82                                     | 1                | -       | -          | -                | -           |
| Loader                 | 80                                     | -                | 2       | -          | -                | -           |
| Mobile Crane           | 78                                     | 1                | 2       | 1          | 1                | -           |
| Paver                  | 80                                     | -                | -       | -          | -                | 1           |
| Roller                 | 80                                     | -                | -       | -          | -                | 1           |
| Saw Cutting Equipment  | 90                                     | 1                | -       | -          | -                | -           |
| Tower Crane            | 75                                     | -                | -       | 1          | 1                | -           |

Table B 5-1 Typical Equipment Used for Below Grade Stations



| Construction Equipment | Sound Level<br>Assumed at<br>15m (dBA) | Site Preparation | Shoring | Excavation | Concrete Forming | Restoration |
|------------------------|--|------------------|---------|------------|------------------|-------------|
| Ventilation Fans       | 75                                     | -                | -       | 2          | 2                | -           |

### Table B 5-2 Typical Equipment for SEM Stations

|                          | Sound Level<br>Assumed at 15m<br>(dBA) | Site Preparation | Shoring | Excavation | Concrete Forming | Restoration |
|--------------------------|--|------------------|---------|------------|------------------|-------------|
| Auger Drill Rig          | 85                                     | -                | 2       | -          | -                | -           |
| Anchor Drill Rig         | 80                                     | -                | -       | 1          | -                | -           |
| Backhoe<br>w/hammer      | 90                                     | 1                | -       | -          | -                | -           |
| Compactor                | 80                                     | 1                | -       | -          | -                | 1           |
| Compressors              | 76                                     | -                | -       | 2          | 2                | -           |
| Concrete Pump<br>Truck   | 82                                     | -                | -       | -          | 2                | -           |
| Concrete Trucks          | 80                                     | -                | 2       | -          | 4                | -           |
| Dozer                    | 80                                     | -                | -       | -          | -                | 1           |
| Bin Truck                | 80                                     | -                | -       | 4          | -                | -           |
| Dump Trucks              | 78                                     | 1                | 2       | 4          | -                | 4           |
| Excavator                | 80                                     | -                | -       | 2          | -                | -           |
| Generator                | 70                                     | -                | -       | 2          | 2                | -           |
| Grader                   | 80                                     | -                | -       | -          | -                | 1           |
| Hydrovac Truck           | 82                                     | 1                | -       | -          | -                | -           |
| Loader                   | 80                                     | -                | 2       | -          | -                | -           |
| Mobile Crane             | 78                                     | 1                | 2       | 1          | 1                | -           |
| Paver                    | 80                                     | -                | -       | -          | -                | 1           |
| Roller                   | 80                                     | -                | -       | -          | -                | 1           |
| Saw Cutting<br>Equipment | 90                                     | 1                | -       | -          | -                | -           |
| Gantry Crane             | 75                                     | -                | -       | 2          | 2                | -           |
| Ventilation Fans         | 75                                     | -                | -       | 2          | 2                | -           |





| Construction Equipment | Sound Level<br>Assumed at<br>15m (dBA) | Site Preparation | Shoring | Excavation | Concrete Forming | Restoration |
|------------------------|--|------------------|---------|------------|------------------|-------------|
| Auger Drill Rig        | 85                                     | -                | 2       | -          | -                | -           |
| Anchor Drill Rig       | 80                                     | -                | -       | 1          | -                | -           |
| Backhoe w/hammer       | 90                                     | 1                | -       | -          | -                | -           |
| Compactor              | 80                                     | 1                | -       | -          | -                | -           |
| Compressors            | 76                                     | -                | -       | 2          | 2                | 2           |
| Concrete Pump Truck    | 82                                     | -                | -       | -          | 2                | -           |
| Concrete Trucks        | 80                                     | -                | 2       | -          | 4                | -           |
| Dozer                  | 80                                     | -                | -       | -          | -                | 1           |
| Dump Trucks            | 78                                     | 1                | 2       | 4          | -                | 4           |
| Excavator              | 80                                     | 1                | -       | 2          | -                | -           |
| Generator              | 70                                     | 1                | -       | 2          | 2                | 2           |
| Grader                 | 80                                     | -                | -       | -          | -                | -           |
| Hydrovac Truck         | 82                                     | 1                | -       | -          | -                | -           |
| Loader                 | 80                                     | -                | 2       | -          | -                | -           |
| Mobile Crane           | 78                                     | -                | 2       | 2          | 2                | 1           |
| Paver                  | 80                                     | -                | -       | -          | -                | 1           |
| Roller                 | 80                                     | -                | -       | -          | -                | 1           |
| Saw Cutting Equipment  | 90                                     | 1                | -       | -          | -                | -           |

Table B 5-3 Typical Equipment Used for At Grade Stations and Other At Grade Structures

### Table B 5-4 Typical Equipment Used for EEBs

| Construction<br>Equipment | Sound Level<br>Assumed at 15m<br>(dBA) | Site<br>Preparation | Shoring | Excavation | Concrete Forming | Restoration |
|---------------------------|--|---------------------|---------|------------|------------------|-------------|
| Auger Drill Rig           | 85                                     | -                   | 1       | -          | -                | -           |
| Anchor Drill Rig          | 80                                     | -                   | -       | 1          | -                | -           |
| Backhoe w/hammer          | 90                                     | 1                   | -       | -          | -                | -           |
| Compactor                 | 80                                     | 1                   | -       | -          | -                | 1           |
| Compressors               | 76                                     | -                   | -       | 1          | 1                | -           |



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| Construction<br>Equipment | Sound Level<br>Assumed at 15m<br>(dBA) | Site<br>Preparation | Shoring | Excavation | Concrete Forming | Restoration |
|---------------------------|--|---------------------|---------|------------|------------------|-------------|
| Concrete Pump Truck       | 82                                     | -                   | -       | -          | 1                | -           |
| Concrete Trucks           | 80                                     | -                   | 1       | -          | 4                | -           |
| Dozer                     | 80                                     | -                   | -       | -          | -                | -           |
| Dump Trucks               | 78                                     | 1                   | 1       | 4          | -                | 2           |
| Excavator                 | 80                                     | 1                   | -       | 1          | -                | -           |
| Generator                 | 70                                     | -                   | -       | 1          | 1                | -           |
| Grader                    | 80                                     | -                   | -       | -          | -                | -           |
| Hydrovac Truck            | 82                                     | 1                   | -       | -          | -                | -           |
| Loader                    | 80                                     | -                   | 1       | -          | -                | -           |
| Mobile Crane              | 78                                     | -                   | 1       | 1          | 1                | 1           |
| Paver                     | 80                                     | -                   | -       | -          | -                | 1           |
| Roller                    | 80                                     | -                   | -       | -          | -                | 1           |
| Saw Cutting Equipment     | 90                                     | 1                   | -       | -          | -                | -           |

### Table B 5-5 Typical Equipment for Launch Shaft and Tunnelling

| Construction<br>Equipment | Sound Level<br>Assumed at<br>15m (dBA) | Site<br>Preparation | Shoring | Excavation | Concrete<br>Forming | Tunneling | Restoration |
|---------------------------|--|---------------------|---------|------------|---------------------|-----------|-------------|
| Auger Drill Rig           | 85                                     | -                   | 3       | -          | -                   | -         | -           |
| Anchor Drill Rig          | 80                                     | -                   | -       | 1          | -                   | -         | -           |
| Backhoe<br>w/hammer       | 90                                     | 1                   | -       | -          | -                   | -         | -           |
| Compactor                 | 80                                     | 1                   | -       | -          | -                   | -         | 1           |
| Compressors               | 76                                     | -                   | -       | 2          | 2                   | 2         | -           |
| Concrete Pump<br>Truck    | 82                                     | -                   | -       | -          | 2                   | 2         | -           |
| Concrete<br>Trucks        | 80                                     | -                   | 4       | -          | 6                   | 8         | -           |
| Dozer                     | 80                                     | -                   | -       | -          | -                   | -         | 1           |
| Dump Trucks               | 78                                     | 1                   | 4       | 6          | -                   | 8         | 4           |



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| Excavator                | 80 | - | - | 2 | - | 2 | - |
|--------------------------|----|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Generator                | 70 | - | - | 2 | 2 | - | - |
| Grader                   | 80 | - | - | - | - | - | 1 |
| Hydrovac Truck           | 82 | 1 | - | - | - | - | - |
| Loader                   | 80 | - | 3 | - | - | 2 | - |
| Mobile Crane             | 78 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | - |
| Paver                    | 80 | - | - | - | - | - | 1 |
| Roller                   | 80 | - | - | - | - | - | 1 |
| Saw Cutting<br>Equipment | 90 | 1 | - | - | - | - | - |
| Tower Crane              | 75 | - | - | - | 1 | 1 | - |
| Ventilation<br>Fans      | 75 | - | - | - | - | 2 | - |

### Table B 5-6 Typical Equipment for At Grade Alignment

| Construction Equipment | Sound Level Assumed at 15m (dBA) | Site<br>Preparation | Track<br>Installation |
|------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|
| Compactor              | 80                               | 1                   | -                     |
| Chainsaw/Chippers      | 85                               | 1                   | -                     |
| Dozer                  | 80                               | 1                   | -                     |
| Dump Trucks            | 78                               | 2                   | -                     |
| Hydrovac Truck         | 82                               | 1                   | -                     |
| Mobile Crane           | 78                               | -                   | 1                     |
| Speed Swing            | 85                               | -                   | 1                     |
| Mark VI Tamper         | 85                               | -                   | 1                     |
| Rail Ballast Regulator | 85                               | -                   | 1                     |
| Thermite Welder        | 73                               | -                   | 1                     |

### Table B 5-7 Typical Equipment Used at Extraction Shaft

| Construction Equipment | Sound Level Assumed at<br>15m (dBA) | Site Preparation | Shoring | Excavation | Restoration |
|------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------|---------|------------|-------------|
| Auger Drill Rig        | 85                                  | -                | 1       | -          | -           |
| Anchor Drill Rig       | 80                                  | -                | -       | 1          | -           |



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| Construction Equipment | Sound Level Assumed at<br>15m (dBA) | Site Preparation | Shoring | Excavation | Restoration |
|------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------|---------|------------|-------------|
| Backhoe w/hammer       | 90                                  | 1                | -       | -          | -           |
| Compactor              | 80                                  | 1                | -       | -          | 1           |
| Compressors            | 76                                  | -                | -       | 2          | -           |
| Concrete Pump Truck    | 82                                  | -                | -       | -          | -           |
| Concrete Trucks        | 80                                  | -                | 1       | -          | -           |
| Dozer                  | 80                                  | -                | -       | -          | 1           |
| Dump Trucks            | 78                                  | 2                | 1       | 4          | 2           |
| Excavator              | 80                                  | -                | -       | 2          | -           |
| Generator              | 70                                  | -                | -       | 2          | -           |
| Grader                 | 80                                  | -                | -       | -          | 1           |
| Hydrovac Truck         | 82                                  | 1                | -       | -          | -           |
| Loader                 | 80                                  | -                | 1       | -          | -           |
| Mobile Crane           | 78                                  | 1                | 1       | 1          | -           |
| Paver                  | 80                                  | -                | -       | -          | 1           |
| Roller                 | 80                                  | -                | -       | -          | 1           |
| Saw Cutting Equipment  | 90                                  | 1                | -       | -          | -           |

The various construction stages for above components are described below.

- Site preparation: In preparation for the construction of the stations, emergency exit buildings, extraction shaft, and ancillary facilities, medians and curbs will need to be removed and utilities and traffic lights will need to be identified and relocated. This could potentially include demolition of buildings, once such buildings have been identified as required for the project's construction. This phase of work involves equipment such as a backhoe (with hammer attachment), dump trucks, saw cutting equipment, compactors, mobiles cranes and hydrovac trucks. For the At-grade alignment, launch shaft, and portal section, site preparation will consist of clearing the current vegetation and subsequently grading the area to allow for the TBM installation and track installation. In addition to the equipment used above, chain saws and chippers will be used to clear the vegetation.
- **Shoring**: Prior to excavation of the station box, a combination of soldier piles and lagging/secant piles using drilled caissons will be used to support the adjacent soil and prevent collapse. This phase of work involves the use of auger drill rigs, loaders, dump trucks, concrete trucks, and mobile cranes.
- **Excavation**: Once shoring is completed, excavation (including removal of asphalt topping and roadbed) will begin. Excavation involves removing the soil down to the station depth. This phase of works involves excavators, dump trucks, anchor drill rigs, mobile/tower/gantry cranes, generators and compressors.



- **Concrete Forming**: Once excavation is complete, concrete forming of the station box begins. This phase of work involves concrete trucks, concrete pump trucks, mobile/tower/gantry cranes, generators, compressors and ventilation fans. Cranes will typically be located at ground level, mainly around the future entrance.
- **Restoration**: Once the station structures and ancillary facilities have been completed the roadways will need to be repaved and surrounding areas landscaped and restored. This phase of work involves standard roadway construction equipment such as pavers, rollers, dump trucks and compactors.
- **Tunneling**: Tunnel boring machines used to construct the tunnels will be installed at the launch shaft. The soil extracted by the TBM's is assumed to be carried by rail cars operating on temporary rails to the launch shaft where it is extracted using conveyor systems. Simultaneously tunnel liners used to support the soil above the tunnels are transported from the surface to the TBM face using the service rail cars. This phase of work involves concrete trucks, concrete pump trucks, dump trucks, excavators, loaders, mobile cranes, and compressors, all located at the launch shaft.

**Track Installation**: Rail track will be installed in the above grade section between the portal and the TSF. This phase of work involves the use of standard railway construction equipment such as a rail ballast regulator, rail tamper, speed swing, thermite welding, dump trucks and mobile crane.

### **B 5.3 Construction Noise Assessment**

At this level of design, detailed construction staging plans and laydown areas have not been developed. The precise locations, layouts and extents of construction staging and laydown areas have not been identified at this stage in project planning. Construction sound levels have been predicted based on preliminary areas, typical construction activities and previous projects proposed. Further assessments can be completed as the design progresses during subsequent phases of the project to include final site plans and construction methods.

Construction noise is highly variable as construction activity tends to ebb and flow during various stages and times of day. Adjustments such as equipment duty cycle (i.e., how much time a particular piece of equipment operates) have been made to the equipment sound levels to generate the average daytime exposure. Equipment such as drill rigs do not operate continuously at the same sound level. Some equipment, such as generators or compressors, can operate for longer periods at a time.

Construction equipment sound levels are based on measured data, reference data from the FHWA and/or FTA, or NPC-115, where applicable.

### B 5.3.1 Segment 1 – Finch Station to Clark Station

**Table B 5-8** provides the predicted sound levels for construction activities between the Cummer Station and Finch Station. Without mitigation, sound levels are expected to be elevated in areas where construction is occurring close to residential receptors. Without mitigation, the phase with the highest predicted sound levels is predicted to be the shoring phase of work. As noted previously, construction noise is variable. The predicted sound levels are a representation of worst-case periods when construction equipment is operating nearby. Sound levels will typically be lower during a majority of construction activity with each phase of construction.

Table B 5-8 Segment 1 Construction Sound Levels



| Receptor | Site Preparation | Shoring | Excavation | Concrete Forming | Restoration |
|----------|------------------|---------|------------|------------------|-------------|
| R1       | 75               | N/A     | 75         | 74               | 76          |
| R2       | 72               | 70      | 64         | 66               | 68          |
| R3       | 75               | 81      | 75         | 73               | 76          |
| R4       | 74               | 57      | 70         | 67               | 73          |
| R5       | 74               | 79      | 75         | 71               | 74          |
| R6       | 75               | 83      | 75         | 75               | 75          |
| R7       | 74               | 83      | 75         | 76               | 75          |
| R8       | 76               | 84      | 75         | 76               | 76          |
| R9       | 77               | 84      | 76         | 76               | 76          |
| R10      | 70               | 70      | 64         | 66               | 69          |
| R11      | 70               | 70      | 65         | 68               | 70          |
| R12      | 65               | 62      | 61         | 60               | 61          |
| R13      | 67               | 65      | 66         | 62               | 62          |
| R14      | 64               | 64      | 61         | 63               | 68          |
| R15      | 69               | 72      | 71         | 71               | 67          |
| R16      | 69               | 72      | 71         | 71               | 69          |
| R17      | 74               | 73      | 72         | 73               | 75          |
| R18      | 58               | 61      | 56         | 57               | 54          |
| R19      | 65               | 66      | 64         | 66               | 62          |
| R20      | 70               | 70      | 66         | 68               | 71          |
| R21      | 75               | 81      | 75         | 73               | 76          |

### B 5.3.2 Segment 2 – Clark Station to Portal/Launch Shaft

**Table B 5-9**Error! Reference source not found. provides the predicted sound levels for construction activities betweenthe Portal/Launch Shaft and Clark Station. Without mitigation, sound levels are expected to be elevated in areas whereconstruction is occurring close to residential receptors. Without mitigation, the phase with highest predicted soundlevels is predicted to be the shoring phase of work. As noted previously, construction noise is variable. Hence, thepredicted sound levels are a representation of worst-case periods when construction equipment is operating nearby.Sound levels will typically be lower during a majority of construction activity with each phase of construction.

Table B 5-9 Segment 2 Construction Sound Levels



| Receptor | Site Preparation | Shoring | Excavation | Concrete Forming | Restoration |
|----------|------------------|---------|------------|------------------|-------------|
| R22      | 73               | 77      | 71         | 72               | 76          |
| R23      | 70               | 69      | 66         | 66               | 65          |
| R24      | 73               | 78      | 76         | 71               | 74          |
| R25      | 72               | 81      | 76         | 74               | 75          |
| R26      | 76               | 82      | 77         | 75               | 74          |
| R27      | 68               | 69      | 64         | 66               | 64          |
| R28      | 73               | 75      | 70         | 69               | 70          |
| R29      | 72               | 71      | 66         | 68               | 66          |
| R30      | 76               | 85      | 77         | 75               | 73          |
| R31      | 72               | 70      | 66         | 66               | 65          |
| R32      | 71               | 71      | 65         | 71               | 68          |
| R35      | 73               | 76      | 73         | 75               | 75          |
| R36      | 74               | 84      | 76         | 76               | 74          |
| R37      | 76               | 78      | 73         | 76               | 73          |
| R38      | 76               | 82      | 76         | 75               | 75          |
| R39      | 73               | 76      | 71         | 74               | 74          |

### B 5.3.3 Segment 3 – Portal/Launch Shaft to Moonlight Lane

Error! Reference source not found. provides the predicted sound levels at receptors closest to the Launch Shaft/Portal during both preparation of the Launch Shaft as well as during tunneling operations. Given the distance between the launch shaft area and existing receptors, excesses over the construction sound level limits are not expected.

| Recepto | r Site<br>Preparation | Shoring | Excavation | Concrete<br>Forming | Tunneling | Track<br>Installation | Restoration |
|---------|-----------------------|---------|------------|---------------------|-----------|-----------------------|-------------|
| R40     | 55                    | 58      | 52         | 54                  | 54        | 50                    | 55          |
| R41     | 58                    | 61      | 55         | 57                  | 58        | 54                    | 61          |

**Table** B 5-11 provides the predicted sound levels during construction activities between the TSF and the Portal/LaunchShaft. Without mitigation, sound levels are expected to be elevated during most phases of construction activity. Theambient sound levels are relatively high along the railway corridor which will reduce the noise impact fromconstruction activities. Note that at Receptors R43 to R54, the only applicable construction phases are site preparationand track installation as there are no ancillary facilities or other project elements proposed near these receptors.

Table B 5-11 TSF and At Grade Construction Sound Levels





| Receptor | Site<br>Preparation | Shoring          | Excavation | Concrete<br>Forming | Restoration | Track<br>Installation |  |
|----------|---------------------|------------------|------------|---------------------|-------------|-----------------------|--|
| R42      | 70                  | 72               | 69         | 71                  | 69          | 71                    |  |
| R43      | 71                  |                  |            |                     |             | 69                    |  |
| R44      | 74                  |                  |            |                     |             | 74                    |  |
| R45      | 68                  |                  |            |                     |             | 68                    |  |
| R46      | 76                  |                  |            |                     |             | 73                    |  |
| R47      | 75                  |                  |            |                     |             | 74                    |  |
| R48      | 73                  |                  | Δ          | 1/01                |             | 72                    |  |
| R49      | 76                  | N/A <sup>1</sup> |            |                     |             | 76                    |  |
| R50      | 72                  |                  |            |                     |             |                       |  |
| R51      | 75                  |                  |            |                     |             | 74                    |  |
| R52      | 76                  |                  |            |                     |             | 75                    |  |
| R53      | 72                  |                  |            |                     |             | 71                    |  |
| R54      | 75                  |                  |            |                     |             | 77                    |  |
| R55      | 75                  | 60               | 58         | 62                  | 51          | 76                    |  |
| R56      | 73                  | 63               | 61         | 64                  | 53          | 74                    |  |
| R57      | 73                  | 62               | 64         | 66                  | 55          | 72                    |  |
| R58      | 75                  | 74               | 72         | 73                  | 76          | 61                    |  |
| R59      | 69                  | 68               | 64         | 64                  | 62          | 66                    |  |
| R60      | 68                  | 52               | 49         | 51                  | 59          | 69                    |  |

1. These phases of construction are not applicable to these receptors as construction associated with these phases is not expected to occur near those receptors.

### **B 5.3.4 Construction Noise Mitigation and Monitoring**

Construction activities are a temporary condition and construction noise ceases once construction is complete. While the predicted sound levels are conservative, they indicate that, without mitigation, certain phases of construction are expected to exceed the noise limits used in this assessment. Mitigation measures to reduce construction noise levels, and corresponding monitoring activities are outlined in **Section B 6.0**.

### **B 5.4 Construction Vibration Assessment**

### B 5.4.1 Scope and Approach

As noted in the previous section, there will be several different phases of work associated with all surface construction activities. Tunnelling and tunneling support activities, while not a source of airborne noise along the below grade



alignment, will generate ground-borne vibration and noise. The following section outlines the predicted vibration levels, and where appropriate, ground-borne noise levels, resulting from construction activities for the proposed alignment.

Similar to the noise assessment, the details of construction methods and approach have not been finalized. Much of the actual approach used will depend on the contractor's designs and approaches. A preliminary vibration assessment has been completed in order to document the potential vibration levels and recommend mitigation and monitoring, where appropriate, and will be updated/refined prior to construction based on the most up-to-date information regarding construction methods and equipment, as required.

The FTA provides typical vibration levels for various pieces of equipment and a formula in which to calculate the vibration levels at various distances. This simple formula for attenuation with distance attempts to simplify the relationship that soil conditions and associated soil damping have on construction vibration. The reference vibration levels for hydraulic breakers were obtained from Caltrans as the levels correlate with field measurements of hydraulic breakers. Vibration sources levels were also derived and confirmed via measurements from experience on similar scale subway construction projects.

The vibration assessment is broken down into two categories: surface construction and tunnelling.

### **B 5.4.2 Surface Construction Assessment**

For all surface construction, the vibration levels are typically dominated by two types of equipment: vibratory compactors and hydraulic breakers. Vibratory compactors encompass drum rollers, ballast tampers, plate tampers and other such equipment that are intended to compact soil via oscillating motion. Hydraulic breakers include vibratory hammers, chippers, hoe rams, etc., which are used to break concrete, asphalt, etc.

Since most, if not all, surface construction will include the use of vibratory compactors and/or hydraulic breakers, the potential vibration impact can be reviewed by calculating the vibration levels from these two activities. Of the equipment used on such projects, these two pieces of equipment typically produce the highest vibration levels. All other equipment produces lower vibration levels and would be expected to meet the applicable criteria assuming the vibratory compactors and hydraulic breakers also meet the limits.

As noted in **Section B 2.1.2.2**, the construction vibration zone-of-influence (ZOI) is defined as the area where vibration levels from construction are expected to equal or exceed 5 mm/s PPV. In terms of perceptible vibration, a ZOI of 0.14 mm/s RMS is used.

**Table B 5-12** provides the various setbacks at which specific pieces of equipment produce peak particle velocities of 5 mm/s. The ZOI will be approximately 9m for hydraulic breakers and vibratory rollers, 5m for auger drill rigs and dozers and 3m for most other equipment.

The recommended limit for vibration in areas where people normally sleep is 0.14 mm/s RMS. This limit will provide an indication when vibration is likely to be perceived at receptors, even when there is no potential for structural damage. The peak particle vibration levels have been converted to root-mean square vibration levels using a conversion factor of approximately 0.25. **Table B 5-12** also provides the various setbacks at which specific pieces of equipment produce vibrations levels of 0.14 mm/s RMS. The calculated setbacks would indicate that nearly all equipment used could result in vibration levels potentially causing perceptible vibration when used in close proximity to structures. Vibratory



equipment such as hydraulic breakers and compactors may generate vibration levels that could be perceived more than 60m away. Note that such equipment may not be used continuously or during all phases of construction.

| Construction Equipment | Setback Needed to<br>Achieve 5 mm/s PPV (m) | Setback Needed to Achieve<br>0.14 mm/s RMS (m) |
|------------------------|---|--|
| Hydraulic Breaker      | 9.0   | 65   |
| Compactor              | 8.0   | 60   |
| Auger Drill Rig        | 4.5   | 27   |
| Bulldozer              | 4.5   | 27   |
| Loaded Trucks          | 3.2   | 23   |
| Jackhammer             | 1.6   | 12   |

Table B 5-12 Zone of Influence Setbacks

The construction vibration analysis indicates there are several structures/buildings within the construction vibration ZOI and more within the perceptible vibration ZOI. Note that just because buildings are within the ZOI does not mean they are likely to suffer damage. They will however need to be reviewed and potentially monitored to ensure vibration levels do not reach those required for damage. Mitigation measures are discussed in **Section B 5.4.5**.

### **B 5.4.3 Tunnel Construction Assessment**

During tunnel construction, there are two primary sources of noise and vibration: the TBMs and the temporary service locomotives. Temporary service locomotives are used to ferry tunnel liner segments and other materials to and from the TBM throughout the tunnelling phase. In some cases, the contractors may be able to use rubber tired multi-service vehicles. These vehicles produce minimal vibration levels. More commonly, contractors use locomotives and rail cars that operate on temporary rails. The rail cars are similar to subways in terms of operation vibration as the vibration is generated by the wheel-rail interaction. The rail is installed directly to the concrete tunnel liner. The rail is installed along with the TBM advance, and therefore there is often no time to weld the rails. The jointed rail is a common source of vibration and often the most critical since the service locomotives operate continuously throughout the tunneling process. This assessment has been completed conservatively, assuming temporary service locomotives operate on a rail-based system. The TBMs, while also continuous, pass by a given area in a matter of days. As such, any elevated vibration levels are temporary and transient.

TBM vibration levels can vary widely depending on soil composition. Vibration levels will tend to be elevated when drilling through rock or headwalls. Peak particle velocities from the TBM have been estimated using the Transportation Research Library's (TRL) Report 429, "Groundborne vibration caused by mechanised construction works". The predicted vibration levels are shown in **Table B 5-13**. The root mean square vibration velocities are calculated based on a crest factor of 4. As noted previously, the peak particle velocities represent the response of structures while the root mean square velocities are representative of human response.

Table B 5-13 Predicted TBM Vibration Levels



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| Receptor | Lower Range TBM<br>Vibration (mm/s PPV) | Upper Range TBM<br>Vibration (mm/s PPV) | Lower Range TBM<br>Vibration (mm/s RMS) | Upper Range TBM<br>Vibration (mm/s RMS) |
|----------|---|---|---|---|
| R3       | 0.32                                    | 3.25                                    | 0.08                                    | 0.81                                    |
| R4       | 0.02                                    | 0.19                                    | 0.00                                    | 0.05                                    |
| R5       | 0.33                                    | 3.34                                    | 0.08                                    | 0.84                                    |
| R6       | 0.08                                    | 0.75                                    | 0.02                                    | 0.19                                    |
| R7       | 0.31                                    | 3.05                                    | 0.08                                    | 0.76                                    |
| R8       | 0.37                                    | 3.68                                    | 0.09                                    | 0.92                                    |
| R9       | 0.22                                    | 2.16                                    | 0.05                                    | 0.54                                    |
| V3       | 0.33                                    | 3.31                                    | 0.08                                    | 0.83                                    |
| R10      | 0.05                                    | 0.52                                    | 0.01                                    | 0.13                                    |
| R11      | 0.12                                    | 1.22                                    | 0.03                                    | 0.31                                    |
| R12      | 0.31                                    | 3.09                                    | 0.08                                    | 0.77                                    |
| R13      | 0.44                                    | 4.37                                    | 0.11                                    | 1.09                                    |
| R14      | 0.12                                    | 1.24                                    | 0.03                                    | 0.31                                    |
| R15      | 0.11                                    | 1.07                                    | 0.03                                    | 0.27                                    |
| R16      | 0.13                                    | 1.31                                    | 0.03                                    | 0.33                                    |
| R17      | 0.09                                    | 0.91                                    | 0.02                                    | 0.23                                    |
| R18      | 0.04                                    | 0.41                                    | 0.01                                    | 0.10                                    |
| R19      | 0.09                                    | 0.93                                    | 0.02                                    | 0.23                                    |
| R20      | 0.27                                    | 2.70                                    | 0.07                                    | 0.67                                    |
| R21      | 0.11                                    | 1.08                                    | 0.03                                    | 0.27                                    |
| V4       | 0.20                                    | 1.97                                    | 0.05                                    | 0.49                                    |
| V5       | 0.09                                    | 0.86                                    | 0.02                                    | 0.22                                    |
| V6       | 0.13                                    | 1.27                                    | 0.03                                    | 0.32                                    |
| R22      | 0.11                                    | 1.11                                    | 0.03                                    | 0.28                                    |
| R23      | 0.03                                    | 0.35                                    | 0.01                                    | 0.09                                    |
| R24      | 0.24                                    | 2.40                                    | 0.06                                    | 0.60                                    |
| R25      | 0.29                                    | 2.88                                    | 0.07                                    | 0.72                                    |
| R26      | 0.16                                    | 1.61                                    | 0.04                                    | 0.40                                    |
| V7       | 0.23                                    | 2.33                                    | 0.06                                    | 0.58                                    |



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| Receptor | Lower Range TBM<br>Vibration (mm/s PPV) | Upper Range TBM<br>Vibration (mm/s PPV) | Lower Range TBM<br>Vibration (mm/s RMS) | Upper Range TBM<br>Vibration (mm/s RMS) |
|----------|---|---|---|---|
| V8       | 0.20                                    | 1.99                                    | 0.05                                    | 0.50                                    |
| V9       | 0.25                                    | 2.53                                    | 0.06                                    | 0.63                                    |
| V10      | 0.19                                    | 1.89                                    | 0.05                                    | 0.47                                    |
| R27      | 0.17                                    | 1.72                                    | 0.04                                    | 0.43                                    |
| R28      | 0.06                                    | 0.61                                    | 0.02                                    | 0.15                                    |
| V11      | 0.13                                    | 1.30                                    | 0.03                                    | 0.33                                    |
| V12      | 0.14                                    | 1.41                                    | 0.04                                    | 0.35                                    |
| R29      | 0.07                                    | 0.72                                    | 0.02                                    | 0.18                                    |
| R30      | 0.12                                    | 1.16                                    | 0.03                                    | 0.29                                    |
| R31      | 0.06                                    | 0.56                                    | 0.01                                    | 0.14                                    |
| R32      | 0.10                                    | 1.02                                    | 0.03                                    | 0.26                                    |
| V13      | 0.12                                    | 1.17                                    | 0.03                                    | 0.29                                    |
| R33      | 0.13                                    | 1.31                                    | 0.03                                    | 0.33                                    |
| R34      | 0.12                                    | 1.21                                    | 0.03                                    | 0.30                                    |
| V14      | 0.15                                    | 1.53                                    | 0.04                                    | 0.38                                    |
| R35      | 0.18                                    | 1.83                                    | 0.05                                    | 0.46                                    |
| R36      | 0.18                                    | 1.81                                    | 0.05                                    | 0.45                                    |
| V15      | 0.32                                    | 3.23                                    | 0.08                                    | 0.81                                    |
| V16      | 0.36                                    | 3.57                                    | 0.09                                    | 0.89                                    |
| V17      | 0.34                                    | 3.36                                    | 0.08                                    | 0.84                                    |
| R37      | 0.36                                    | 3.57                                    | 0.09                                    | 0.89                                    |
| R38      | 0.30                                    | 3.00                                    | 0.08                                    | 0.75                                    |
| R39      | 0.36                                    | 3.57                                    | 0.09                                    | 0.89                                    |
| R40      | 0.25                                    | 2.48                                    | 0.06                                    | 0.62                                    |

In most cases, the TBM is expected to operate in softer soils. As such, the lower range of vibration levels are likely to be more typical. Even when drilling through rock, the vibration levels from the TBM are expected to be well below the threshold of 5 mm/s PPV for typical wood-framed/non-engineered buildings. Based on the typical vibration levels, the TBM vibration is expected to be well below the levels required for structural damage. This is to be expected due to the depth of the tunnel and due to the nature of the TBM vibration.



The TBM vibration levels may be felt, though clear perception is unlikely in areas with soft soils.

Ground-borne noise associated with TBMs is usually very low unless drilling through rock. In either case, the dominant frequency of vibration is often low (less than 30 Hz). Based on the range above, the ground-borne noise levels may range from 22 dBA at the lowest to 42 dBA at the highest (i.e., when drilling through rock).

As noted, the vibration levels from the service locomotive are similar to those from rapid transit systems. While sometimes lighter (on a per axle load), the vehicles have stiffer suspensions. The source vibration levels predicted below are similar to those measured by Hatch (Tunnelling Construction Noise and Vibration Impact Study, 2016) at similar setbacks and depths. It should be noted that rail locomotives also travel at much lower speeds given that they operate in a construction environment on temporary supports. **Table B 5-14** provides the predicted service train vibration levels. The suggested limits are based on the daytime/nighttime use of the facility. Lower limits are suggested for areas where people may sleep.

| Receptor | Ground-borr | e Vibration (mm/s RMS) | Ground    | -borne Noise (dBA)  |
|----------|-------------|------------------------|-----------|---------------------|
| Receptor | Predicted   | Suggested Guideline    | Predicted | Suggested Guideline |
| R3       | 0.17        | 0.14                   | 42        | 38                  |
| R4       | 0.01        | 0.14                   | 27        | 38                  |
| R5       | 0.18        | 0.14                   | 43        | 38                  |
| R6       | 0.05        | 0.14                   | 41        | 38                  |
| R7       | 0.17        | 0.14                   | 42        | 38                  |
| R8       | 0.20        | 0.14                   | 43        | 38                  |
| R9       | 0.13        | 0.14                   | 40        | 38                  |
| V3       | 0.18        | 0.14                   | 42        | 38                  |
| R10      | 0.04        | 0.14                   | 37        | 38                  |
| R11      | 0.08        | 0.14                   | 45        | 38                  |
| R12      | 0.17        | 0.14                   | 44        | 38                  |
| R13      | 0.22        | 0.20                   | 49        | 43                  |
| R14      | 0.08        | 0.14                   | 45        | 38                  |
| R15      | 0.07        | 0.14                   | 44        | 38                  |
| R16      | 0.09        | 0.14                   | 45        | 38                  |
| R17      | 0.06        | 0.14                   | 42        | 38                  |
| R18      | 0.03        | 0.14                   | 35        | 38                  |
| R19      | 0.06        | 0.14                   | 42        | 38                  |
| R20      | 0.16        | 0.14                   | 42        | 38                  |

| Table | P | E 1/ | Predicted | Sorvico | Train | Vibration | Lovols |
|-------|---|------|-----------|---------|-------|-----------|--------|
| rable | D | 2-14 | Predicted | Service | Train | vibration | Levels |





| Deserter | Ground-borr | e Vibration (mm/s RMS) | Ground    | -borne Noise (dBA)  |
|----------|-------------|------------------------|-----------|---------------------|
| Receptor | Predicted   | Suggested Guideline    | Predicted | Suggested Guideline |
| R21      | 0.07        | 0.14                   | 44        | 38                  |
| V4       | 0.13        | 0.14                   | 40        | 38                  |
| V5       | 0.06        | 0.14                   | 33        | 38                  |
| V6       | 0.08        | 0.14                   | 36        | 38                  |
| R22      | 0.07        | 0.14                   | 44        | 38                  |
| R23      | 0.02        | 0.14                   | 27        | 38                  |
| R24      | 0.14        | 0.14                   | 42        | 38                  |
| R25      | 0.16        | 0.14                   | 44        | 38                  |
| R26      | 0.10        | 0.14                   | 38        | 38                  |
| V7       | 0.14        | 0.14                   | 45        | 38                  |
| V8       | 0.12        | 0.14                   | 42        | 38                  |
| V9       | 0.15        | 0.14                   | 44        | 38                  |
| V10      | 0.12        | 0.14                   | 48        | 38                  |
| R27      | 0.11        | 0.14                   | 47        | 38                  |
| R28      | 0.04        | 0.14                   | 39        | 38                  |
| V11      | 0.09        | 0.20                   | 42        | 43                  |
| V12      | 0.10        | 0.14                   | 39        | 38                  |
| R29      | 0.05        | 0.14                   | 38        | 38                  |
| R30      | 0.08        | 0.14                   | 38        | 38                  |
| R31      | 0.04        | 0.14                   | 31        | 38                  |
| R32      | 0.07        | 0.20                   | 40        | 43                  |
| V13      | 0.09        | 0.14                   | 36        | 38                  |
| R33      | 0.10        | 0.14                   | 39        | 38                  |
| R34      | 0.09        | 0.14                   | 38        | 38                  |
| V14      | 0.11        | 0.14                   | 47        | 38                  |
| R35      | 0.13        | 0.14                   | 48        | 38                  |
| R36      | 0.12        | 0.14                   | 48        | 38                  |
| V15      | 0.19        | 0.14                   | 52        | 38                  |
| V16      | 0.22        | 0.14                   | 53        | 38                  |



| Receptor | Ground-borr | e Vibration (mm/s RMS) | Ground-borne Noise (dBA) |                     |  |
|----------|-------------|------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------|--|
| Receptor | Predicted   | Suggested Guideline    | Predicted                | Suggested Guideline |  |
| V17      | 0.21        | 0.14                   | 53                       | 38                  |  |
| R37      | 0.22        | 0.20                   | 49                       | 43                  |  |
| R38      | 0.17        | 0.14                   | 51                       | 38                  |  |
| R39      | 0.22        | 0.14                   | 53                       | 38                  |  |
| R40      | 0.15        | 0.14                   | 50                       | 38                  |  |

Note: Bolded numbers and grey cells indicate exceedance of applicable criteria

As can be seen from **Table B 5-14**, without mitigation, the vibration levels are likely to exceed the suggested limits in areas where the receptors are closest to the alignment. Mitigation measures have been considered given the 24-hour nature of tunneling. These are discussed in **Section B 5.4.5**.

### **B 5.4.4 Heritage Structures**

Similar to most transit projects in an urban environment, there are several heritage structures located along the proposed alignment. These heritage structures or resources have been identified in the Cultural Heritage Report: Existing Conditions and Preliminary Impact Assessment. Heritage structures are sometimes more susceptible to vibration-induced damage as compared to newer structures. Not all heritage structures are prone to such concerns. To be conservative, and in line with FTA guidelines, a vibration limit of 3.0 mm/s PPV is suggested for heritage buildings that may be susceptible to damage. During detailed design, and once an updated construction vibration assessment is completed, the buildings within the construction vibration ZOI should be reviewed and inspected by a qualified specialist. Lower vibrations limits should be considered wherever warranted. Vibration monitoring of these buildings should be considered where warranted by these detailed investigations, along with pre- and post-construction condition surveys.

### **B 5.4.5 Construction Vibration Mitigation Measures and Monitoring**

Similar to construction noise, construction vibration is a temporary condition and ceases once construction is complete.

Noise and vibration levels associated with the TBM passage are expected to last 2-3 days at a given receptor location. Vibration from the passing TBMs is predicted to be well below the prohibited vibration limit, even for nearby heritage structures.

The vibration from the temporary service train can be effectively controlled using solutions such as resilient fasteners that can provide effective vibration isolation of the temporary track to, as indicated by results presented in **Table B 5-15** below which provides the predicted vibration levels with vibration isolation of the tracks in place. The use of rubber tired service vehicles, however, would result in even lower noise and vibration levels and should be considered.

In terms of surface construction, without mitigation, the ZOIs for construction vibration (including the ZOI for perceptible vibration from construction activity) are predicted to intersect several buildings. This analysis has been based on preliminary information and assumptions on method. A more detailed assessment should be completed prior to the start of construction.



Mitigation measures to reduce construction vibration levels and corresponding monitoring activities are outlined in **Section B 6.0**.

|          | Ground-borr | ne Vibration (mm/s RMS) | Ground-borne Noise (dBA) |                     |  |
|----------|-------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------|--|
| Receptor | Predicted   | Suggested Guideline     | Predicted                | Suggested Guideline |  |
| R3       | 0.06        | 0.14                    | 24                       | 38                  |  |
| R4       | 0.00        | 0.14                    | 10                       | 38                  |  |
| R5       | 0.07        | 0.14                    | 26                       | 38                  |  |
| R6       | 0.02        | 0.14                    | 24                       | 38                  |  |
| R7       | 0.06        | 0.14                    | 25                       | 38                  |  |
| R8       | 0.08        | 0.14                    | 26                       | 38                  |  |
| R9       | 0.05        | 0.14                    | 23                       | 38                  |  |
| V3       | 0.07        | 0.14                    | 25                       | 38                  |  |
| R10      | 0.01        | 0.14                    | 20                       | 38                  |  |
| R11      | 0.03        | 0.14                    | 28                       | 38                  |  |
| R12      | 0.06        | 0.14                    | 27                       | 38                  |  |
| R13      | 0.08        | 0.20                    | 32                       | 43                  |  |
| R14      | 0.03        | 0.14                    | 28                       | 38                  |  |
| R15      | 0.03        | 0.14                    | 27                       | 38                  |  |
| R16      | 0.03        | 0.14                    | 28                       | 38                  |  |
| R17      | 0.02        | 0.14                    | 25                       | 38                  |  |
| R18      | 0.01        | 0.14                    | 18                       | 38                  |  |
| R19      | 0.02        | 0.14                    | 25                       | 38                  |  |
| R20      | 0.06        | 0.14                    | 25                       | 38                  |  |
| R21      | 0.03        | 0.14                    | 27                       | 38                  |  |
| V4       | 0.05        | 0.14                    | 23                       | 38                  |  |
| V5       | 0.02        | 0.14                    | 16                       | 38                  |  |
| V6       | 0.03        | 0.14                    | 19                       | 38                  |  |
| R22      | 0.03        | 0.14                    | 27                       | 38                  |  |
| R23      | 0.01        | 0.14                    | 10                       | 38                  |  |
| R24      | 0.05        | 0.14                    | 25                       | 38                  |  |

Table B 5-15 Predicted Vibration Levels from Service Train with Mitigation





| Decentor | Ground-borr | ne Vibration (mm/s RMS) | Ground    | -borne Noise (dBA)  |
|----------|-------------|-------------------------|-----------|---------------------|
| Receptor | Predicted   | Suggested Guideline     | Predicted | Suggested Guideline |
| R25      | 0.06        | 0.14                    | 27        | 38                  |
| R26      | 0.04        | 0.14                    | 21        | 38                  |
| V7       | 0.05        | 0.14                    | 28        | 38                  |
| V8       | 0.05        | 0.14                    | 25        | 38                  |
| V9       | 0.06        | 0.14                    | 27        | 38                  |
| V10      | 0.05        | 0.14                    | 31        | 38                  |
| R27      | 0.04        | 0.14                    | 30        | 38                  |
| R28      | 0.02        | 0.14                    | 22        | 38                  |
| V11      | 0.03        | 0.20                    | 25        | 43                  |
| V12      | 0.04        | 0.14                    | 22        | 38                  |
| R29      | 0.02        | 0.14                    | 21        | 38                  |
| R30      | 0.03        | 0.14                    | 21        | 38                  |
| R31      | 0.01        | 0.14                    | 14        | 38                  |
| R32      | 0.03        | 0.20                    | 23        | 43                  |
| V13      | 0.03        | 0.14                    | 19        | 38                  |
| R33      | 0.04        | 0.14                    | 22        | 38                  |
| R34      | 0.03        | 0.14                    | 21        | 38                  |
| V14      | 0.04        | 0.14                    | 30        | 38                  |
| R35      | 0.05        | 0.14                    | 31        | 38                  |
| R36      | 0.05        | 0.14                    | 31        | 38                  |
| V15      | 0.07        | 0.14                    | 35        | 38                  |
| V16      | 0.08        | 0.14                    | 36        | 38                  |
| V17      | 0.08        | 0.14                    | 36        | 38                  |
| R37      | 0.08        | 0.20                    | 32        | 43                  |
| R38      | 0.06        | 0.14                    | 34        | 38                  |
| R39      | 0.08        | 0.14                    | 36        | 38                  |
| R40      | 0.05        | 0.14                    | 33        | 38                  |



# **B 6.0 Summary of Potential Impacts, Mitigation Measures and Monitoring Activities**

The following table summarizes the key project components/activities, potential noise and vibration effects, commitments to mitigation measures and monitoring activities identified through the YNSE EPR Addendum process for the operational and construction phases of the project.



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Table B 6-1 Summary of Operational and Construction Noise & Vibration Mitigation Measures and Monitoring Requirements

| Table B 6-1 Summary of Operational and Construction Noise & Vibration Mitigation Measures and Monitoring Requirements | se Environmental Component Potential Impacts Mitigation Measures Monitoring Activities | <ul> <li>Control for load not (n)</li> <li>Control for load of (n)</li>     &lt;</ul> | Muderake noise monitoring and regular reporting three reporting three construction phase.     Muderake noise head limits are accorded of additional locities experimentary measurements and the second s |
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|   | Project Phase  | CONSTRUCTION   |   |

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| Project Phase | Environmental Component   | Potential Impacts   | Mitigation Measures  | Monitoring Activities   |
|---------------|---|---|--|---|
| CONSTRUCTION  | Construction Vibration and<br>Tummeling-generated Ground-<br>Borne Noise along the<br>Alignment | <ul> <li>Without mitigation, environmental vibration may cause annoyance and disturb sleep and other activities.</li> <li>Without mitigation, vibration may cause damage to nearby structures, including heritage buildings.</li> </ul>   | <ul> <li>Establish and apply project-specific vibration limits.</li> <li>As project-specific vibration milets are deview to identify any heritage structures and other vibration-specific vibration models are structures or indicator, buildings, or infrastructure vulnerable to vibration and/or vibration and/or vibration and/or vibration and/or vibration models as sessiment vibration and/or vibration and/or vibration and/or vibration and/or vibration mage (e.g., sound recording studios), assess requirements and, if necessary, develop structures/location-specific mitigation measures.</li> <li>Prior to construction, complete updated Construction Vibration inpact Assessment studies during subsequent design phases that includes assessment of the vibration ZOI based upon refined site staging, construction vibration mage (e.g., sound recording locations, as required.</li> <li>Develop and implement a Construction Vibration Management Plan.</li> <li>Develop and implement a Construction vibration source and nearby buildings to the extent feasible.</li> <li>Increase setbad distance between the construction vubration source and nearby buildings to the extent feasible.</li> <li>Schedule vibration intensive activities during the daytime periods wherever possible.</li> <li>Schedule vibration intensive activities during the daytime periods wherever possible.</li> <li>Schedule vibration intensive activities on hydraulic breakers and vibratory competors to reduce the vibration latents.</li> <li>Where feasible, use equipment with how rubration levels.</li> <li>Where feasible, use equipment with lower vibration levels.</li> <li>Tests used by the temporary service locomotives during turneling or use rubber-tired service trains and radional subsection and malitem or sections and regulation.</li> <li>Beduce the gaps hetween adjoining rail segments in the temporary tracks.</li> <li>Conduct regular inspection and malitemance of the temporary tracks.</li> <li>Conduct regular inspection and malintenance of the temporaly tracks.</li> <li>Dev</li></ul> | <ul> <li>Monitor vibration continuously at structures deemed to be within the construction ZOI to ensure compliance with applicable vibration limits, to verify mitigation measures effectiveness and to identify the need for additional mitigation if required.</li> <li>During TBM operations, vibration monitoring additional additional additional second ended.</li> <li>Monitoring at locations where there are persistent complaints, if required.</li> </ul> |
| OPERATION     | Train Operations Noise along<br>the At Grade Alignment  | <ul> <li>Without mitigation, environmental noise may<br/>cause annoyance and disturb sleep and other<br/>activities.</li> <li>If operations are projected to cause a 5-dB<br/>increase or greater in the average energy<br/>equivalent noise (referred to as "L<sub>ad</sub>") relative to<br/>the axisting noise level or the MECP objective of 55<br/>dBA for asytime and 50 dBA for night-time.<br/>whichever is higher, them mitigation is required to<br/>be reviewed and implemented where feasible.</li> </ul> | <ul> <li>Complete updated Noise and Vibration Impact Assessment Studies during Detailed<br/>Design.</li> <li>Mitigation at the Source:</li> <li>Deploy vehicle and track technology and related maintenance measures to maintain<br/>compliance with the noise and vibration exposure criteria defined below.</li> <li>Mitigation Criteria:</li> <li>Meet the airborne noise exposure criteria in the 1995 MOEE/GO Transit Draft Noise and<br/>Vibration Protocol.</li> </ul>  | <ul> <li>Complete pre- and post-construction<br/>measurement of sound levels to confirm the<br/>predictions.</li> <li>Complete regular maintenance inspections and<br/>implement corrective measures wherever<br/>needed.</li> <li>During normal vehicle replacement, consider<br/>procuring vehicles that reduce noise and<br/>vibration.</li> </ul>   |
|               | Stationary Source Noise – Train<br>Storage Facility   | <ul> <li>Without mitigation, environmental noise may<br/>cause annyance and distub sleep and other<br/>activities.</li> <li>If project operations are predicted to exceed 55<br/>dBA Leq. Jhr at any time, implement mitigation<br/>measures to meet the criterion level.</li> </ul>  | <ul> <li>Complete updated Noise and Vibration Impact Assessment Studies during Detailed<br/>Design.</li> <li>Accommodate a 5.5m tall noise barrier along the western extent of the train storage<br/>facility, subject to further detailed design.</li> <li>Implement quiet special trackwork such as moveable point frogs to reduce the impact<br/>noise from the tracks sufficient to meet the minimum criteria noted.</li> <li>As part of detailed design, complete a more detailed analysis to confirm any necessary<br/>noise control measures to meet NPC-300 criteria. Select mechanical and electrical<br/>equipment such that the sound levels meet NPC-300 criteria.</li> </ul>  | <ul> <li>Complete pre- and post-construction<br/>measurement of sound levels to confirm the<br/>predictions.</li> <li>Complete regular maintenance inspections and<br/>implement corrective measures wherever<br/>needed.</li> <li>During normal vehicle replacement, consider<br/>procuring vehicles that reduce noise and<br/>vibration.</li> </ul>   |

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| Project Phase | Environmental Component   | Potential Impacts  | Mitigation Measures  | Monitoring Activities  |
|---------------|---|--|--|--|
|               | <ul> <li>Stationary Sources Noise -<br/>Stations, Traction Power<br/>Suppiy Substations, Bus<br/>Terminals/Loops, and Portal<br/>Structure</li> </ul> | <ul> <li>Without mitigation, environmental noise may cause annoyance and disturb sleep and other activities.</li> <li>All ancillary facilities, including stations, bus terminals, and traction power substations are to comply with NPC-300.</li> </ul>   | <ul> <li>Complete updated Noise and Vibration impact Assessment Studies during Detailed Design.</li> <li>All tunnel ventilation fan systems are to be provided with silencers as required to reduce noise and comply with NPC-300 limits.</li> <li>Provide a 5.5 mill noise barrier at Clark Station's bus terminal, where specific location, height and extent are subject to further detailed design.</li> <li>As part of detailed design, complete a more detailed analysis to confirm any necessary noise control measures to meet NPC-300 criteria. Select mechanical and electrical equipment such that the sound levels meet NPC-300 criteria.</li> </ul>   | <ul> <li>Complete pre- and post-construction<br/>measurement of sound levels to confirm the<br/>predictions.</li> <li>Complete regular maintenance inspections and<br/>implement corrective measures wherever<br/>needed to minimize noise and vibration.</li> </ul>   |
| OPERATION     | Train Operations Vibration     along Underground Alignment     along the At Grade Alignment     along the At Grade Alignment                          | <ul> <li>Without mitigation, environmental vibration may cause annoyance and disturb sleep and other activities.</li> <li>If operations are projected to exceed the groundborne noise and vibration limits, implement mitigation measures.</li> <li>Without mitigation, environmental vibration may cause annoyance and disturb sleep and other activities.</li> <li>If operations are projected to exceed the groundborne noise and vibration limits, implement mitigation measures.</li> </ul> | <ul> <li>Complete updated Noise and Vibration Impact Assessment Studies during Detailed Design.</li> <li>Complete updated Noise and Vibration Impact Assessment Report.</li> <li>Complete more detailed studies to predict ground-borne noise and vibration levels in order to meet the vibration criteria outlined in this report.</li> <li>Complete more detailed studies to predict ground-borne noise and vibration levels in undetence:         <ul> <li>Implement mitigation measures such as floating slab track, ballast mats, resilient fastence; moveable point frogs, etc. as needed to mitigate vibration levels.</li> <li>Implement regular vehicle and infrastructure maintenance to maintain compliance with the noise and vibration exposure criteria.</li> <li>Meet the ground-borne noise and vibration levels of fast than 30 dBA and 0.05 mm/s, respectively, in areas (Segment 2) where the alignment passes beneath low-rise residential buildings in an established neighborhood.</li> <li>Complete updated Noise and Vibration Impact Assessment Renort.</li> <li>Complete updated Noise and Vibration Impact Assessment Studies during Detailed 0.05 mm/s, respectively, in areas (Segment 2) where the alignment passes beneath low-rise residential buildings in an established neighborhood.</li> <li>Complete updated Noise and Vibration Impact Assessment Studies during Detailed 0.05 mm/s, respectively, in areas (Segment 2) where the alignment passes beneath low-rise residential buildings in an established neighborhood.</li> <li>Complete more detailed studies to predict ground-borne noise and vibration levels.</li> <li>Complete more detailed studies to predict ground-borne intervence.</li> <li>Complete more detailed studies to predict ground-borne to maintain compliance with the noise and vibration measures such as floating slab track, ballast mats, resilent the noise and vibration exposure criteria.</li> <li>Implemen</li></ul></li></ul> | <ul> <li>Complete post-construction measurement of vibration levels to confirm the predictions.</li> <li>Complete regular main tenance inspections and implement corrective measures wherever needed.</li> <li>During normal vehicle replacement, consider protoring vehicles that reduce noise and vibration.</li> <li>Complete post-construction measurement of vibration levels to confirm the predictions.</li> <li>Complete post-construction measurement of vibration.</li> <li>During normal vehicle replacement, consider procuring vehicles that reduce noise and vibration.</li> </ul> |
|               | Stationary Source Vibration     Train Storage Facility  | <ul> <li>Without mitigation, environmental vibration may cause annoyance and disturb sleep and other activities.</li> <li>If operations are projected to exceed the ground-borne noise and vibration limits, implement mitigation measures.</li> </ul>   | <ul> <li>Complete updated Noise and Vibration Impact Assessment Report.</li> <li>Complete updated Noise and Vibration Impact Assessment Report.</li> <li>Complete more detailed studies to predict ground-borne noise and vibration levels in order to meet the vibration criteria outlined in this report.</li> </ul>   | <ul> <li>Complete pre- and post-construction<br/>measurement of sound levels to confirm the<br/>predictions.</li> <li>Complete regular maintenance inspections and<br/>implement corrective measures wherever<br/>needed to minimize noise and vibration.</li> </ul>   |



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| Monitoring Activities   | <ul> <li>During normal vehicle replacement, consider procuring vehicles that minimize noise and vibration.</li> </ul>  | • None.   |
|-------------------------|--|---|
| Mitigation Measures     | <ul> <li>Mitigation at the Source:         <ul> <li>Implement mitigation measures such as floating slab track, ballast mats, resilient fasteners, moveable point frogs, etc. as needed to mitigate vibration levels.</li> <li>Implement regular vehicle and infrastructure maintenance to maintain compliance with the noise and vibration exposure criteria.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Mitigation Criteria:         <ul> <li>Meet the ground-borne vibration criteria in the 1995 MOEE/TTC Transit Noise and Vibration Protocol and the ground-borne noise criteria in the 2018 Federal Transit Administration Noise and Vibration Noise and Vibration mpact Assessment Manual.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> | <ul> <li>Ancillary facilities such as traction power supply substations, bus terminals/loops and<br/>portal structures are not significant sources of operational vibration. Mitigation measures<br/>are not required.</li> </ul>                                       |
| Potential Impacts       |  | <ul> <li>Without mitigation, environmental vibration may<br/>cause annoyance and disturb sleep and other<br/>activities.</li> <li>If operations are projected to exceed the ground-<br/>borne noise and vibration limits, implement<br/>mitigation measures.</li> </ul> |
| Environmental Component |  | <ul> <li>Stationary Sources Vibration         <ul> <li>Stations, Traction Power</li> <li>Supply Substations, Bus</li> <li>Terminals/Loops, and Portal</li> </ul> </li> </ul>  |
| Project Phase           |  |   |





### **B 7.0 Permits and Approvals**

No federal permits/approvals pertaining to noise and vibration have been identified.

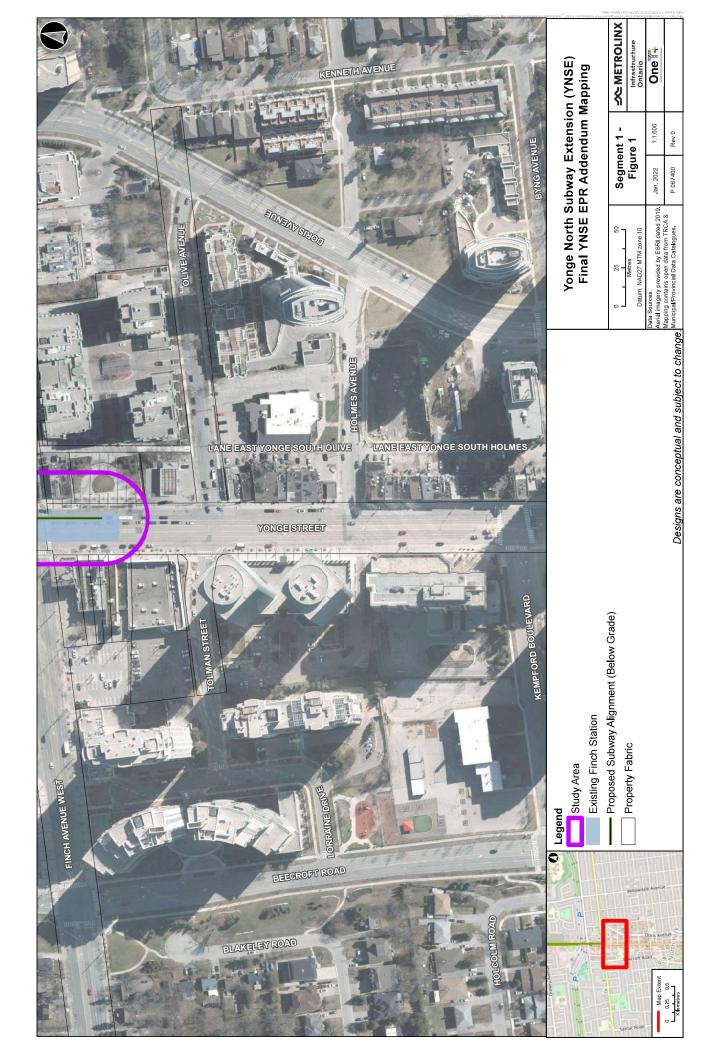
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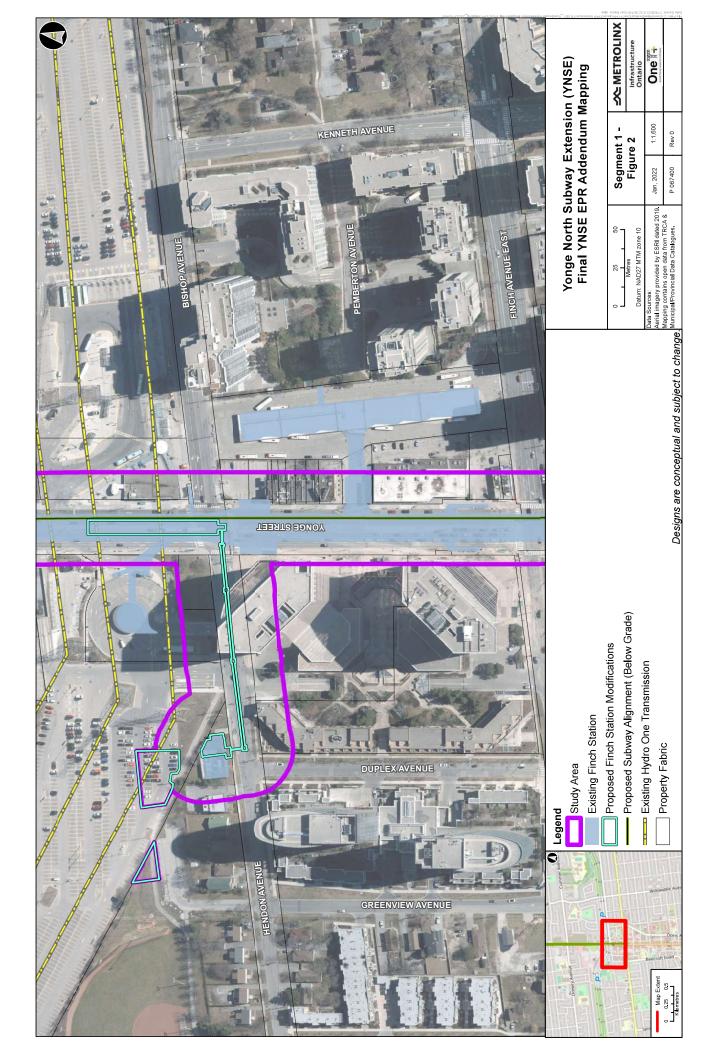
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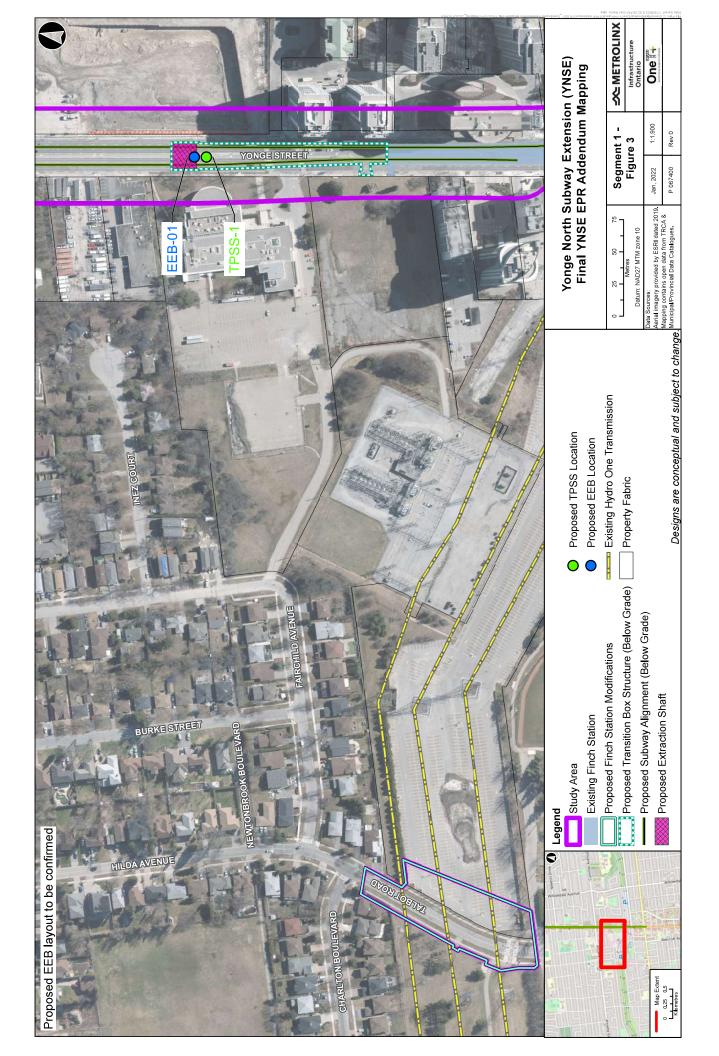


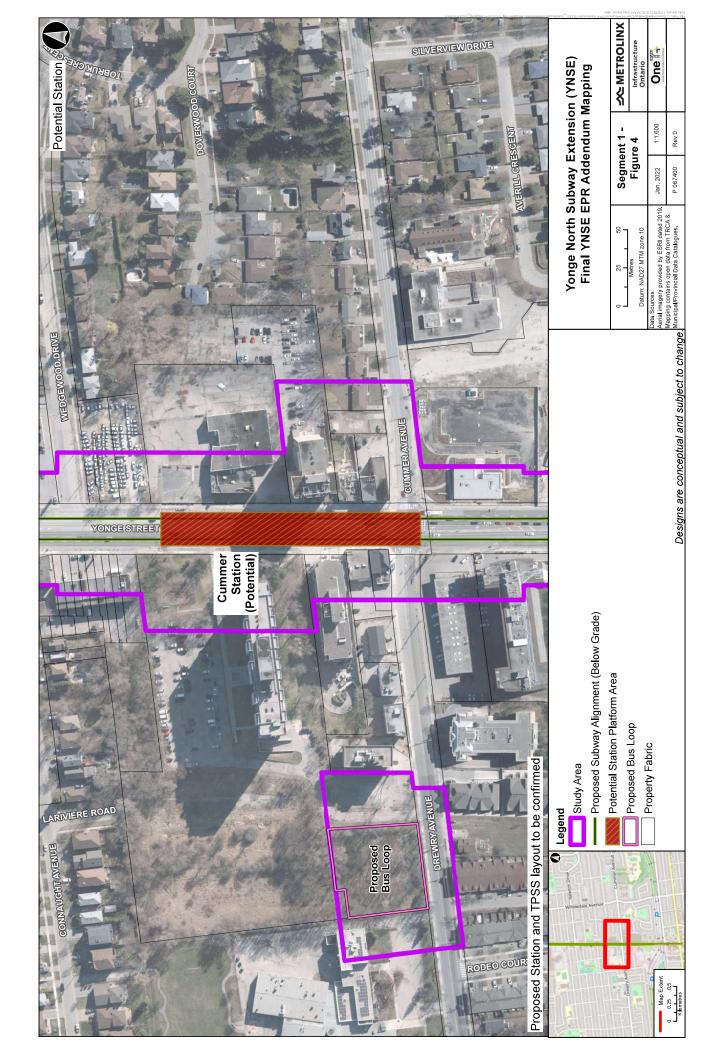
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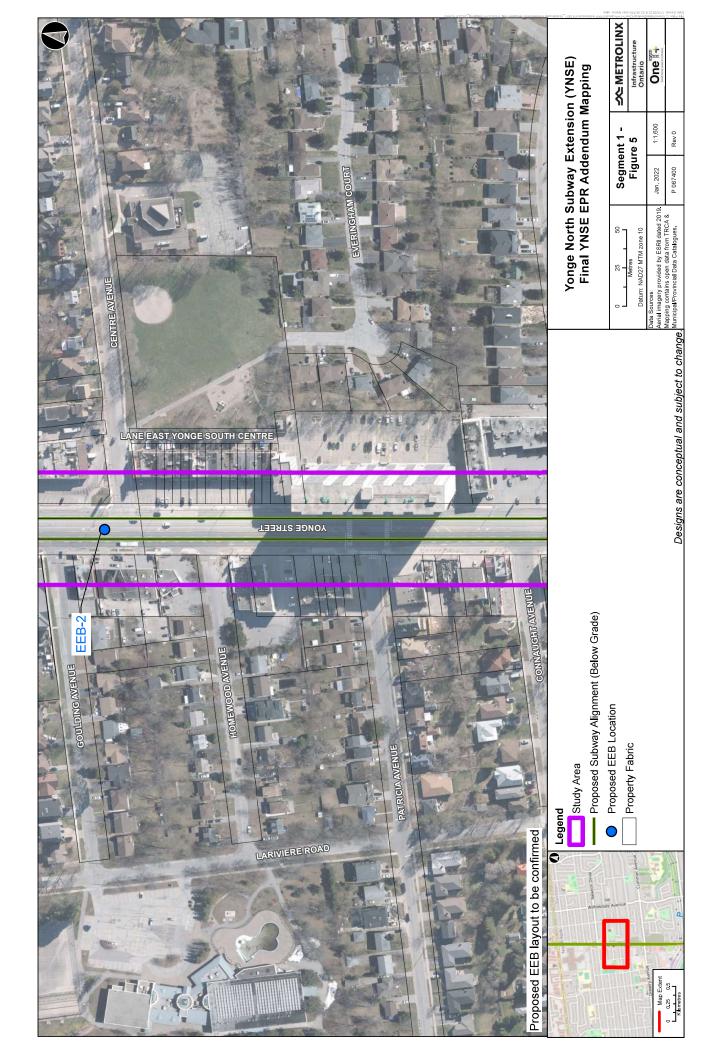


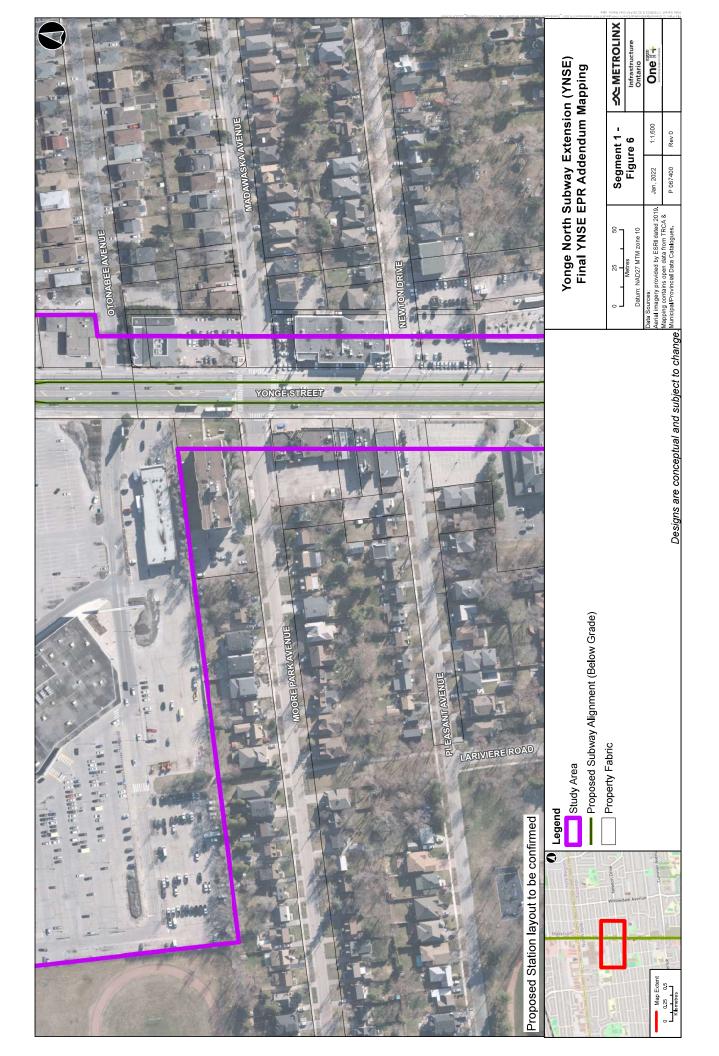


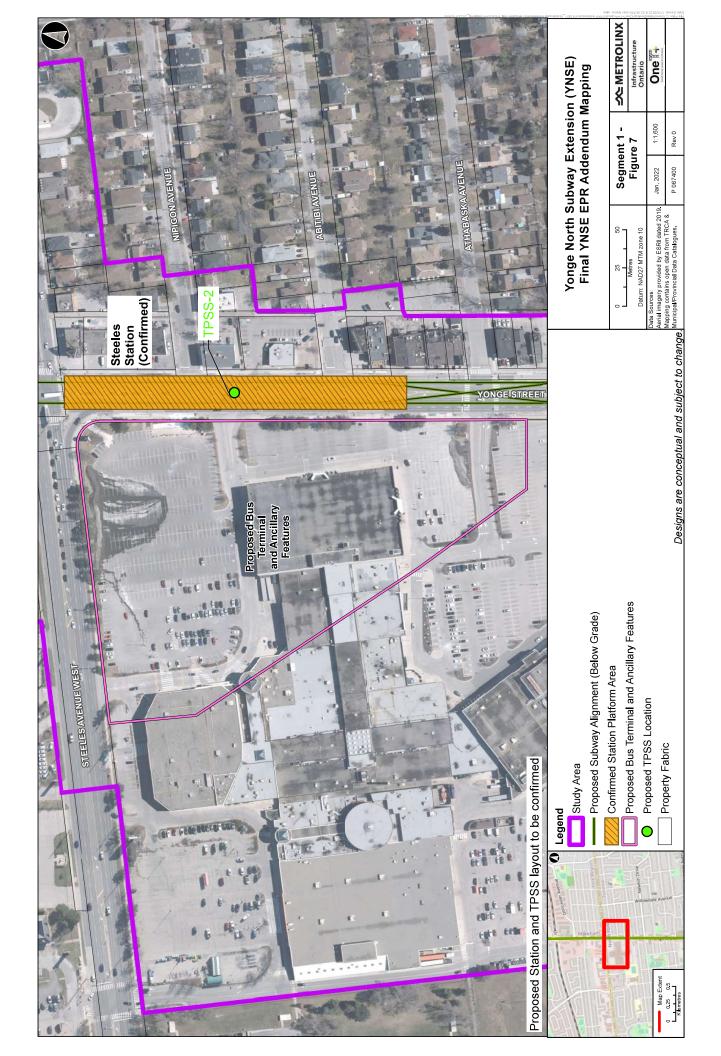


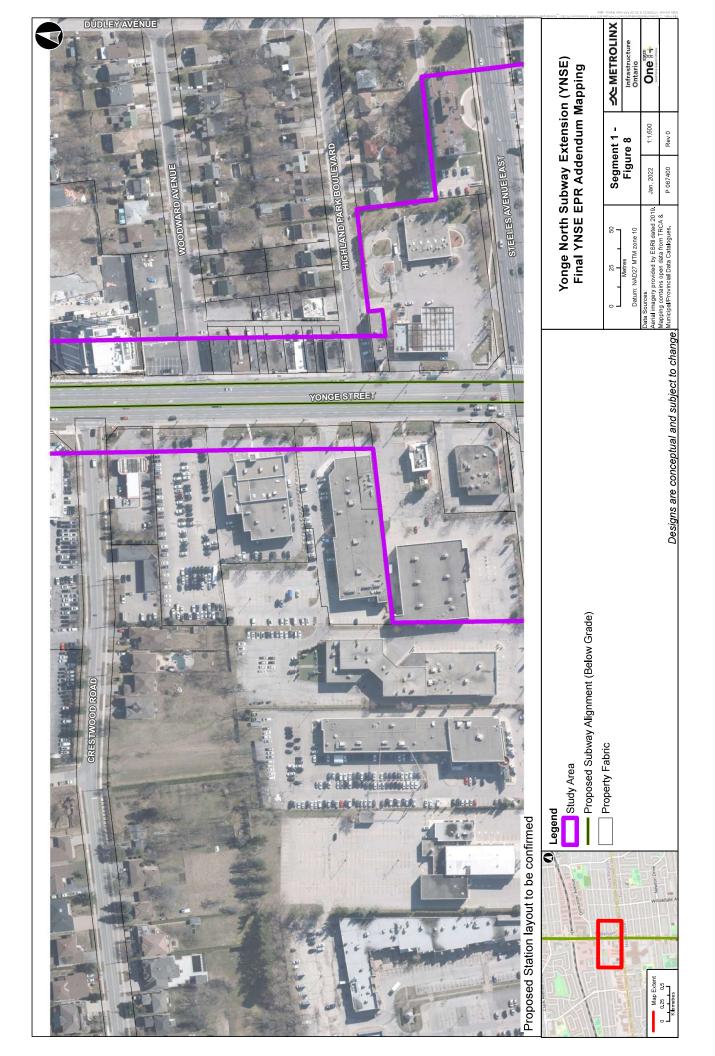


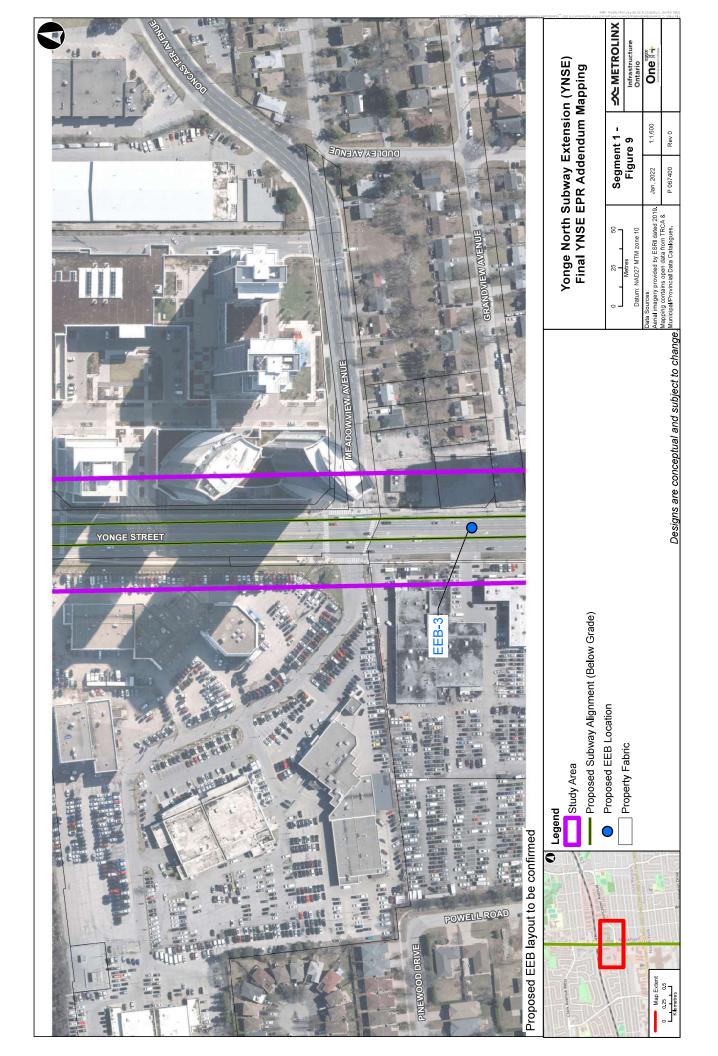


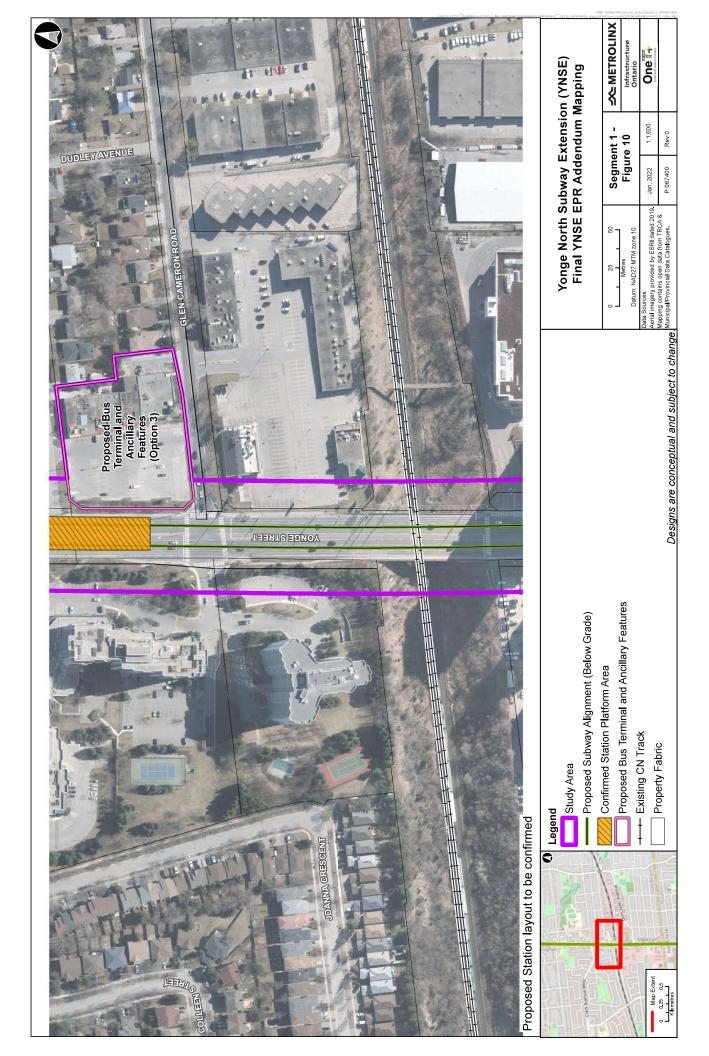


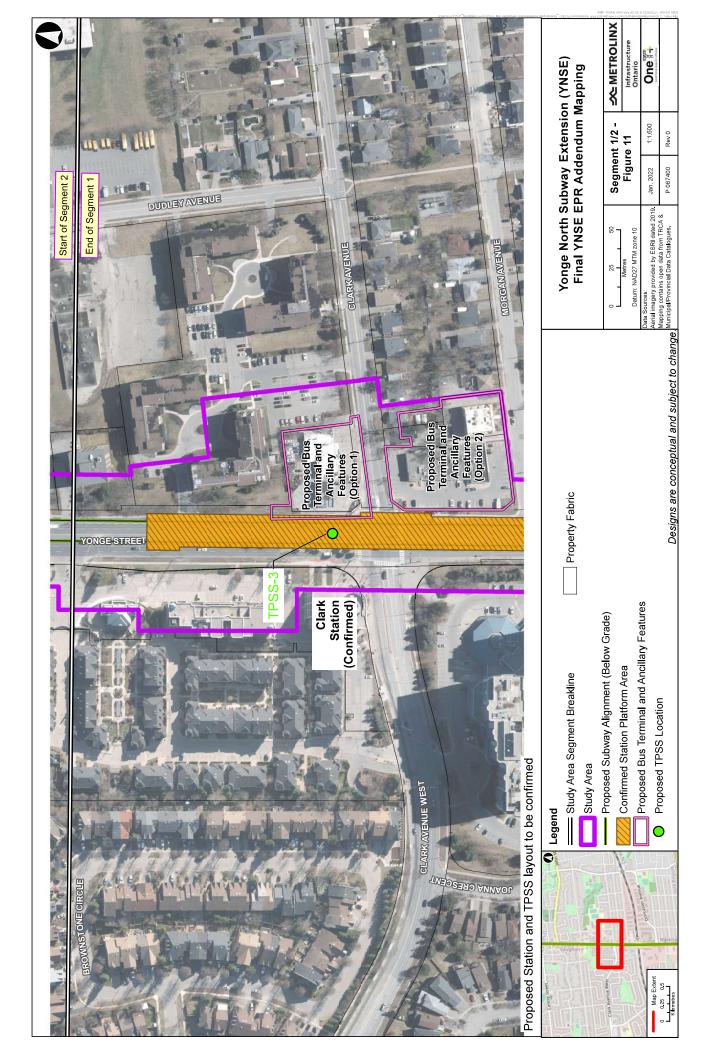


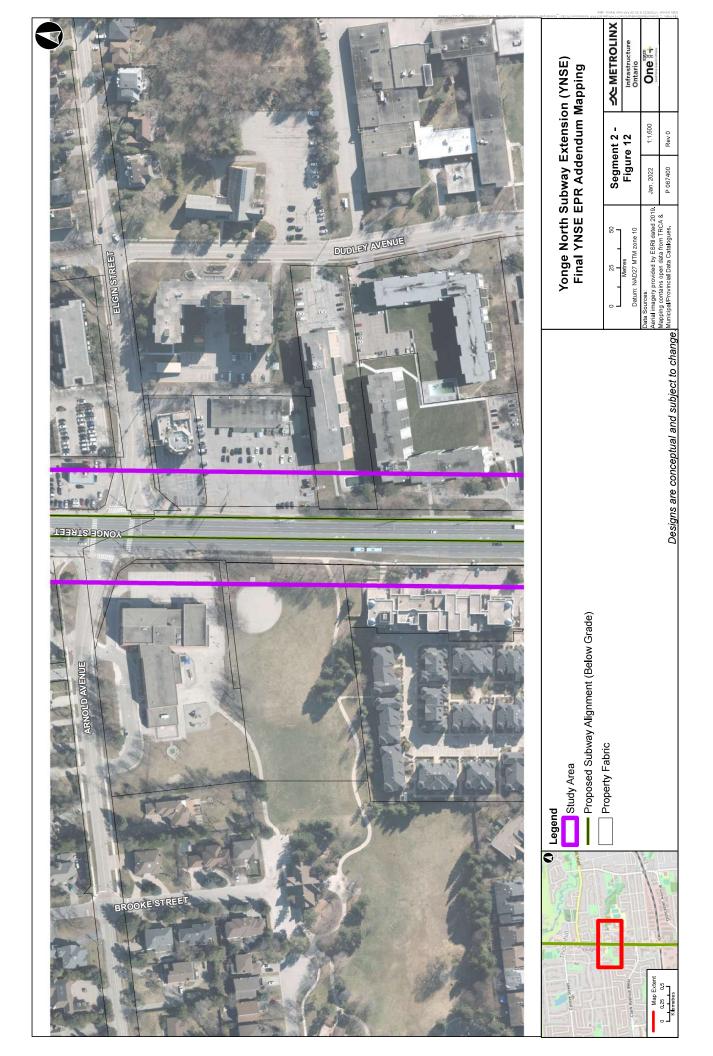


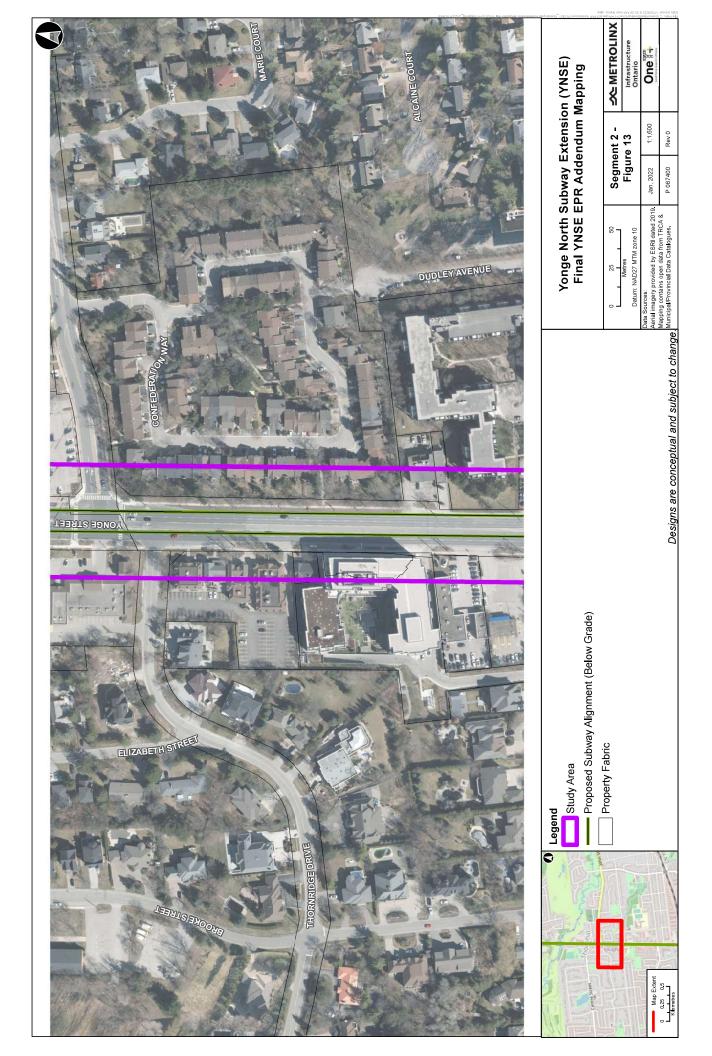


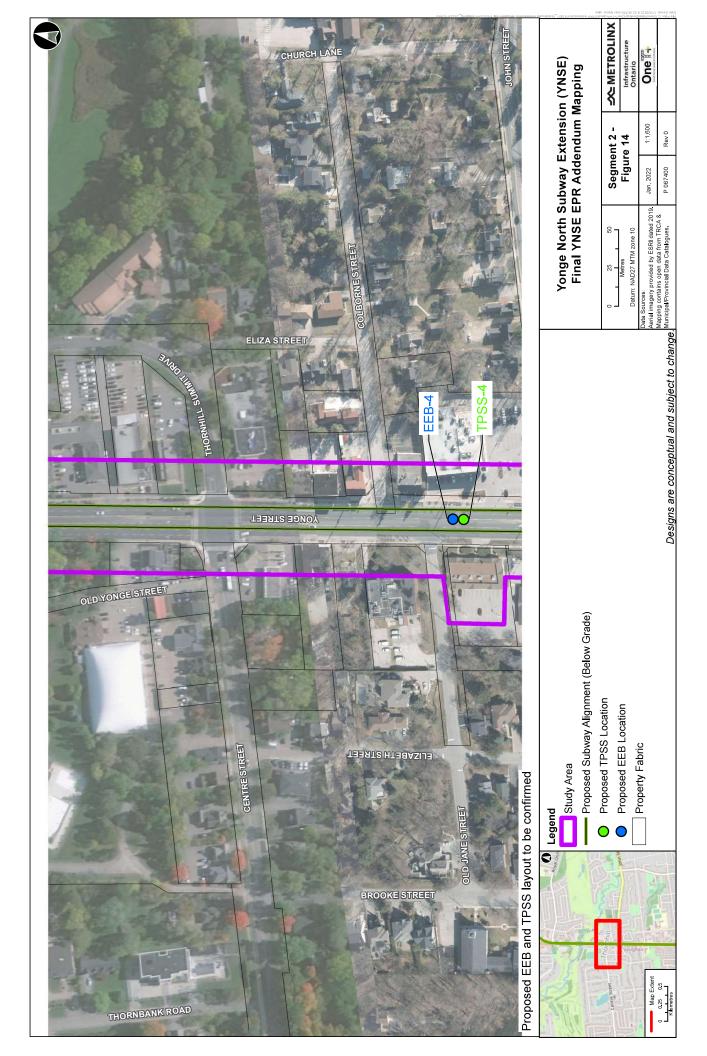


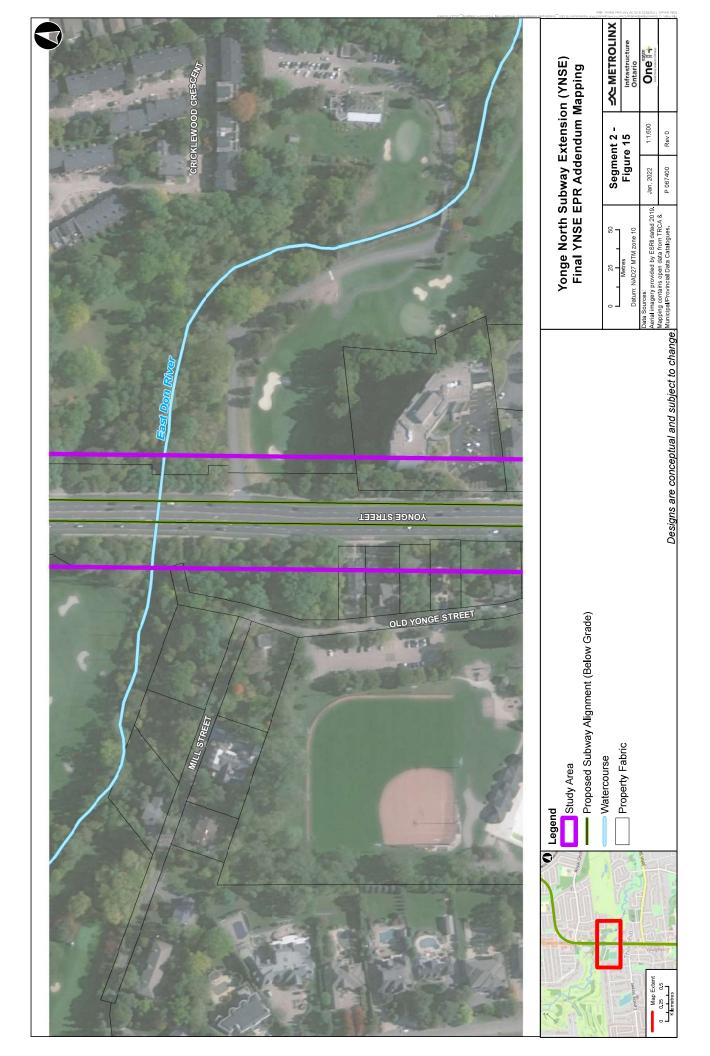


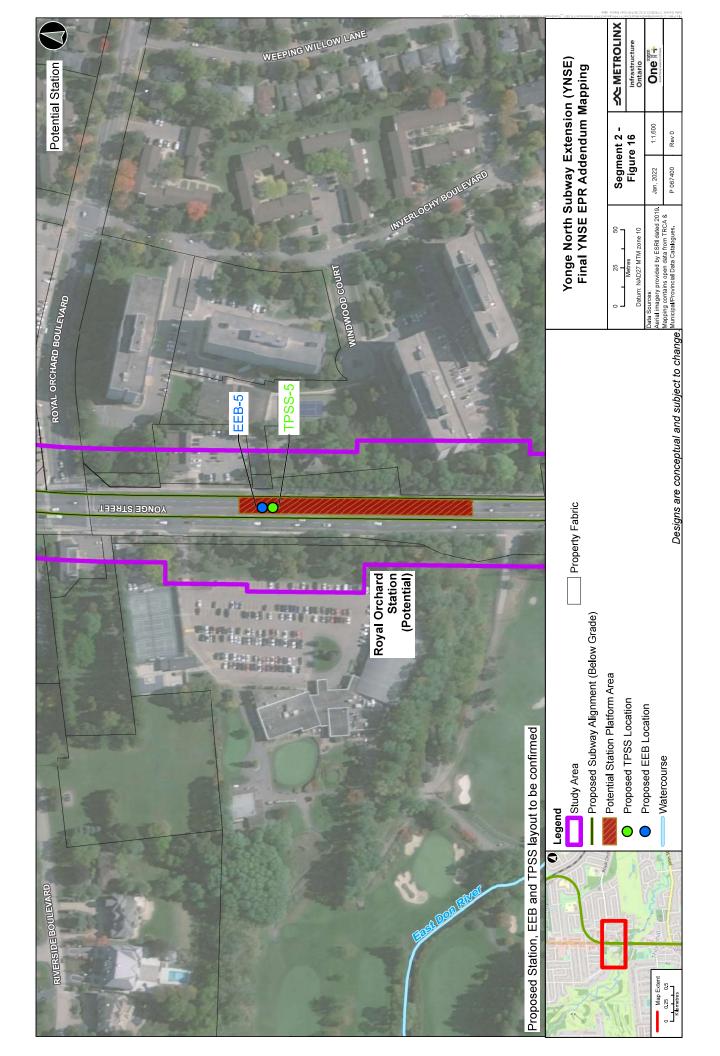


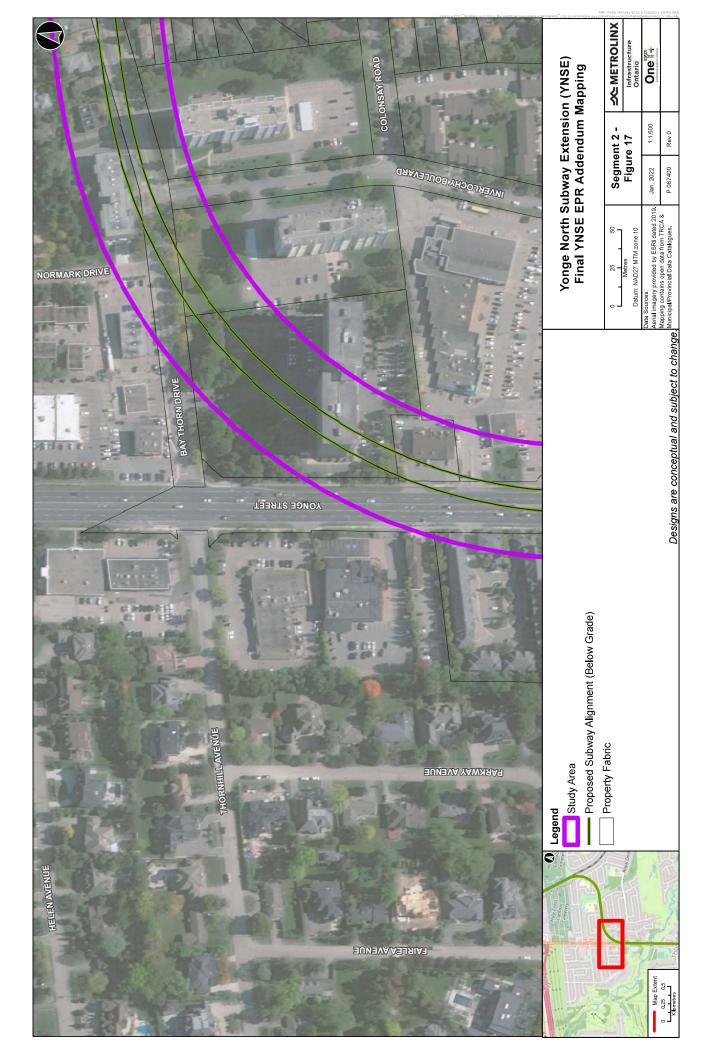


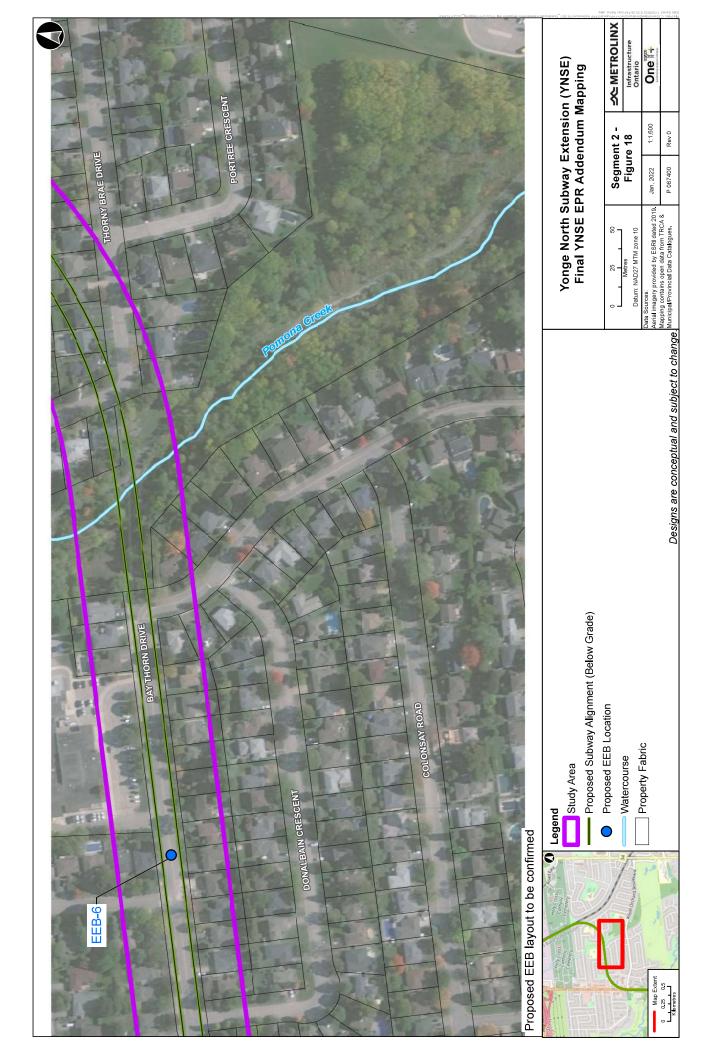


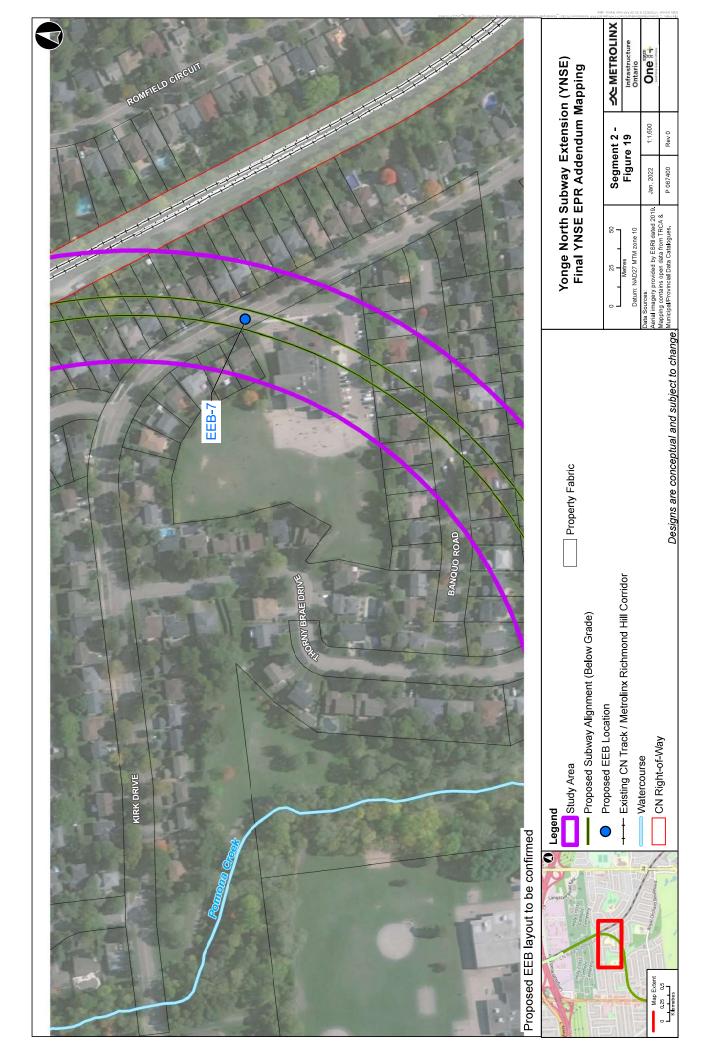


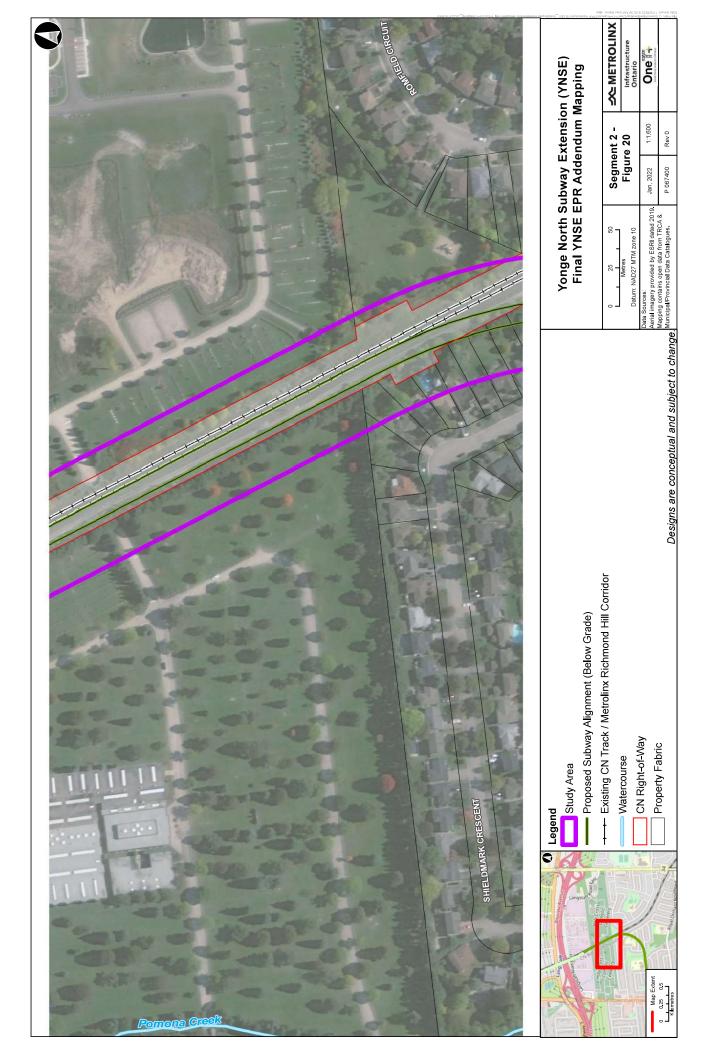


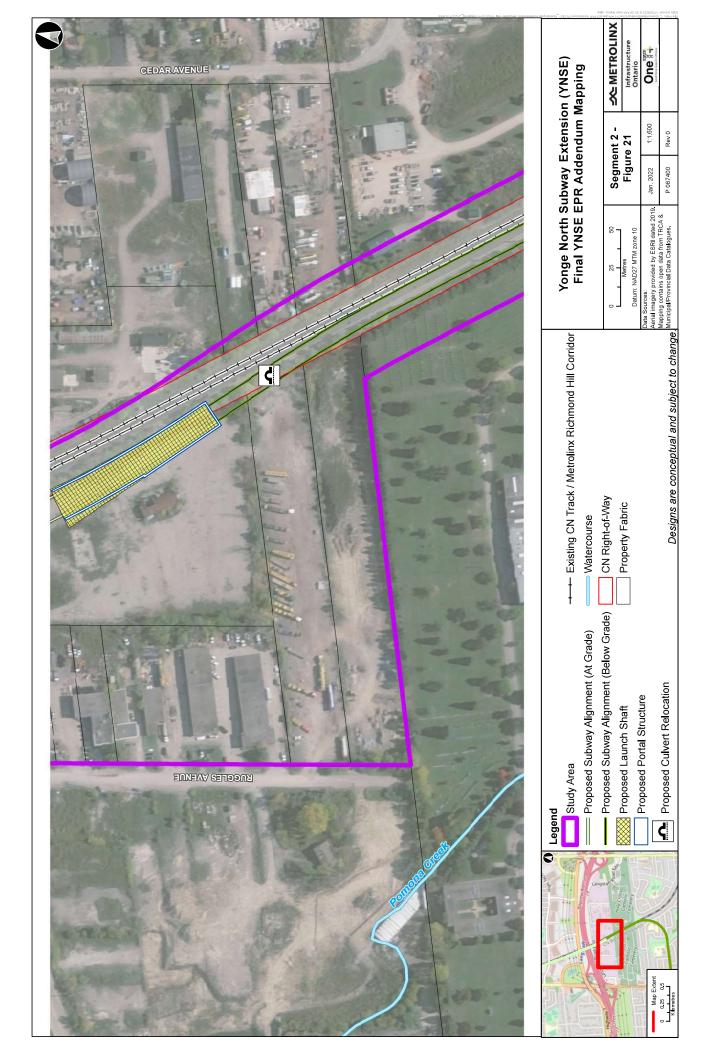


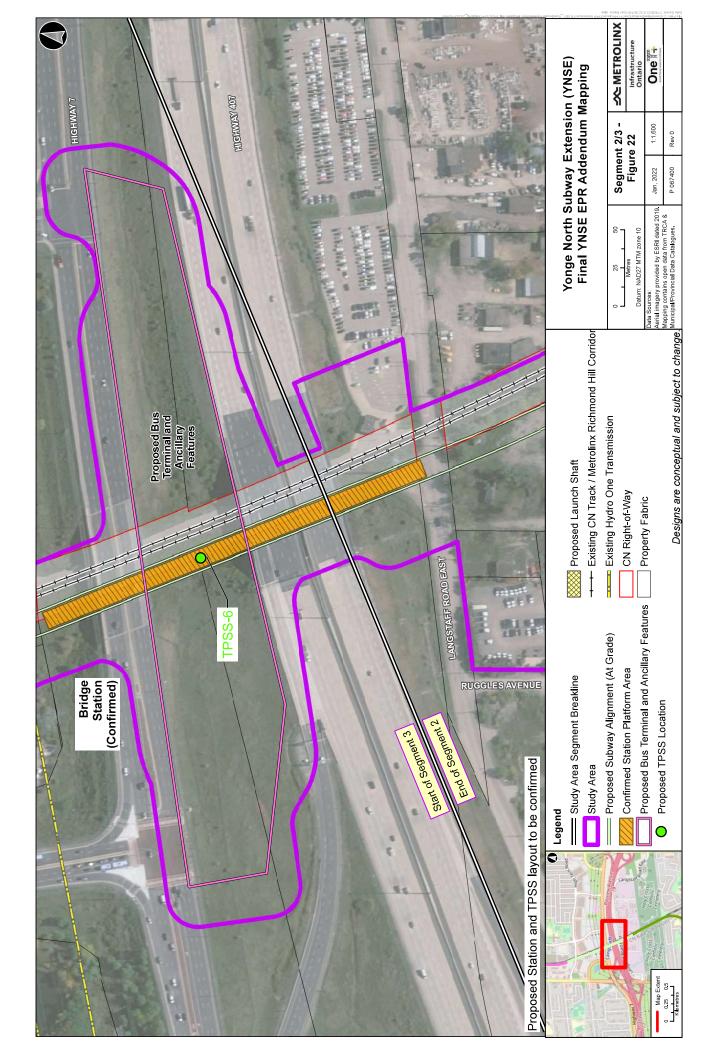


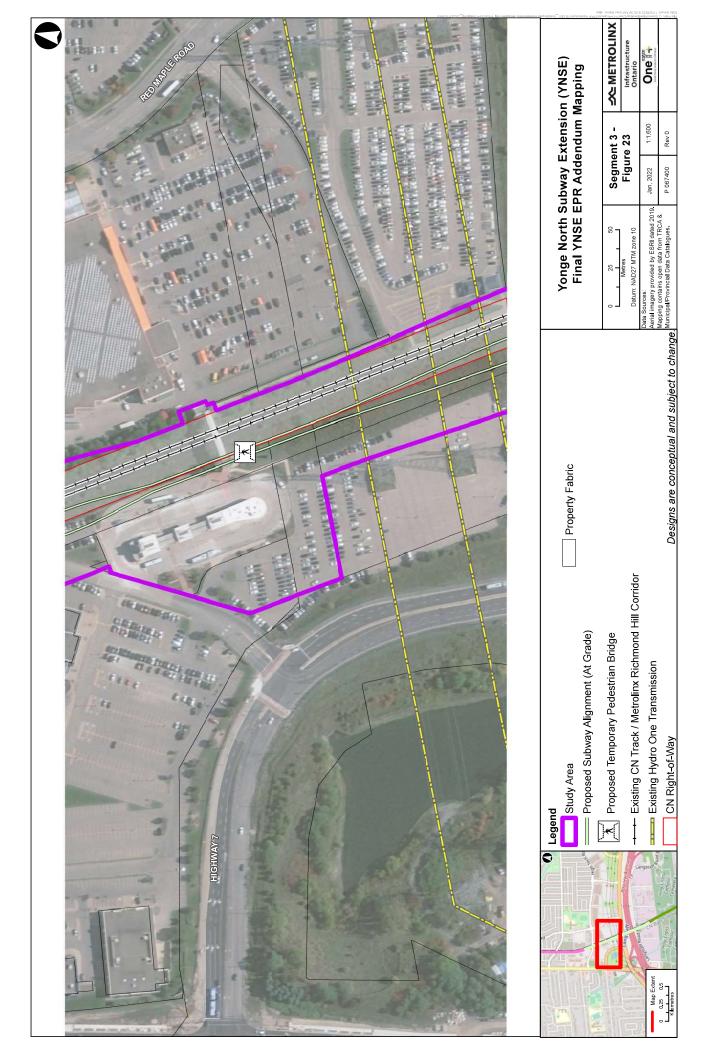


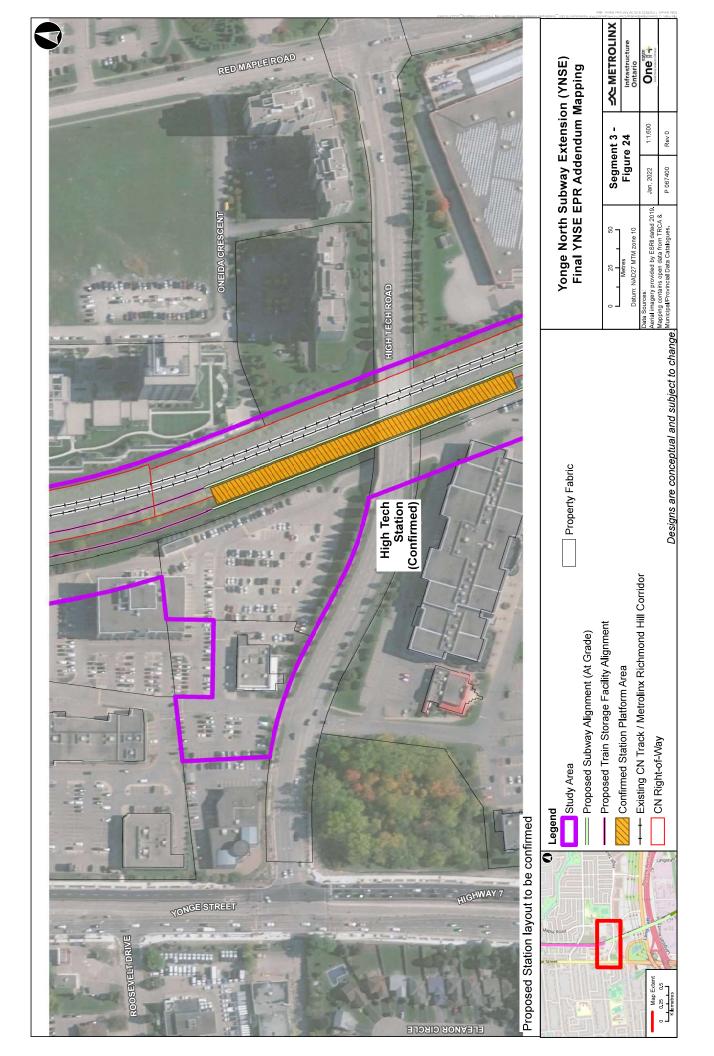


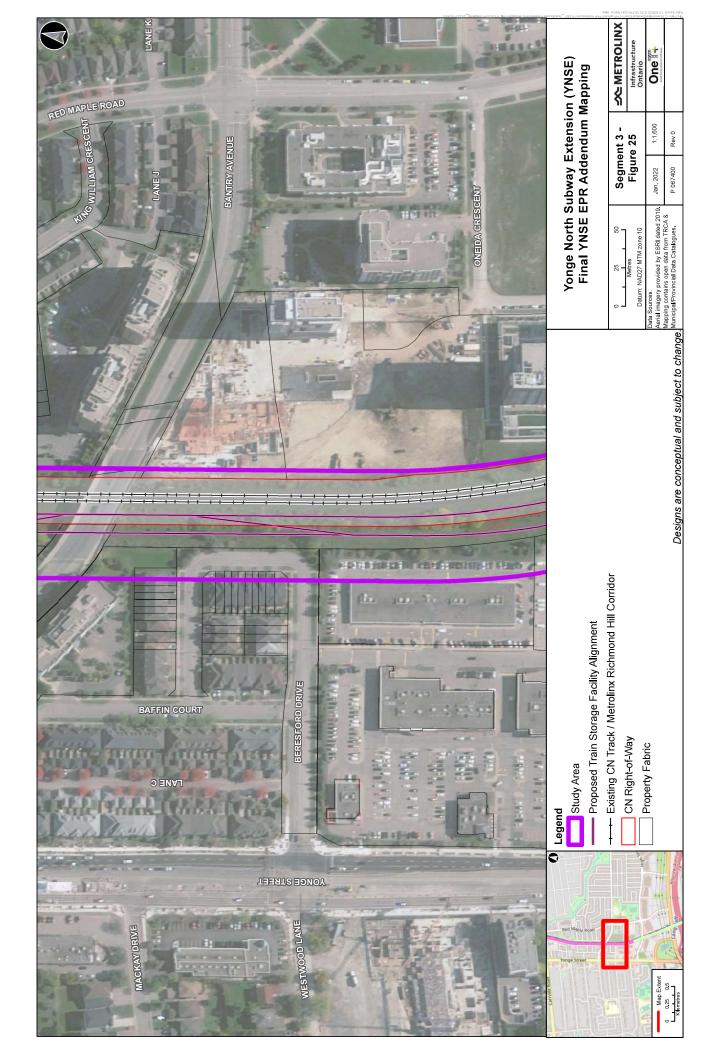




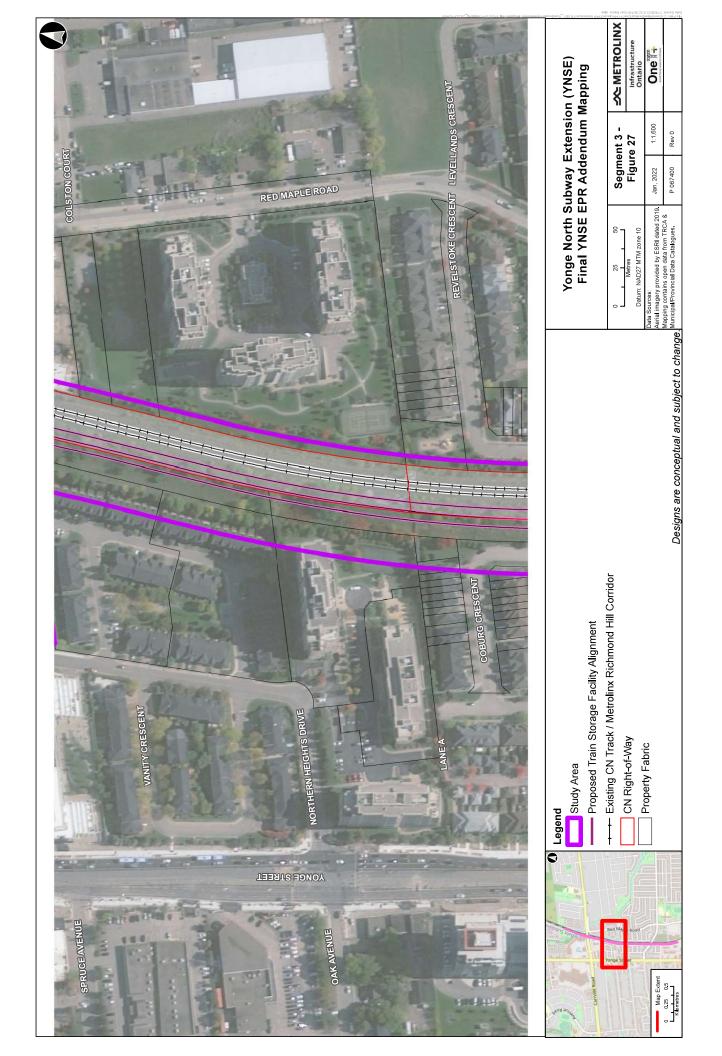


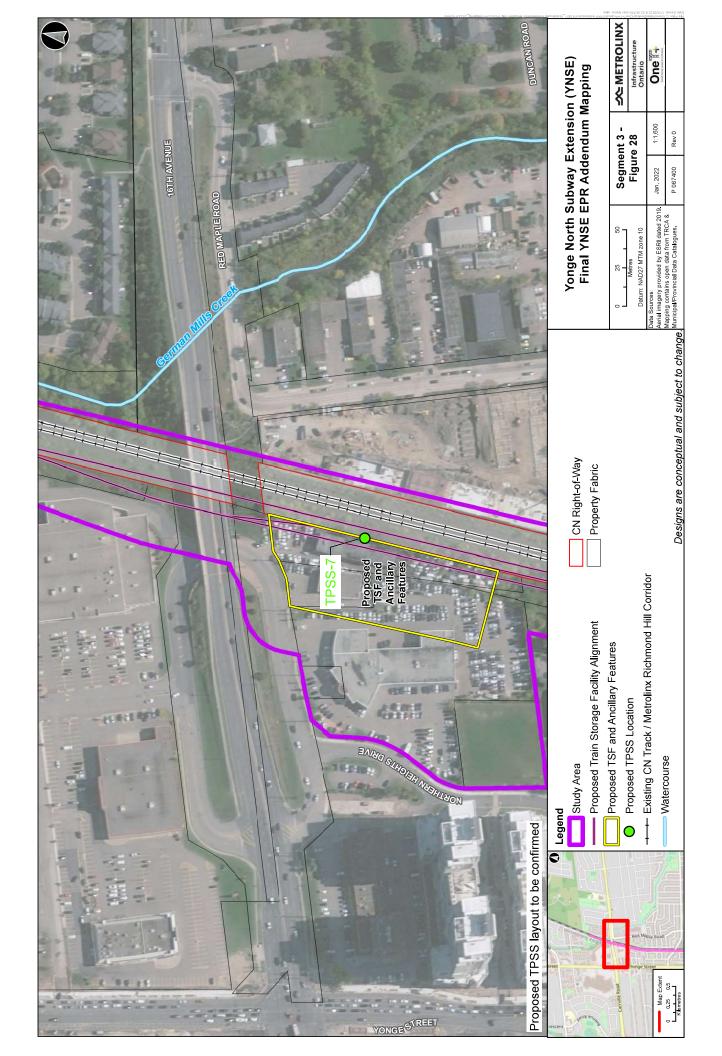


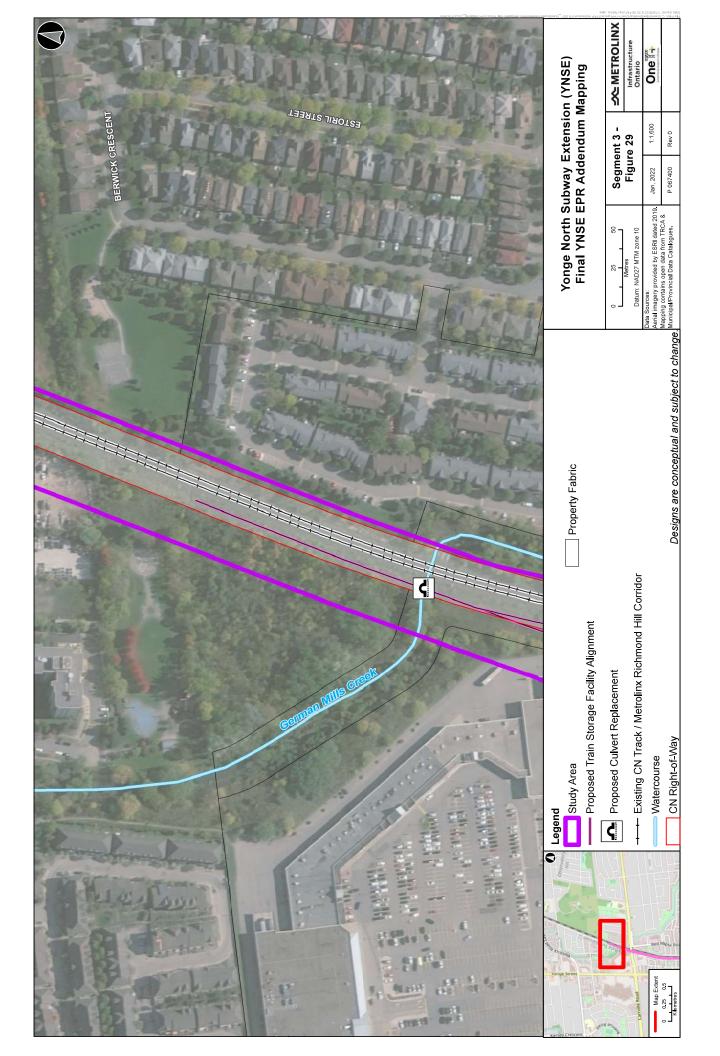


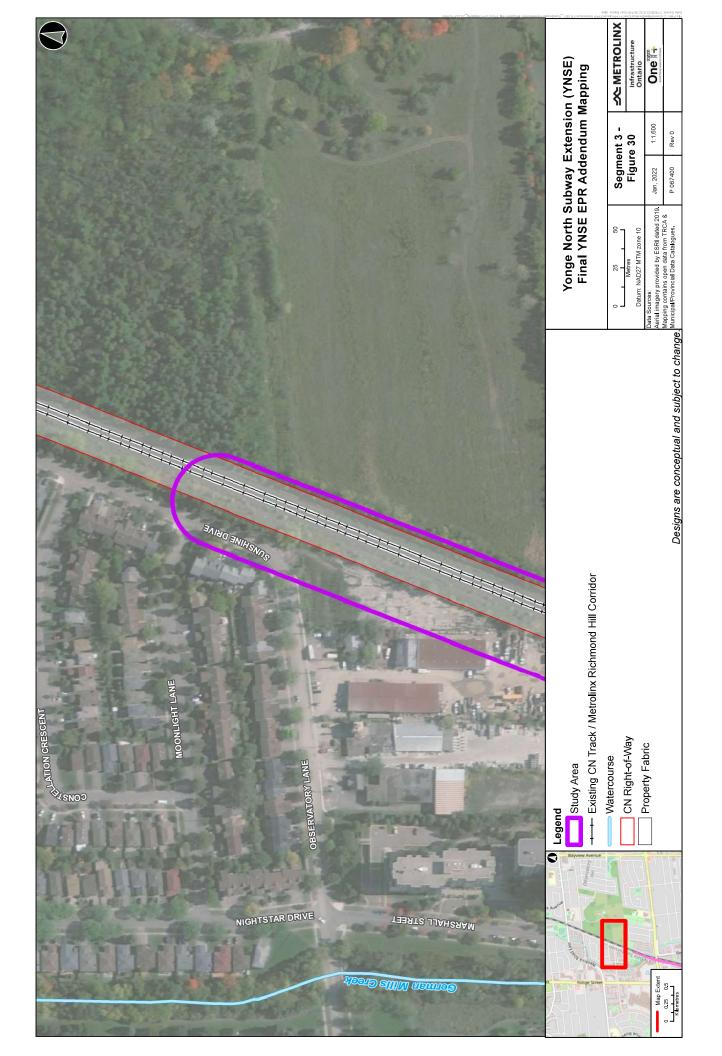












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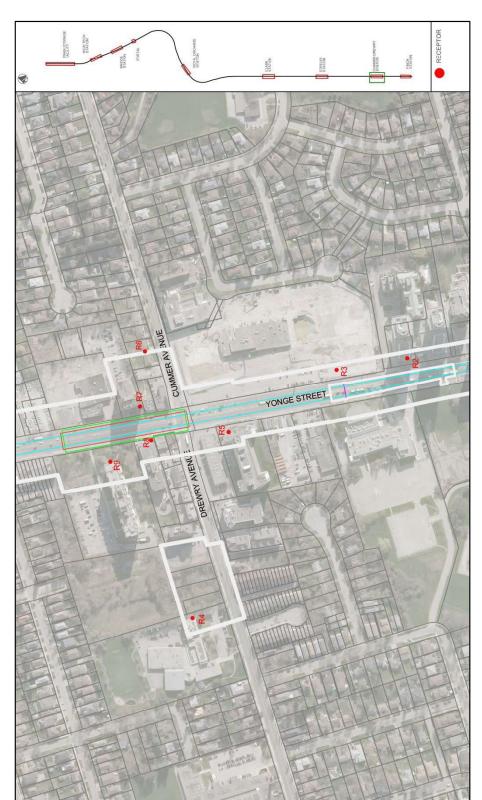


Figure 1: Cummer Station and Extraction Shaft





Figure 2: Steeles Station



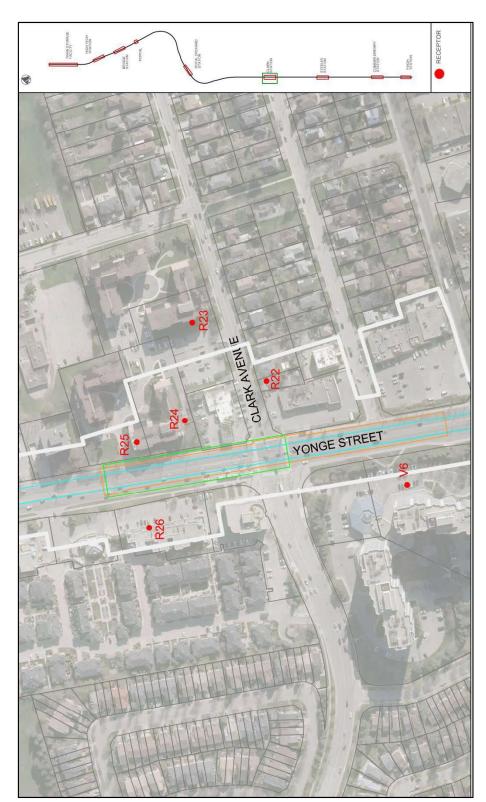


Figure 3: Clark Station



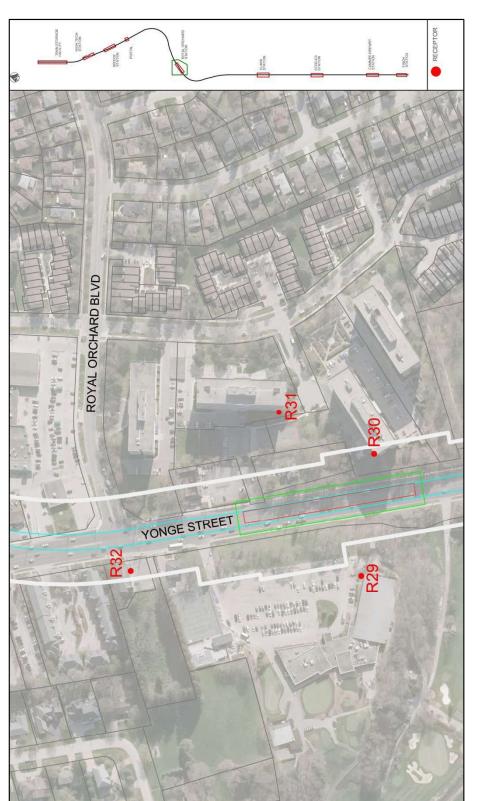


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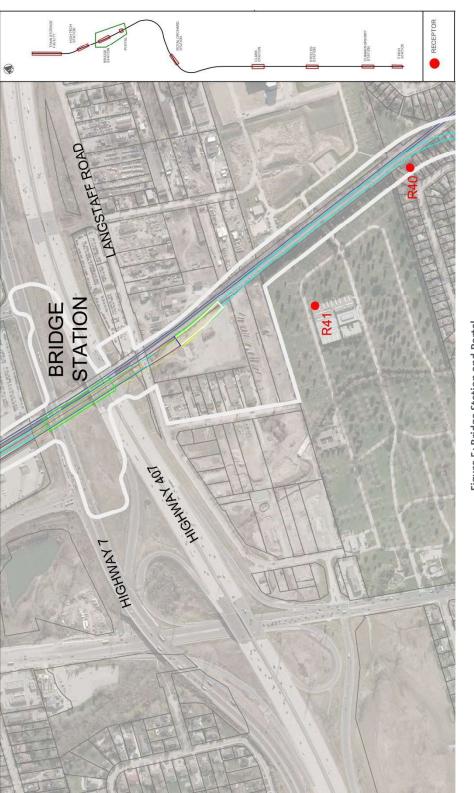


Figure 5: Bridge Station and Portal



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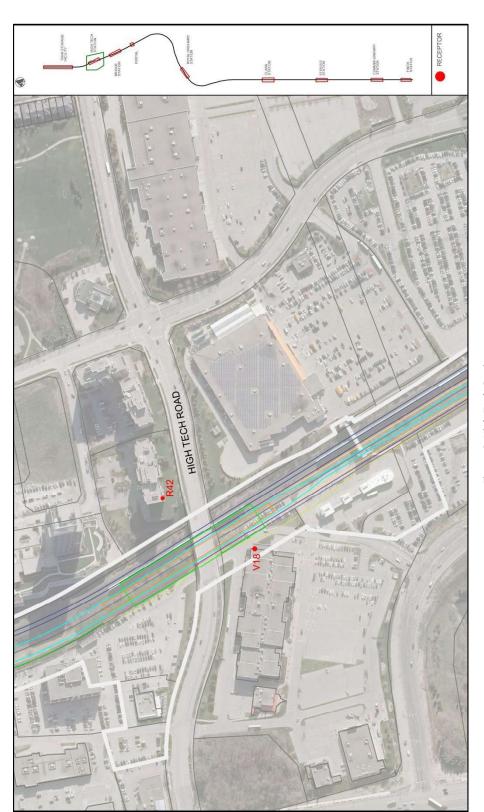


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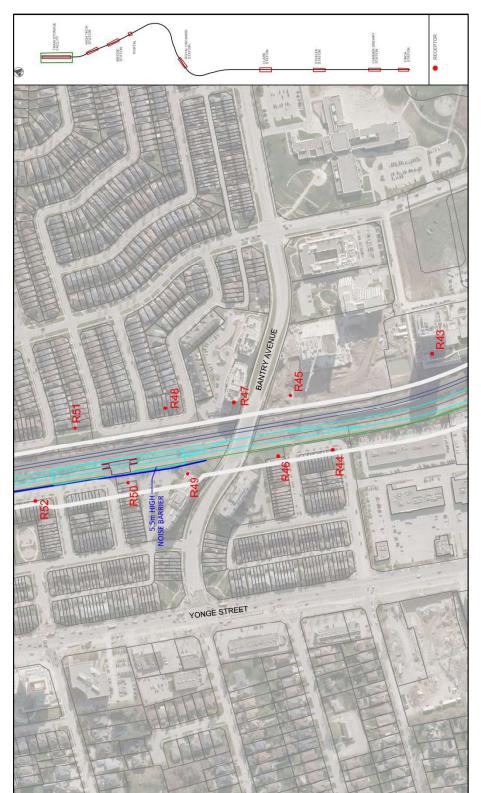


Figure 7: Train Storage Facility Part 1



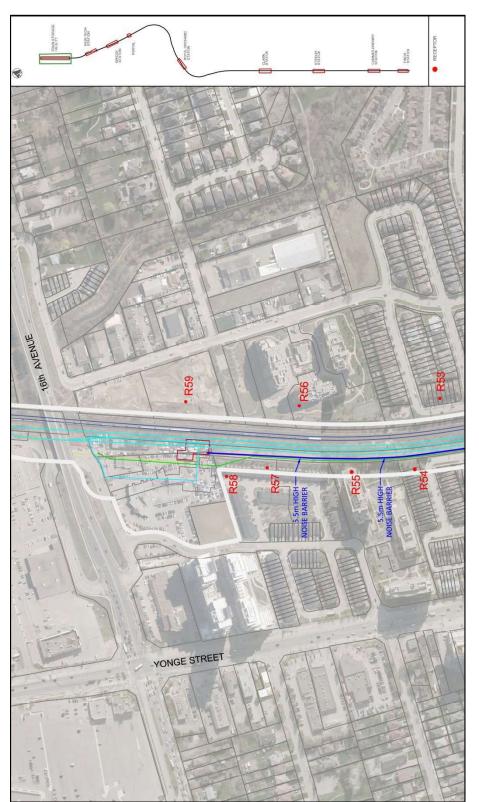


Figure 8: Train Storage Facility Part 2





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Figure 9: At Grade Part 1 Average Daytime Existing Sound Levels



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Figure 10: At Grade Part 2 Average Daytime Existing Sound Levels



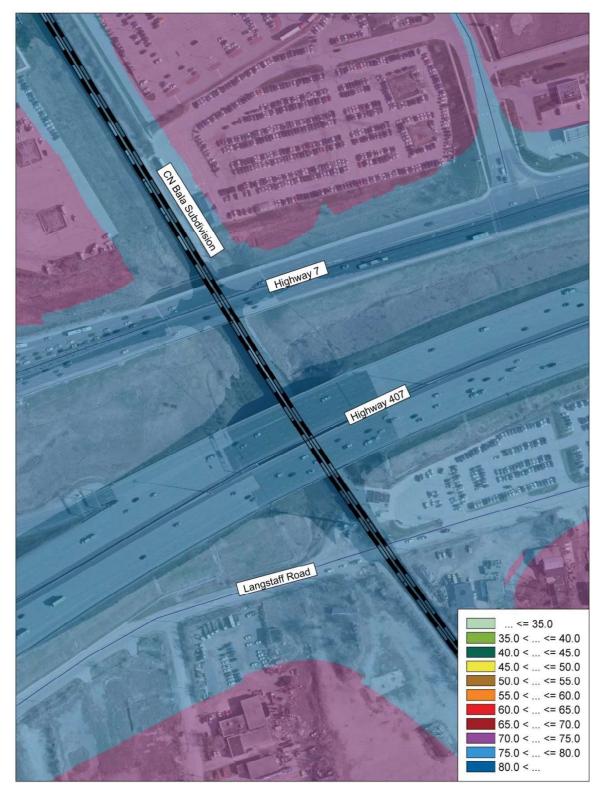


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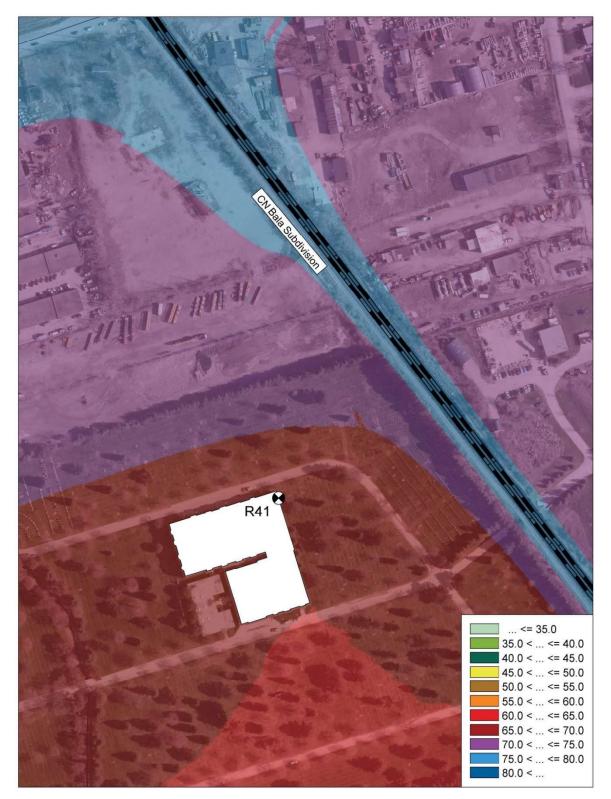


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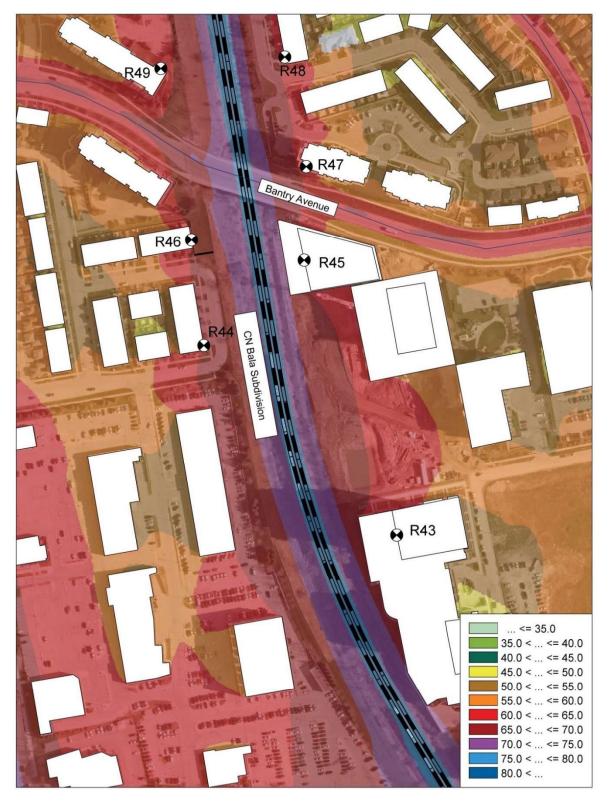


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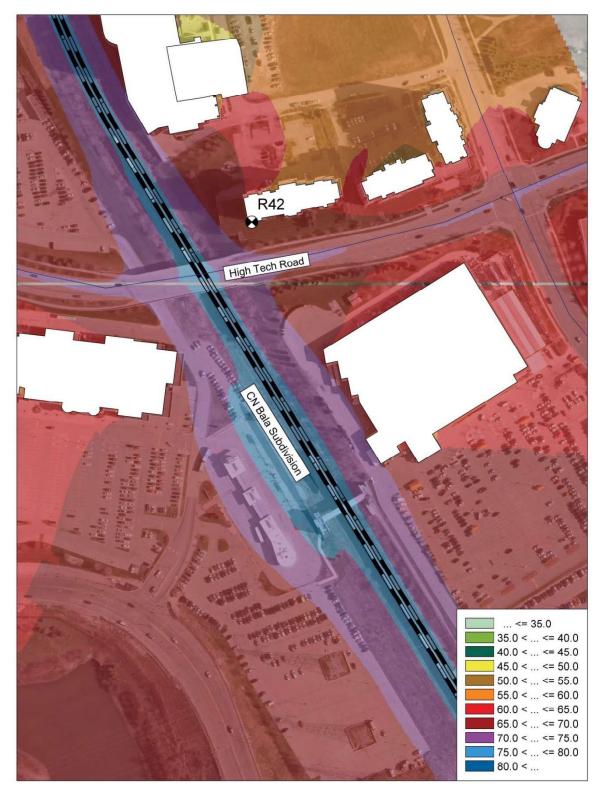


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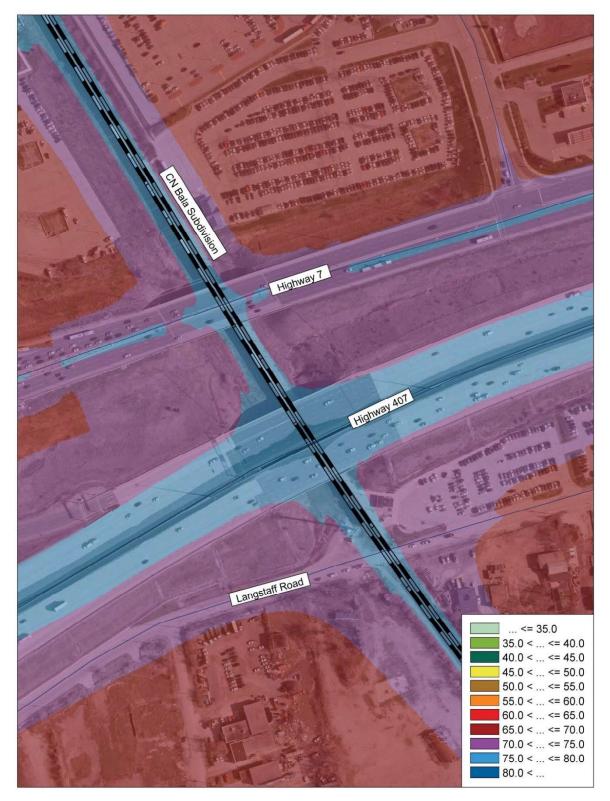


Figure 15: At Grade Part 3 Nighttime Average Existing Sound Levels





Figure 16: At Grade Part 4 Nighttime Average Existing Sound Levels



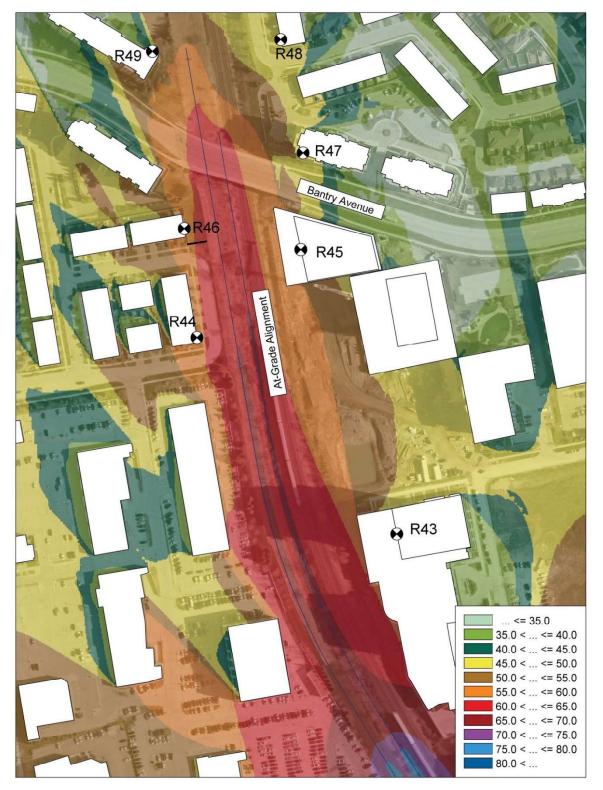


Figure 17: At Grade Alignment Part 1 Daytime Sound Levels



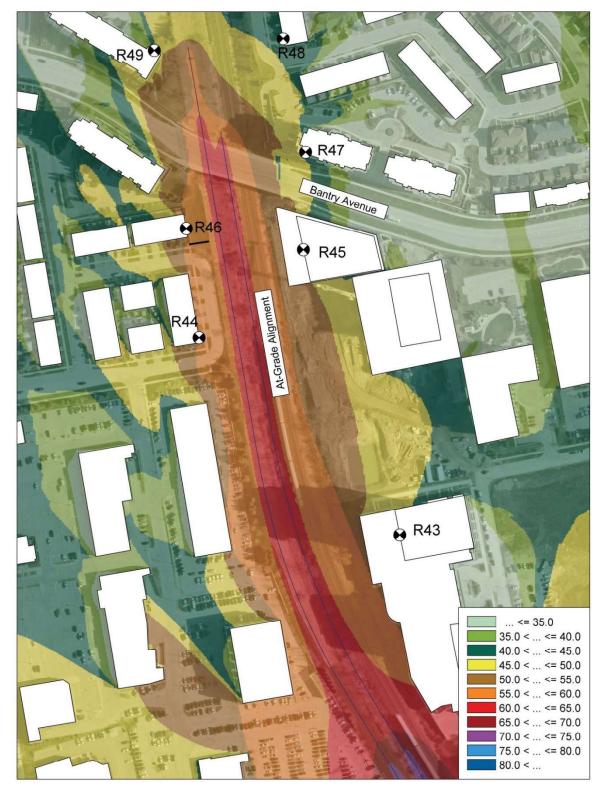


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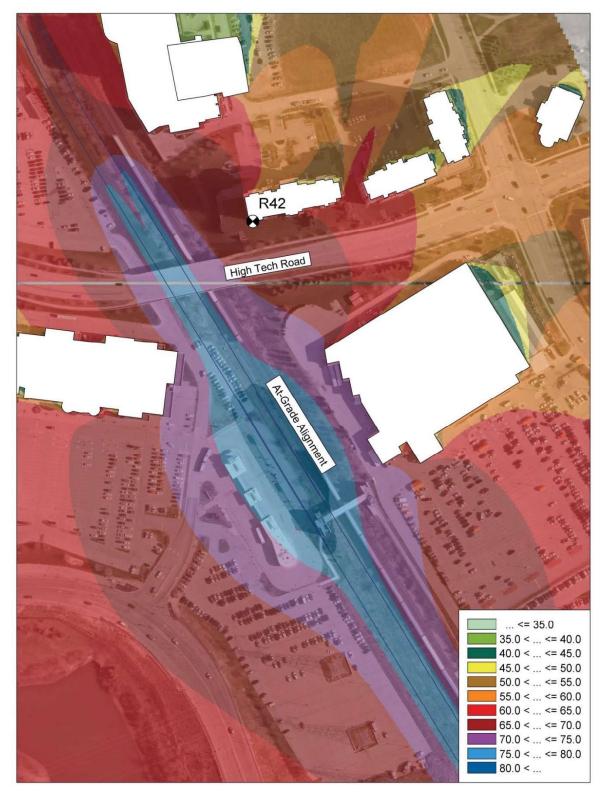


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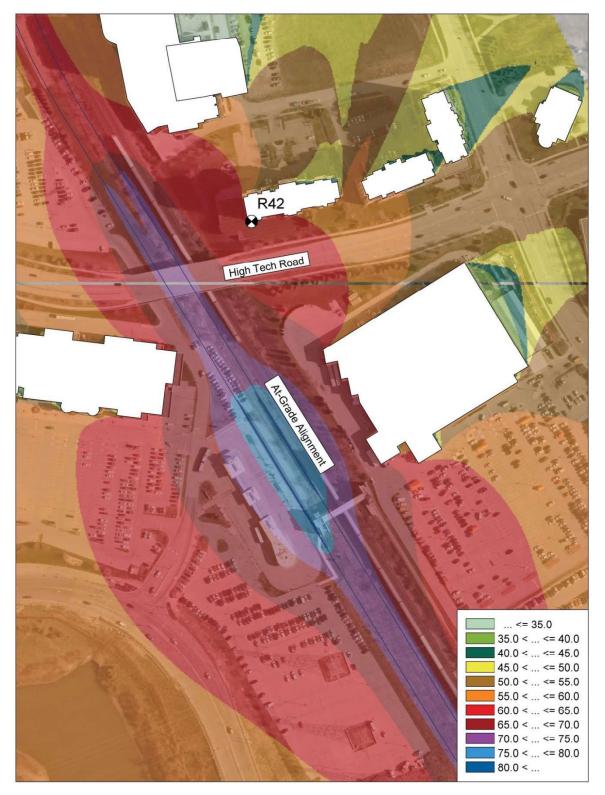


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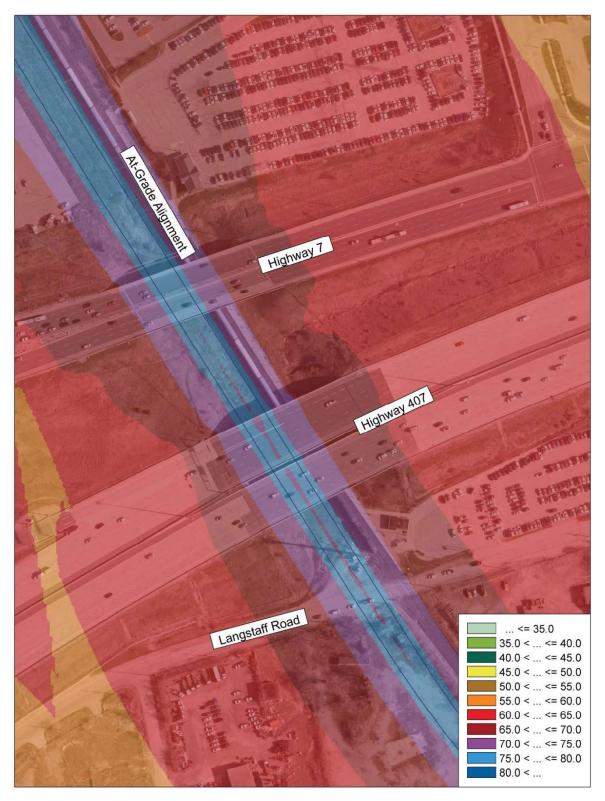


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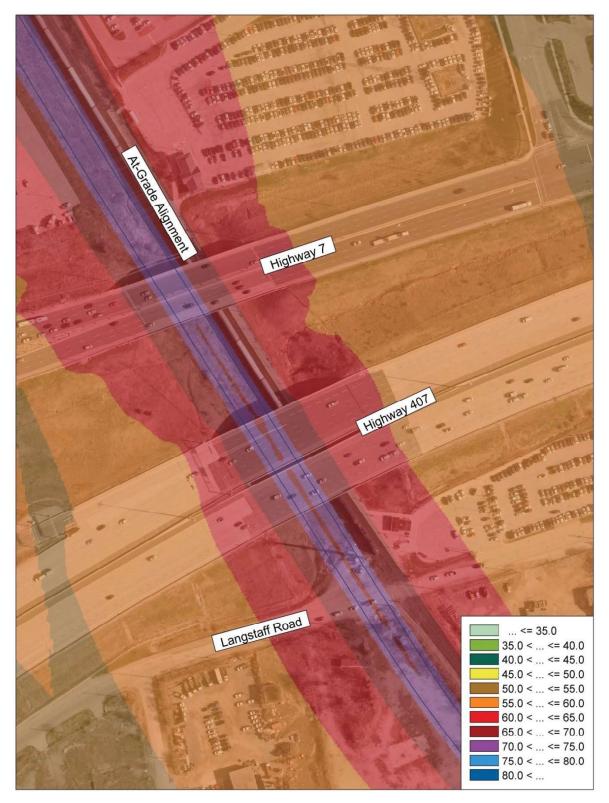


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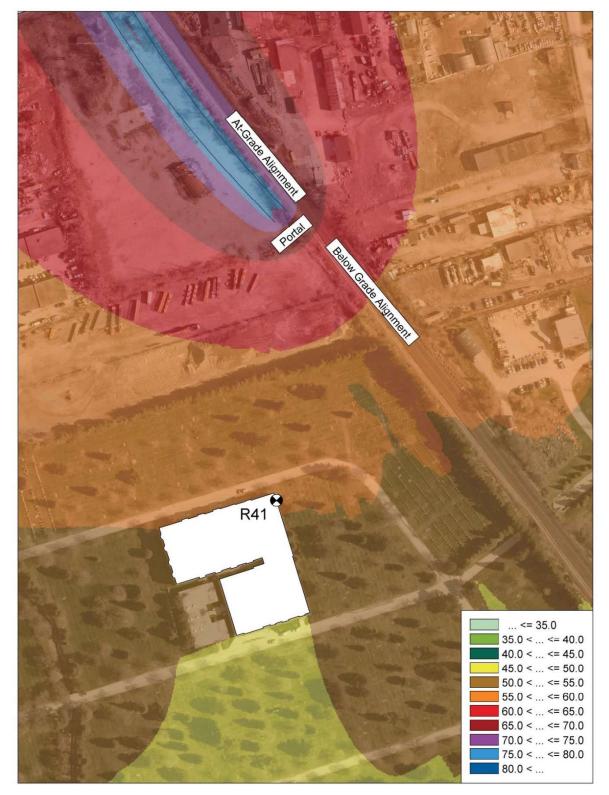


Figure 23: At Grade Alignment Part 4 Daytime Sound Levels



**APPENDIX C: DEFINITIONS** 



| Term                            | Description   |
|---------------------------------|---|
| Ambient Noise<br>and Vibration  | The pre-project background sound and vibration levels. Used interchangeably with background or baseline sound and vibration levels.   |
| A-Weighting                     | A standardized filter for sound level measures with respect to frequency to mimic the effects of human hearing. Human hearing is less sensitive at low and very high frequencies. Abbreviated as dBA.   |
| Auger Cleaner                   | Power operated cleaning tool that helps remove the soil from the helical drilling attachment used in shoring activities.  |
| Ballast Mats                    | Ballast mats are rubber or elastomeric mats installed under the ballast layer of the track structure to help reduce the transmission of vibration.  |
| Decibels                        | The decibel (abbreviated dB) is the unit used to measure the intensity of a sound. It is measured on a logarithmic scale. Increasing a sound intensity by a factor of 10 raises its level by 10 dB. Decibels are expressed relative to 20 micro pascals, which are a measure of pressure.   |
| Frequency                       | The number of times that a periodically occurring quantity repeats itself in a period. With reference to noise and vibration signals, the number of cycles per second and is measured in hertz (Hz).  |
| Ground-borne<br>Noise           | Vibration that enters a building and is radiated from that building's surfaces as noise. Simply, vibration turns the surfaces into drum skins. Ground-borne noise is also referred to as vibration-induced noise and is characterized by the rumble often heard along older subway systems.   |
| Ground-borne<br>Vibration       | Vibration that travels through the soil and is received at a structure or building.   |
| Hertz                           | The unit of acoustic or vibration frequency representing cycles per second (abbreviated Hz). 1 Hz is one cycle per second.  |
| Moveable Point<br>Frog          | A Movable point frog is a dual-sided, sliding switch point that is power operated. The gap in the flangeway is eliminated by moving the nose of the frog in the direction in which the train is traveling. Moveable point frogs can greatly reduce or eliminate the noisy and vibration intensive hammering at the rail joints from typical frogs/crossovers. |
| Monoblock<br>Frogs              | Monoblock frogs have a center that consists of cast steel or machined and welded from rolled steel.<br>Monoblock frogs can greatly reduce or eliminate the noisy and vibration intensive hammering at<br>the rail joints from typical frogs/crossovers.   |
| Noise                           | Unwanted sound.   |
| L <sub>eq</sub>                 | Equivalent Sound Level. The index that best represents human response for cumulative noise exposure over a specific time interval.  |
| Octave Band                     | A standardized division of a frequency spectrum in which the interval between two divisions is a frequency ratio of 2.  |
| Peak Particle<br>Velocity (PPV) | The peak signal value of an oscillating vibration velocity waveform. Often used to assess the potential for structural damage.  |



| Term                                  | Description   |
|---------------------------------------|---|
| Resilient Tie<br>Block                | Design where the rail is supported on individual concrete blocks set on rubber/elastomer isolation pads in order to reduce the transmission of vibration from the rail into the surrounding environment.  |
| Root Mean<br>Square Velocity<br>(RMS) | The square root of the mean-square value of an oscillating waveform, where the mean-square value is obtained by squaring the value of amplitudes at each instant of time and then averaging these values over the sample time. Root mean square (RMS) amplitude is used to describe the "smoothed" vibration amplitude and is measured in mm/s. Typically used to assess human response to environmental vibration. |
| Sound                                 | A physical disturbance (pressure wave) in air that is capable of being detected by the human ear.   |
| Sound Power<br>Level                  | Sound power is the total sound energy emitted by a source. It is a theoretical value and is calculated based on measurements.   |
| Sound Pressure<br>Level               | The sound pressure level (SPL) is a logarithmic measure of the ratio of a sound pressure over a reference sound pressure (corresponding to the hearing threshold of a young, healthy ear), quoted as a decibel (dB.) Sound pressure levels decrease with distance and are often expressed with a reference distance.  |
| Special<br>Trackwork                  | Fabricated track components and accessories needed to direct rail cars from one track to another or to cross intersecting tracks.   |
| Tonality                              | Noise that is concentrated in a narrow part of the spectrum or contains a high proportion of energy at a single frequency (a pure tone). Tonal noises are considered more annoying than broadband sounds and are typically penalized by adding a correction as per MECP requirements.   |
| Vibration                             | The oscillation of a particle (back and forth) from a defined position. Environmental vibration levels are usually measured in velocity (mm/s).   |
| Zone of<br>Influence                  | The area of land within or adjacent to a construction site, including any buildings or structures, that potentially may be impacted by vibrations emanating from a construction activity where the peak particle velocity measured at the point of reception is equal to or greater than 5 mm/s.  |



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