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1 Introduction

Metrolinx, an agency of the Province of Ontario, is working to transform the way the region moves by building a fast, convenient and integrated transit network. Part of this plan is to bring more frequent and reliable transit service, known as Durham-Scarborough Bus Rapid Transit (DS BRT), along the Highway 2 and Ellesmere Road corridor (**Exhibit 1**).

Exhibit 1: Study Area Map



The Durham-Scarborough BRT project was identified as a priority development project in Metrolinx's 2041 Regional Transportation Plan and is an important component of the 2041 Frequent Rapid Transit Network. Metrolinx is working with Durham Region, Durham Region Transit (DRT), City of Toronto and the Toronto Transit Commission on the next stages of the project, which includes a Preliminary Design Business Case (PDBC) and a Transit Project Assessment Process (TPAP).

The TPAP is a streamlined Environmental Assessment (EA) process that is specific to transit projects under Ontario Regulation 231/08. The TPAP includes a pre-planning phase followed by a formal 120-day consultation period and a 30-day public review period. To engage with interested persons along this diverse corridor, four rounds of Public Information Centres (PICs) are planned. Three rounds occurred prior to the start of TPAP, and one round is planned during TPAP.

Public Information Centre #1 was held in Oshawa, Whitby, Ajax, and Pickering in June 2019, and in Toronto in September 2019. Public Information Centre #2 was held in Oshawa, Whitby, Ajax, Pickering, and Toronto in November 2019.

Public Information Centre #3 was hosted virtually between November 16, 2020, and January 10, 2021.

This report summarizes Public Information Centre #4, which was hosted virtually between October 14 and November 11, 2021. The purpose of Public Information Centre #4 was to present and seek feedback on the preliminary design, potential impacts, and proposed mitigation measures.

2 Event Information

Due to COVID-19 restrictions and precautions, consultation was conducted virtually on the project website (www.metrolinxengage.com/dsbrt). Information on the website included display boards, design drawings, renderings and an online comment form to solicit public feedback. The project's online interactive map was also updated as part of Public Information Centre #4 (www.dsbrtmap.ca).

The Public Information Centre #4 was open from October 14 through November 11, 2021 to allow for public engagement and to receive additional feedback. Three live events were held on-line on October 21, 26 and 28, 2021 for synchronous interaction with the project team. Materials were also posted to the project website for the public to view outside of these events.

3 Notification of Public Information Centre #4

A number of methods were used to notify the public, stakeholders, and Indigenous Nations of the Public Information Centre #4, including mailouts (addressed mail and unaddressed mail), emails, newspapers advertisements, and online notices. The formal Notice of Public Information Centre #4 is provided in **Appendix A**. A full list of the organizations that were notified of Public Information Centre #4 is provided in **Appendix B**. The appendix also includes copies of the notifications.

Details of the notifications for the Public Information Centre #4 events are as follows:

- The Notice of Public Information Centre #4 was mailed to 1,281 property owners in Scarborough and 1,331 property owners in Durham Region within 30 metres of the study area on October 10, 2021 as addressed mail (**Appendix A**);
- Postcards with project information including notice of the Public Information Centre #4 were sent as unaddressed mail to all mailboxes within 500 m either side of the corridor on October 12, 2021;

- The Notice of Public Information Centre #4 was emailed to 10 Indigenous Nations on October 14, 2021 (**Appendix B**);
 - The Notice of Public Information Centre #4 was advertised in six local newspapers in two consecutive publications (**Appendix C**):
 - Scarborough Mirror – October 14 and 21, 2021;
 - Ajax-Pickering News Advertiser – October 14 and 21, 2021;
 - Whitby This Week – October 14 and 21, 2021;
 - Oshawa This Week – October 14 and 21, 2021;
 - Clarington This Week – October 14 and 21, 2021; and
 - L'Express Toronto – October 15 and 22, 2021.
 - Public Information Centre #4 information was available on the project website (<https://www.metrolinxengage.com/en/engagement-initiatives/durham-scarborough-bus-rapid-transit>) as of October 19, 2021;
 - Stakeholders that attended the Stakeholder Advisory Group, Technical Advisory Group, and Municipal Technical Advisory Group meetings held in October were informed of the upcoming Public Information Centre #4 events. The meetings were held on the following dates:
 - Durham Stakeholder Advisory Group: October 19, 2021;
 - Toronto Stakeholder Advisory Group: October 18, 2021;
 - Technical Advisory Group: October 27, 2021;
 - Durham Municipal Technical Advisory Group: October 12 and 13, 2021;
 - Toronto Municipal Technical Advisory Group: October 13, 2021.
- The members of the Stakeholder Advisory Group, Technical Advisory Group, and Municipal Technical Advisory Group were also notified about the commencement of Transit Project Assessment Process (TPAP) and invited to attend the Public Information Centre #4 by email on October 14, 2021. Correspondence detailing these notifications is provided in **Appendix B**.
- Information on the Public Information Centre #4 events was tweeted by Metrolinx (@Metrolinx) on October 18, 2021, which was also shared by Town of Whitby (October 21, 2021) and City of Oshawa (October 20, 25 and 27, 2021).

4 Information Presented

The purpose of Public Information Centre #4 was to present and seek input on the technically preferred preliminary design and results of the technical studies, including potential impacts and proposed mitigation measures. The virtual Public Information Centre #4 included the following components:

- Live event & recordings;
- Webpages and display boards;
- Design drawings and renderings; and
- Interactive map.
- Public Information Centre #4 DS BRT Video

Each component is further detailed below. The recordings of the live event, webpages and display boards, design drawings and renderings were available on the project website (www.metrolinxengage.com/dsbrt). The interactive map was hosted on a separate website (www.dsbrtmap.ca), but links were provided from the project website. Individuals were also able to request hardcopies of the Public Information Centre #4 materials by emailing dsbrt@metrolinx.com.

Project information, including virtual display boards, was organized across different webpages based on different topics. From the main landing page (<https://www.metrolinxengage.com/en/engagement-initiatives/durham-scarborough-bus-rapid-transit>), users were able to navigate through different topics at their own pace and according to their own interests. Screen captures of the main landing page and corresponding webpages, including all content presented to the public during the Public Information Centre #4, are included in **Appendix D**. The following webpages were linked to the main landing page:

- **Background Information**
(https://www.metrolinxengage.com/sites/default/files/1_backgroundinformation.pdf): Fifteen display boards provided general project information, including an overview of the DS BRT project, benefits, and the formal study process i.e. Transit Project Assessment Process (TPAP). The display boards also provided a summary of consultation and feedbacks from Public Information Centre #3, and methods the public could use to provide feedback for Public Information Centre #4.
- **Environment**
(https://www.metrolinxengage.com/sites/default/files/2_environment-2021-10-14.pdf): Fourteen display boards provided an overview of the Transit Project Assessment Process, which is the type of Environmental Assessment (EA) being completed for the DS BRT project. The webpage also described the purpose and type of the environmental studies that are being completed as part of the EA.

The environment display boards described potential impacts and proposed mitigation measures specific to the study. The environmental studies presented were:

- Air Quality
- Archaeology
- Climate Change
- Cultural Heritage
- Natural Heritage and Tree Inventory
- Noise and Vibration
- Phase I Environmental Site Assessment
- Socio-Economic & Land Use Conditions
- Traffic Mitigation Measures
- Stormwater and Structures
- **Bus Rapid Transit Stops**
(https://www.metrolinxengage.com/sites/default/files/3_busrapidtransistops.pdf): Three display boards provided information on the proposed BRT stop locations, the conceptual stop design for Toronto and Durham Region, and a rendering of Markham Road stop at Toronto showed how bus stop and its elements would look like.
- **Traffic and Active Transportation**
(https://www.metrolinxengage.com/sites/default/files/4_traffic_activetransportation.pdf): Eight display boards provided information on transit travel time reliability, travel pattern changes including left-turns and U-turns, and the proposed active transportation network and cycling facility improvements.
- **Construction and Phasing**
(https://www.metrolinxengage.com/sites/default/files/5_constructionphasing.pdf): Two display boards provided information on the draft implementation strategy and construction phasing information.
- **Ask a Question**
(<https://www.metrolinxengage.com/en/content/durham-scarborough-bus-rapid-transit-faq-ask-question#comment-form>): This webpage allowed participants to submit public comments or ask questions about the Public Information Centre #4 material. All comments were time and date stamped and publicly available. Metrolinx provided a timely response to all comments received. The public had the option to upvote or downvote the comments and responses, with “like” or “dislike” functions common to social platforms, to further enhance public feedback.

Responses to frequently asked questions were also included on this webpage.

Technically Preferred Preliminary Design Pages

The website included five preliminary design webpages; one for each of the local municipalities within the study area:

- **Toronto and West Turn Around**
(<https://www.metrolinxengage.com/en/content/city-toronto-west-turn-around>)
- **Pickering** (<https://www.metrolinxengage.com/en/content/city-pickering>)
- **Ajax** (<https://www.metrolinxengage.com/en/content/town-ajax>)
- **Whitby** (<https://www.metrolinxengage.com/en/content/town-whitby>)
- **Oshawa and East Turn Around**
(<https://www.metrolinxengage.com/en/content/city-oshawa-east-turn-around>):

Information on the technically preferred design was available in the same format for each webpage. Participants could attend the live meetings during Public Information Centre #4 event and could also watch the recordings of past meetings as well. There was also an opportunity for participants to review the preliminary designs and roll plans at their own pace by viewing display boards of the design drawings. Renderings were included on the webpage to illustrate how the corridor would look if the technically preferred preliminary design was implemented. The webpage also included an interactive map illustrating the proposed changes to traffic lanes along the corridor. Finally, a comment form corresponding to the preliminary design was available for the public to provide feedback. Comments are summarized in Section 7.

Interactive Map

The technically preferred preliminary design was uploaded to the project's online interactive map (<https://www.dsbrtmap.ca/>). The interactive map interface is demonstrated in **Exhibit 2**. The map allowed members of the public to view the design in detail and toggle between map and satellite view for additional context. Once zoomed in, viewers were able to see the location of the following elements: BRT lanes, stop platforms, concrete medians, cycling facilities and sidewalks. An example of these elements is included **Exhibit 3**.

The map also included renderings, existing traffic signals, community services, and existing transit stop locations. The public was able to provide feedback on the design by dropping a pin on a location of interest. Feedback received through the interactive map is summarized in Section 9.

Exhibit 2: Interactive Map Screen Capture

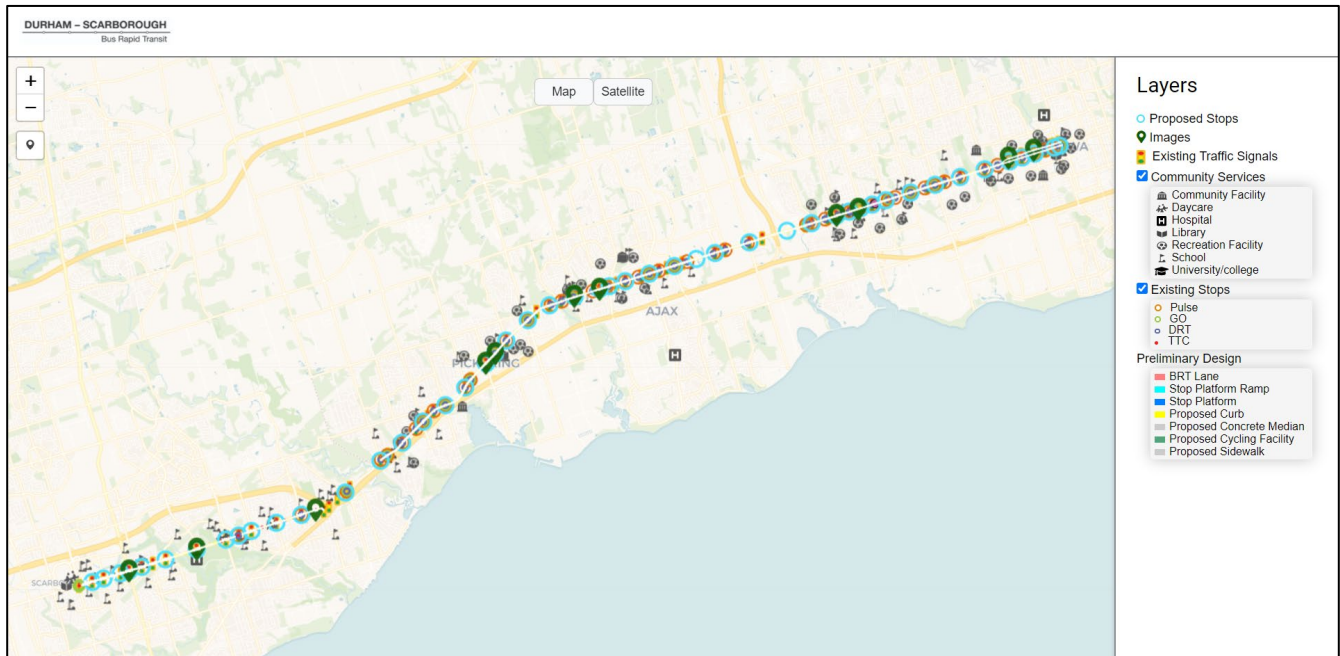


Exhibit 3: Interactive Map Design Elements Screen Capture



5 Participation

Participants were encouraged to ask questions, submit feedback, and share ideas with the project team. Input was received through multiple channels, including:

- Comment forms;
- Ask a Question webpage;
- Interactive map;
- Emails to DSBRT@metrolinx.com;
- Telephone calls; and
- Community meetings.

In addition to these channels, the public was invited to sign-up for the project mailing list and Durham and Toronto East e-newsletters, request hardcopies of Public Information Centre #4 materials, or provide feedback to the project team through the 'Neighbours & Engagement tab' webpage on the project website. Public input is further discussed in the subsequent sections.

6 Engagement Statistics

Unlike at a traditional in-person Public Information Centre #4 event, sign-ins cannot be collected for virtual events. Instead, visitor and view counts were used to help assess the success of the public consultation event and rate of participation.

A post-engagement report was prepared to compile data on the rates of online participation during the Public Information Centre #4 and is included in **Appendix E**. The report documents all activities on the Public Information Centre #4 website (www.metrolinxengage.com/dsbrt). The report measures public participation through three key performance indicators: page visits, active engagement, and input and includes website traffic, page views, questionnaire participation, and comments received on the "Ask a Question" platform.

A summary of key engagement statistics is provided below. The statistics represent participation between October 14, 2021, and November 11, 2021:

Public Information Centre #4 Website: 2,490 users visited the project website during Public Information Centre #4. The website amassed 6,899 unique pageviews and 8,838 total views.

Online Surveys: 69 surveys were submitted.

Ask a Question Comments: 11 questions were submitted by members of the public. The questions and responses received a total of 88 upvotes and downvotes.

Interactive Map: The map attracted 2,678 unique visitors. 11 comments were submitted by 5 individuals.

Preliminary Design Pages: Design drawings received a total of 1,152 views:

- Toronto Preliminary Design: 335 views
- Pickering Preliminary Design: 249 views
- Ajax Preliminary Design: 183 views
- Whitby Preliminary Design: 249 views
- Oshawa Preliminary Design: 136 views

7 Comment Form Results

Online surveys were located on the preliminary design pages for each of the five municipalities: Toronto, Pickering, Ajax, Whitby and Oshawa. The public was encouraged to complete the survey to provide feedback to the project team.

The surveys were available from October 14, 2021, to November 11, 2021. A total of 69 online surveys were submitted. A summary of responses is included in **Exhibit 4**. A full record of responses received is included in **Appendix F**.

Exhibit 4: Comment Form Responses

Are there aspects of the design you like?

Toronto & West Turn Around

- Separated and protected cycling infrastructure. (23 comments)
- Dedicated bus transit lanes. (14 comments)

Pickering

- Separated bike lanes and tree lined streets. (3 comments)
- None (5 comments)

Ajax

- Dedicated centre lanes will improve traffic situation.
- Do not agree with new design plan.

Whitby

- Wider sidewalks and less cars in downtown.
- Provision of Multi-Use Path.
- Excellent shelter design.

- Good tree canopy along main street.

Oshawa & East Turn Around

- No feedback received.

Are there design refinements you'd like us to consider during detail design?**Toronto & West Turn Around**

- Protected intersections.
- Complete street fully realized, with lots of space for people to cycle, walk, and roll.
- Extend the dedicated bikeway east on Kingston Road across the Rouge River.
- Include secure bicycle parking and Bike Share stations at all the transit stops.
- Integration of the active transportation corridor with other trails and bike routes.

Pickering

- Better protection for cyclists at intersections.
- Connections to other cycling lanes with regional cycling plans.
- Refined bus shelter rendering and information showing material, colour, and shape.
- More accessibility to transit hubs like GO.
- Raised continuous sidewalks, safe bicycle stand/rack near bus platform and traffic calming measures throughout the streets.

Ajax

- A single lane westbound from Rotherglen Road stretching to west of Elizabeth Street through Ajax is insufficient.
- Keep 2 lanes in both directions for straight through vehicular traffic.
- Detailed design for bus stops and sidewalks.
- Detailed design for Church Street intersection.

Whitby

- Move the westbound bus stop on Dundas Street in the pinch point in downtown Whitby - from east of Byron Street to east of Brock Street.
- Changes to roads around downtown core to handle traffic.

- Transit maps and arrival time screens on major stops.

Oshawa & East Turn Around

- Do not widen the road.
- Replace existing traffic lanes with BRT.

Do you have suggestions on how to make BRT more accessible?**Toronto & West Turn Around**

- Buses should have frequent services and traffic signal priority.
- Secure bike parking to increase the possibility of people accessing the stations.
- Connect to existing bike lanes/paths in the city.
- Ensure safe lanes and dedicated spaces for all road users, including cyclists, pedestrians, buses and car.
- Plant trees along sidewalks and near stations to provide shade to commuting pedestrians.
- Fare integration across DRT, GO and TTC.

Pickering

- Proposal seems very accessible.
- Focus on locations which are near to malls and businesses.
- Raised continuous crosswalks on intersections

Ajax

- Should have LRT instead of BRT.
- Keep bus stop at Ajax GO station.
- Free transit for seniors.

Whitby

- Create facilities for buses to carry bicycles and install automatically controlled extending ramps for wheelchairs.
- Decrease transit fare cost.

Oshawa & East Turn Around

- No feedback received.

Do you have any questions about the potential impacts of BRT on your community?**Toronto & West Turn Around**

- How will BRT increase active transportation?

- How will BRT decrease pollution?
- Will there be at least some electric buses that'll use it?
- How will increased bus traffic affect the Rouge Park?
- Impact to schools during construction

Pickering

- Construction timeliness and road disruptions/plans.
- Anticipated wait times at intersections vs. what's current?
- Compensation for impact to home values.
- Will transit agencies use electric buses?

Ajax

- Impacts to air quality during and after construction.
- Cost and noise
- Increased traffic congestion due to reduction in lanes.
- Concerns above Church Street intersections.

Whitby

- Environmental impacts on Mary Street.
- Concerns for pedestrian safety on Mary Street.
- Plan on mitigating the traffic bottleneck between Byron and Garden.
- How reducing traffic lane will handle the increasing traffic at Whitby.
- Potential impacts of BRT on the traffic in neighbourhoods adjacent to downtown.

Oshawa & East Turn Around

- No feedback received.

Is there any other information you'd like to see?**Toronto & West Turn Around**

- Extending bike lane and BRT further west.
- Walk timing at signalised crossings.
- Usage rate for various transportation methods.
- Proposed schedule, frequency and timing of traffic lights.
- Construction timelines.
- More renderings that are beautiful and ambitious.

Pickering

- Construction timeliness should be highlighted.
- Landscape and bus design specifications.
- How many people will be benefitted?
- How impact to business and environment will be handled?
- Residents for and against the project.
- More renderings.
- More information how to turn left.

Ajax

- Hard statistics to support projected increase in transit ridership.
- More beautiful renderings.

Whitby

- Construction timetable.
- Cost vs Benefits analysis.
- More beautiful renderings.

Oshawa & East Turn Around

- Connecting diagrams of bus routes which would show where the stops for those connecting route are/will be.
- When will service be extended further east to Courtice?

Any other questions or comments?**Toronto & West Turn Around**

- How else is Metrolinx reaching out to people?
- Plans look great.
- DS BRT will greatly improve the neighbourhood and access for everyone.

Pickering

- Open a poll to residents.
- Look at the pros and cons of dedicated transit lanes.

Ajax

- Plan from Rotherglen to Elizabeth Street is a disaster.

Whitby

- What safety measures will be implemented on Mary Street to protect pedestrians.

Oshawa & East Turn Around

- No feedback received.

8 Ask a Question Responses

Participants were encouraged to submit feedback, ask questions, or share their ideas to the project team by participating in the 'Ask a Question' message board. Users were required to register to be able to participate.

In total, 11 comments were posted to the virtual message board during the duration of the Public Information Centre #4. All comments were time and date stamped and received responses from Metrolinx. A record of the comments posted to the message board is included in **Appendix G**. The main themes of the comments are summarized below:

- Traffic impacts;
- Left turn lanes;
- In-person venues consideration for PIC event;
- Alternate route for BRT instead of Ellesmere between Port Union Rd and Morningside Avenue;
- Safe access for people from driveways during construction;
- Use of dedicated transit lanes by other transit agencies and emergency vehicles;
- Accessibility for pedestrians (with mobility devices or strollers at signalled intersections);
- Mitigation measures for the businesses that are impacted during construction; and
- Local and regional transit integration.

9 Interactive Map Responses

The technically preferred preliminary design was uploaded to the project's online interactive map. The map allowed members of the public to view the design in detail and provide feedback by dropping a pin on a location of interest.

A total of 11 comments were received from 5 individuals. The comments, along with the responses from Metrolinx, are included in **Appendix H**. The main themes of the comments are summarized below:

- Prohibition of left turns;
- Support for safe cycle parking near bus stops;
- Concern for pedestrian safety especially seniors and children;
- Impacts to business deliveries/loading;
- Concern with safety of sidewalk on bridges; and
- Concern with additional lanes at intersections.

10 Email Correspondence

Members of the public were able to provide input by emailing the project team at dsbrt@metrolinx.com. During the Public Information Centre #4 comment period from October 14, 2021, to November 11, 2021, a total of 50 emails were received. Most feedback received through email was related to the following themes:

- Concern related to usage of Emergency Vehicles in Pickering Village;
- Concerns related to loss of parking spots;
- Concerns related to traffic at Mary Street, Whitby;
- Concerns related to access restrictions and prohibition of left turns;
- Concerns related to alignment in Oshawa;
- Concerns related to alignment in downtown Whitby;
- Concerns related to ending the DS BRT route at Simcoe Street in Oshawa;
- Concern related to impacts to Highland Creek (e.g., property impacts, construction, neighborhood character);
- Concern related to business impacts in Downtown Whitby;
- Concern related to access restrictions and impacts to deliveries / loading;
- Concern related to perceived lack of transit ridership;
- Notifications for PIC #4 event not received on time;
- Project documentation;
- Property specific questions;
- Requests to be added or removed from the mailing list; and
- Support for the Bus Rapid Transit project.

A full record of correspondence is included in the Public Correspondence Summary Table in **Appendix I**.

11 Community Meetings

Three community meetings and engagement sessions were held during the Public Information Centre #4 comment period. The meetings were hosted to help further understand the community's concerns related to the technically preferred preliminary design and project timelines in Scarborough and Pickering Village in Ajax. During these meetings and engagement sessions, the Durham Community Engagement Team presented information on the DS BRT's technically preferred preliminary design and timelines. This allowed members of the public to ask questions and receive responses from the project team and other panel members. Details are included in the following sections.

11.1 Durham Community Pop Up Trent University Oshawa Campus

Durham Community Engagement Team hosted a pop-up event on November 3, 2021, from 11:00 am - 2:00 pm at Trent University, Oshawa Campus. The purpose of this event was to discuss how DS BRT will benefit Trent University students and faculty members; DS BRT project timelines and what fares will look like.

To promote the Public Information Centre #4, Durham Community Engagement team handed out postcards and answered questions from students and faculty members. The team engaged with 14 members of the University and had some meaningful conversations about Metrolinx projects in the Durham region, including Bowmanville Expansion and DS BRT.

11.2 Woburn Community Engagement

Durham Community Engagement Team hosted an in-person session on November 8, 2021, from 2:30 - 4:30 pm at 1200 Markham Road, Scarborough.

In response to the concerns from Councillor Paul Ainslie and MPP Mitzie Hunter, the team met with stakeholders in the Woburn community. The purpose of the meeting was to provide an update on the BRT project; discuss the proposed design along Ellesmere Road; need for centre median; and concerns related to vehicles not being able to turn left into some businesses. This engagement provided an additional opportunity to hear from the community and strategize on best practices for community engagement as the project moves forward.

11.3 DS BRT Pop up Engagement in Pickering Village

Durham Community Engagement Team hosted a pop-up event on November 2, 2021, from 11:00 - 3:00 pm in Pickering Village, near the intersection of Kingston Road and Church Street, Ajax. The purpose of the event was to discuss the purpose and planning of the DS BRT project, listen to residents' concerns related to design and safety considering the technically preferred preliminary design plans.

To promote the Public Information Centre #4, the Durham Community Engagement team handed out information postcards. The team engaged with 12 community members and had some meaningful conversations with local residents. The event was attended by Regional Councillor Marilyn Crawford.

12 Key Findings

The feedback received through the Public Information Centre #4 demonstrated that the public had the most interest and concern related to the proposed design where the DS BRT is located within Scarborough, downtown Whitby and Ajax.

In all the above-mentioned locations, the public recognized that the corridor is constrained and had varying opinions on elements that should be prioritized. Traffic congestion, environmental impacts and proposed lane configurations were significant concerns in both Whitby and Ajax. In Scarborough, people were concerned with congestion issues and prohibition of left turn due to dedicated transit lanes with raised curbs at the centre.

While most of the feedback on the design for Downtown Whitby was critical, the public commented favourably on the plan to widen sidewalks, improve the streetscape, provide Multi-Use Path and improve accessibility.

Similarly, the design for Ajax was met with some criticism. However, the public acknowledged and supported the effort to maintain cultural heritage resources and the provision of dedicated transit lanes.

The public also showed an interest in local transit and cycling route integration. Some feedback identified important connections to intersecting transit routes and cycling facilities.

Below is a summary of the key concerns and opportunities that were identified.

Concerns about:

- Traffic infiltration;
- Access restrictions;
- Business impacts along Ellesmere Road and in Downtown Whitby;
- Safety for all modes of travellers;

- Connection to other cycling lanes; and
- Environmental Impacts.

Opportunities to:

- Improve reliability and comfort of transit service;
- Improve accessibility;
- Improve the active transportation network; and
- Implement mitigation measures to avoid huge environmental impacts during construction.

13 Summary

Due to COVID-19, Public Information Centre #4 was conducted virtually. Despite the new format, the event was successful at engaging the public. With 2,490 visitors to the project website during Public Information Centre #4, the number of participants were less than previous consultation events held for DS BRT project. The reduction in participation rates can likely be attributed to the fact that Public Information Centre #4 was open for nearly four weeks as compared to eight weeks for Public Information Centre #3.

Another benefit of the online format was that the project information was provided in a variety of formats. For example, the public could choose to review the design on the interactive map; review the design drawings; or watch the recordings of PIC4 event.

Members of the public generally attended the Public Information Centre #4 to learn more about the project and provide feedback or voice concerns regarding the technically preferred preliminary design. Most feedback was received on the design in Downtown Whitby and Ajax. Little feedback was received on the technical studies, including the potential impacts and mitigation measures.

With a total of 50 emails and 69 survey responses received during the comment period, most of the feedback was received through comment forms to the project team. The public also submitted feedback through the interactive map and “Ask a Question” page.

The Project Team will continue to seek opportunities to obtain feedback throughout the Transit Project Assessment Period. Environmental Project Report will be developed to document the different technical studies conducted and the consultation with public, technical agencies, Indigenous Nations, and other stakeholders and will be made available for 30-day public review period.

Appendix A – Notice of Public Information Centre #4



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Notice of Commencement and Public Information Centre #4

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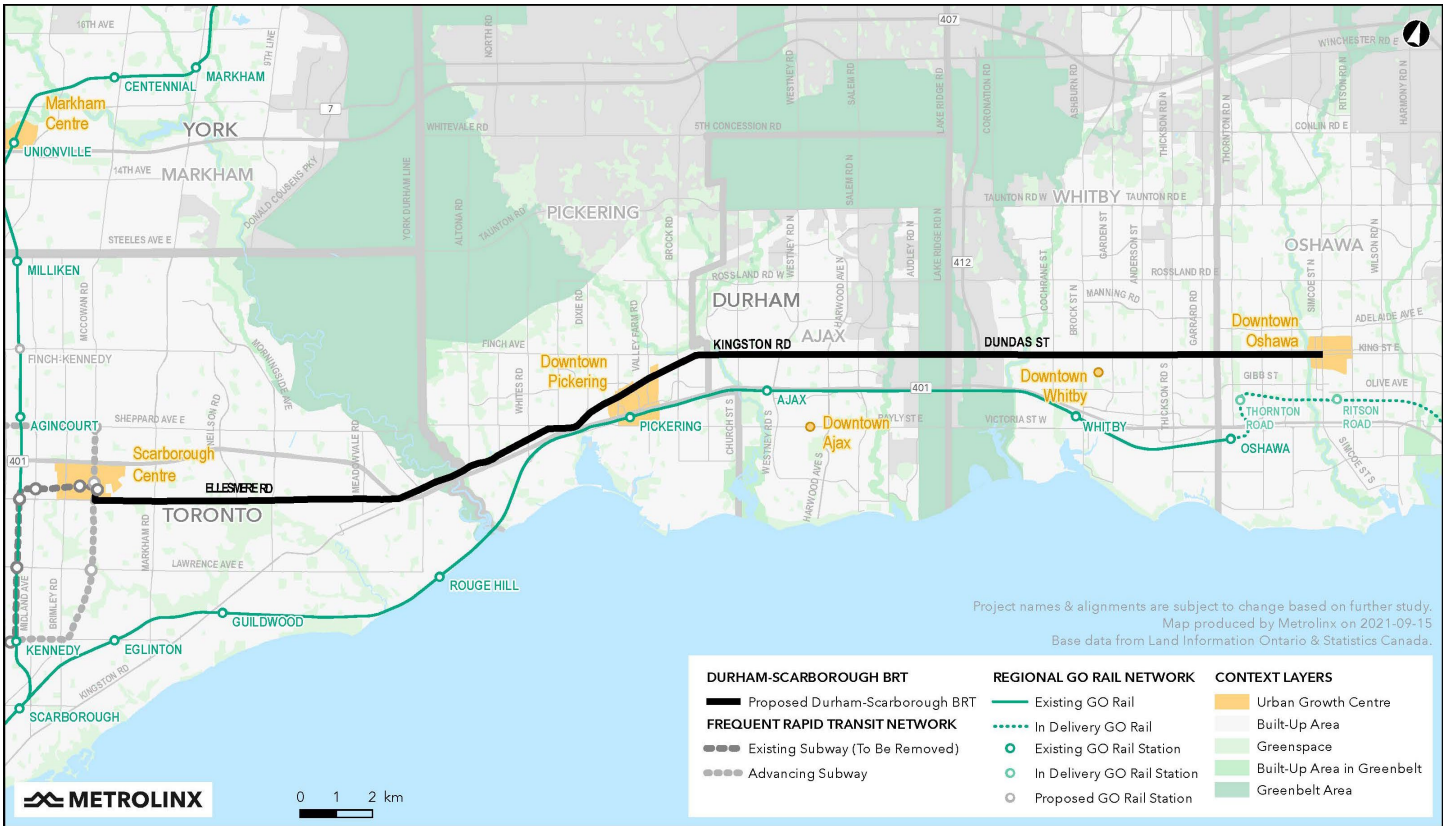
Metrolinx, in collaboration with Durham Region and City of Toronto, is commencing the Transit Project Assessment Process (TPAP) for the Durham-Scarborough Bus Rapid Transit Project in accordance with *Ontario Regulation 231/08*.

The Project

The Durham-Scarborough Bus Rapid Transit corridor is a proposed transportation corridor connecting people through Durham Region and Scarborough. With rapid growth in the past decade and an expectation for this growth to continue in the future, demand for travel along the corridor will continue to increase and a higher capacity form of transit will link communities and employment on both sides of the Toronto-Durham boundary.

An Initial Business Case was completed in Spring 2018 to define the corridor and identify initial project costs, benefits and direction. Metrolinx is committed to continued community engagement on this project and is now studying the potential environmental impacts and proposed mitigation measures for the Durham-Scarborough Bus Rapid Transit corridor.

The Durham-Scarborough Bus Rapid Transit Project proposes approximately 36 kilometres of dedicated transit infrastructure, connecting Oshawa, Whitby, Ajax, Pickering and Scarborough. This project builds on the existing PULSE service and will provide more dedicated infrastructure along Highway 2 and Ellesmere Road to connect to Scarborough Centre. The proposed project will include dedicated bus lanes, road expansion and modifications, and bus shelters/platforms and infrastructure to support the new Bus Rapid Transit.



The Process

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Avis de début de travaux et centre d'information publique n° 4

Projet de service d'autobus rapide de Durham-Scarborough - Processus d'évaluation des projets de transport en commun

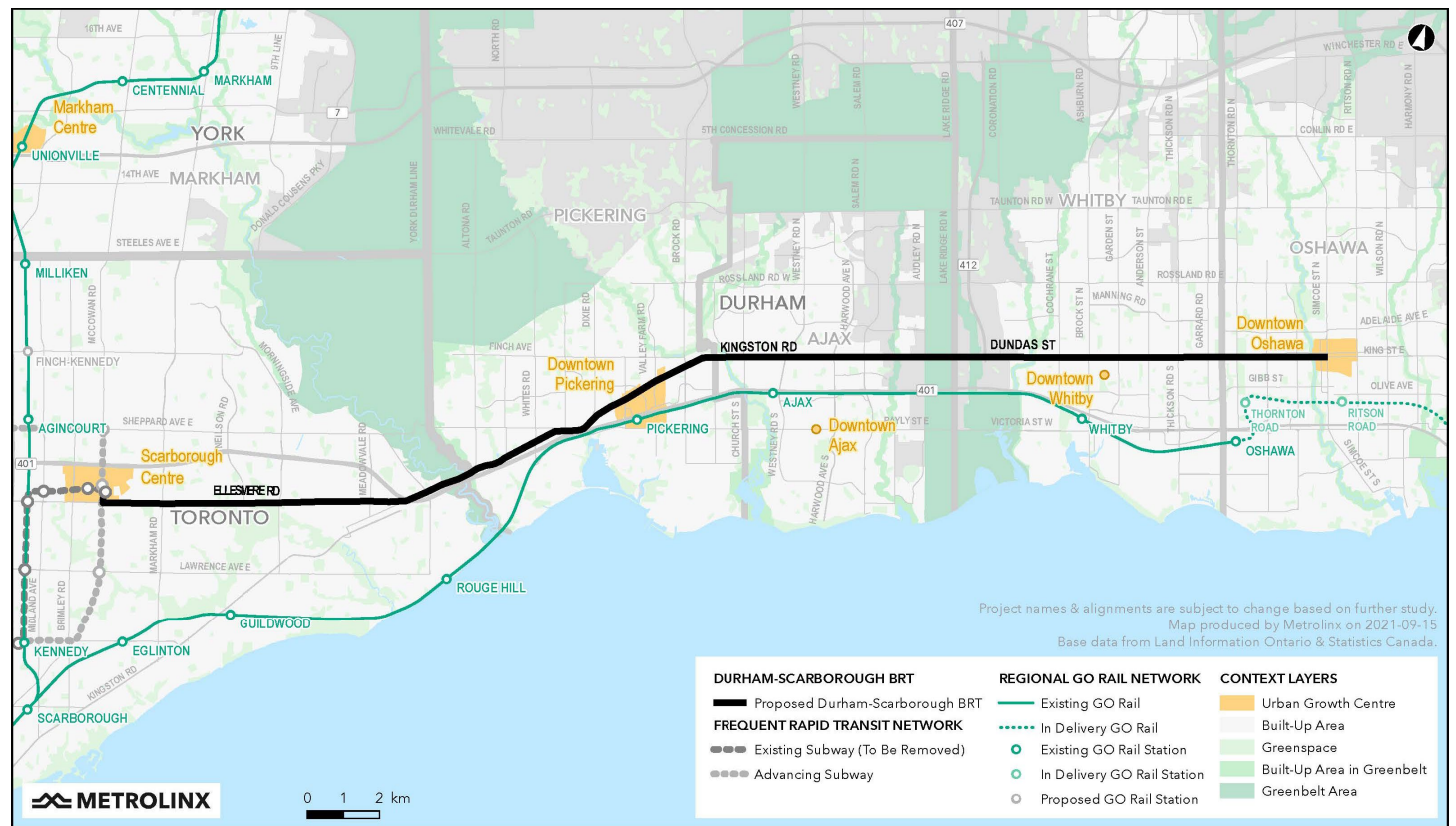
Metrolinx, en collaboration avec la région de Durham et la ville de Toronto, entame le processus d'évaluation du projet de transport en commun (PEPTC) pour le projet de service d'autobus rapide de Durham-Scarborough, conformément au *Règlement de l'Ontario 231/08*.

Le projet

Le corridor de service d'autobus rapide de Durham-Scarborough est un projet de corridor de transport reliant les habitants de la région de Durham et de Scarborough. Avec une croissance rapide au cours de la dernière décennie et une prévision de poursuite de cette croissance à l'avenir, la demande de déplacements le long du corridor continuera d'augmenter et une forme de transport en commun de plus grande capacité reliera les collectivités et les emplois des deux côtés de la frontière Toronto-Durham.

Une analyse de rentabilité initiale a été réalisée au printemps 2018 pour définir le corridor et identifier les coûts, les avantages et l'orientation initiale du projet. Metrolinx s'engage à continuer à impliquer la collectivité à ce projet et étudie actuellement les impacts environnementaux potentiels et les mesures d'atténuation proposées pour le corridor de service d'autobus rapide de Durham-Scarborough.

Le projet de service d'autobus rapide de Durham-Scarborough propose environ 36 kilomètres d'infrastructure de transport en commun spécialisée, reliant Oshawa, Whitby, Ajax, Pickering et Scarborough. Ce projet s'appuie sur le service PULSE existant et fournira une infrastructure plus spécialisée le long de l'autoroute 2 et de Ellesmere Road pour se connecter à Scarborough Centre. Le projet proposé comprendra des voies réservées aux autobus, l'élargissement et la modification des routes, ainsi que des abris et des quais pour autobus et des infrastructures destinées à accueillir le nouveau système de transport rapide par autobus.



Le processus

Le processus d'évaluation du projet de transport en commun (PEPTC), tel qu'il est prescrit dans le *Règlement de l'Ontario 231/08* pris en vertu de la *Loi sur les évaluations environnementales*, commence maintenant pour le projet de service d'autobus rapide de Durham-Scarborough. Le PEPTC est un processus d'auto-évaluation mené par le promoteur qui fournit un cadre défini à suivre pour réaliser l'évaluation accélérée des effets environnementaux potentiels et la prise de décision dans le délai d'évaluation réglementé de 120 jours maximum. Dans le cadre du PEPTC, un rapport de projet environnemental (RPE) est en cours de préparation. Après cette période, les personnes intéressées auront l'occasion d'examiner le RPE pendant une période réglementée de 30 jours, suivie d'une période réglementée d'examen de 35 jours par le ministre de l'Environnement, de la Conservation et des Parcs.

Consultation

Nous remercions toutes les personnes qui nous ont fait part de leurs commentaires à ce jour. Pendant le PEPTC, Metrolinx accueillera le Centre d'information public virtuel n° 4, comme indiqué ci-dessous. L'objectif de cette consultation est d'obtenir un retour sur l'avant-projet. Au Centre d'information publique n°4, vous aurez l'occasion :

- d'examiner l'avant-projet de service d'autobus rapide, de poser des questions et de partager vos idées pour aider à affiner les plans.

- D'en apprendre davantage sur les questions qui intéressent la province - comme l'environnement naturel, le patrimoine culturel et les affaires autochtones - et de comprendre comment fournir des commentaires sur ces questions.

Centre d'information publique n°4

Événements virtuels : Jeudi **21 octobre** de 18h30 à 20h.

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Inscrivez-vous et assistez à l'un de ces événements virtuels et entièrement accessibles sur *Metrolinx Participez* à l'adresse suivante www.metrolinxengage.com/DSBRT

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Les participants pourront donner leur avis lors des événements virtuels et en remplissant un sondage en ligne. L'équipe du projet présentera l'avant-projet, les impacts potentiels et les mesures d'atténuation proposées et sollicitera des commentaires à ce sujet. Après l'engagement en ligne, l'équipe de projet examinera les contributions reçues, préparera le rapport de projet environnemental et publiera l'avis d'achèvement du rapport de projet environnemental. Le rapport sur le projet environnemental sera ensuite disponible pour examen et commentaires du public.

Inscrivez-vous à la liste de diffusion du projet en envoyant un courriel à l'adresse suivante DSBRT@metrolinx.com ou visitez le site web du projet (www.metrolinxengage.com/DSBRT) pour plus de détails. Veuillez nous contacter pour demander des copies papier des documents de consultation, ou si vous avez besoin d'aménagements pour l'accessibilité.

Donnez votre avis

Si vous avez des questions relatives au projet ou si vous souhaitez apporter votre contribution à tout moment, veuillez contacter :

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Gestionnaire de projet, Metrolinx 97 Front Street
West, Toronto, Ontario, M5J 1E6

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Cet avis a été publié pour la première fois le **14 octobre 2021**.

Also available in English. For more information, please contact DSBRT@metrolinx.com.

Appendix B – PIC #4 Contact List and Notifications



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PIC #4 Indigenous Nation Contact List

First Nation Name

Alderville First Nation

Beausoleil First Nation

Chippewas of Georgina Island

Chippewas of Rama First Nation

Curve Lake First Nation

Hiawatha First Nation

Huron-Wendat Nation

Kawartha Nishnawbe First Nation

Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation

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From: Indigenous Relations <IndigenousRelations@metrolinx.com>
Sent: October 14, 2021 1:48 PM
To: Dave Mowat <dmowat@alderville.ca>
Cc: Dave Simpson <consultation@alderville.ca>; 'k.a.sandy-mckenzie@rogers.com' <k.a.sandy-mckenzie@rogers.com>; Paul Niejadlik <Paul.Niejadlik@metrolinx.com>
Subject: Durham-Scarborough BRT: Notice of Commencement

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Thank you,

Jaimi

Jaimi O'Hara

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Notice of Commencement and Public Information Centre #4

Durham-Scarborough Bus Rapid Transit Project Transit Project Assessment Process

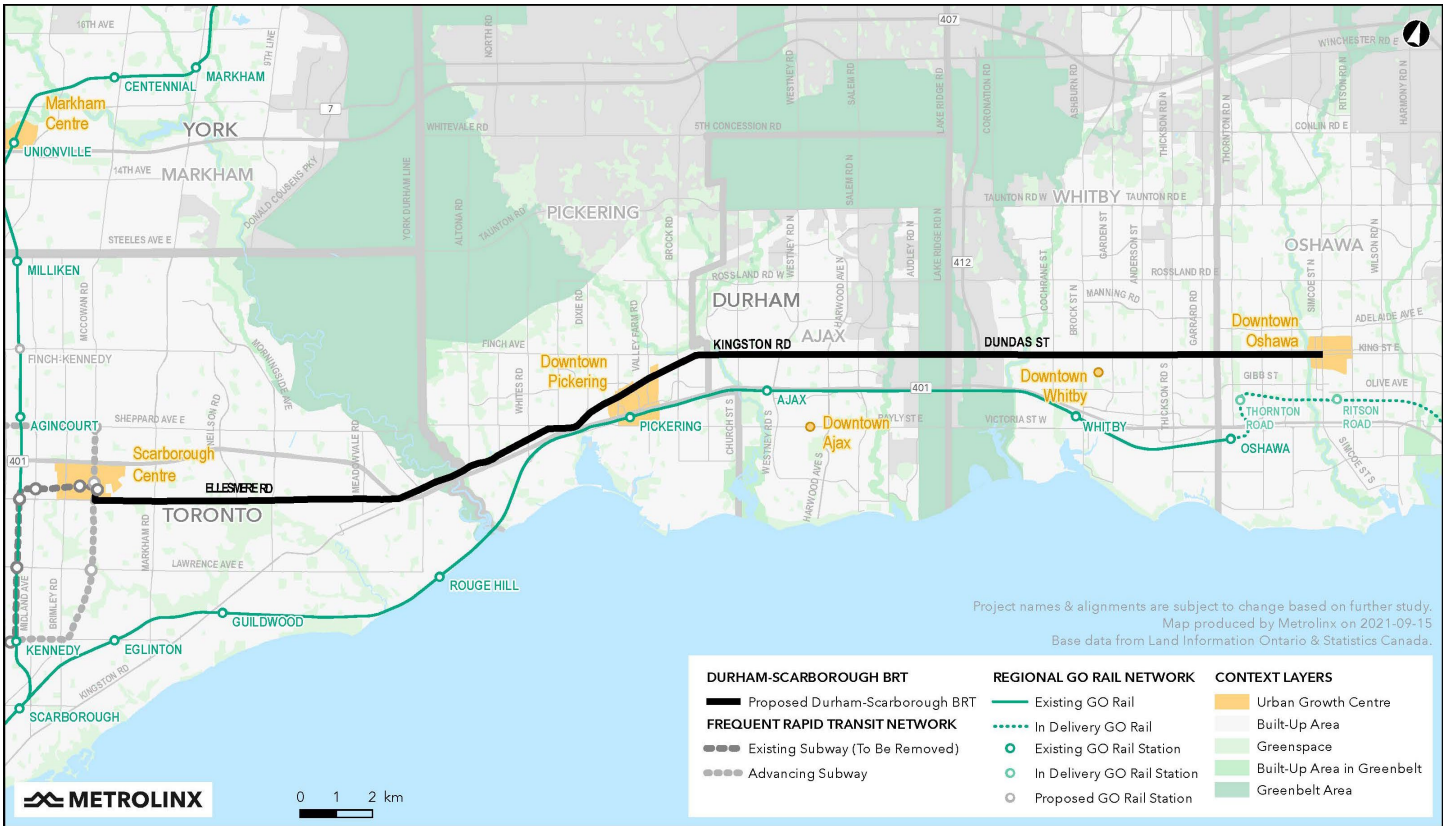
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The Project

The Durham-Scarborough Bus Rapid Transit corridor is a proposed transportation corridor connecting people through Durham Region and Scarborough. With rapid growth in the past decade and an expectation for this growth to continue in the future, demand for travel along the corridor will continue to increase and a higher capacity form of transit will link communities and employment on both sides of the Toronto-Durham boundary.

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October 14, 2021

Chief Dave Mowat
Alderville First Nation
11696 2nd Line Road
P.O. Box 46
Roseneath, ON K0K 2X0
Delivered by email

Dear Chief Mowat,

Subject: Durham-Scarborough Bus Rapid Transit Project - Notice of Commencement

Metrolinx seeks to continue to build a strong and respectful relationship with Alderville First Nation. Metrolinx appreciates and respects Alderville First Nation's desire to be appropriately informed and aware of projects. The purpose of this letter is to announce the Notice of Commencement of the Transit Project Assessment Process (TPAP) for the Durham-Scarborough Bus Rapid Transit Project. We continue to welcome any interest in engagement from Alderville First Nation on this project.

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Public Information Centre #4	Online Engagement - October 14 to November 11, 2021 Live Virtual Events - October 21, 26, and 28, 2021
Notice of Completion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> EPR review period (30 days) Minister's review of EPR (35 days) 	January 6, 2022* January 6 to February 4, 2022* February 5 to March 11, 2022*
Statement of Completion	March 2022*

* Timelines are projected and subject to change as required.

This letter serves as notice that Metrolinx is formally commencing the TPAP and the Notice of Commencement is provided as **Attachment 1**. The attached Notice of Commencement will be available on the Project webpage at www.metrolinxengage.com/DSBRT as of October 14, 2021.

Environmental Studies

The Environmental Project Report (EPR) and Technical Reports document existing conditions and their significance, including natural heritage. A Draft Natural Environment Report and Arborist Report were completed for this project and were shared with Alderville First Nation for review and comment on April 22, 2021. As part of the natural environment study, the potential impacts of the project were assessed and mitigation measures were identified to be implemented during construction and project operations.

The final versions of these reports, considering all comments provided by Indigenous Nations and government review agencies, will be available for review during the 30-day review period in January 2022.

Should any additional environmental studies be required during detail design and construction, Metrolinx will keep Alderville First Nation informed and provide opportunity for participation.

Archaeology

A Draft Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment Report was completed for this project and shared with Alderville First Nation for review and comment on March 19, 2021. The Stage 1 background study determined 76 previously registered archaeological sites are located within one kilometre of the Study Area. A total of 11 sites are within 50 metres of the study area. One of the sites within 50 metres (AIGs-449) retains Cultural Heritage Value or Interest and requires further assessment. Five cemeteries are located within or directly adjacent to the study area.

A property inspection determined that parts of the study area exhibit archaeological potential and will require Stage 2 assessment by test pit survey at 5 m intervals prior to any proposed construction activities. In addition, three cemeteries require a Stage 3 Cemetery Investigation (St. George's Anglican Church Cemetery in Ajax, Mount Lawn Cemetery in Whitby, and Union Cemetery in Oshawa).

As Metrolinx continues to undertake environmental due diligence for this project, additional archaeological assessment will be completed during detail design. Metrolinx acknowledges that Alderville First Nation should be aware of and engaged regarding any future archaeology studies, and especially the discovery and preservation of Indigenous artifacts and sacred burial grounds. Metrolinx will keep Alderville First Nation informed about any future needed studies and identify opportunities for participation.

Engagement & Invitation for Feedback

Metrolinx would appreciate any comments that Alderville First Nation may have in relation to Durham-Scarborough Bus Rapid Transit Project and/or the Notice of Commencement. Metrolinx would welcome the opportunity to meet with Alderville First Nation to provide more information and discuss any interests or questions that Alderville First Nation may have.

For your awareness, the fourth Public Information Centre will be hosted online from October 14, 2021 to November 11, 2021 with a focus on sharing information and receiving feedback from the general public and local stakeholders.

We extend an open invitation to members of Alderville First Nation to participate in the fourth Public Information Centre, however, this would not preclude any request from Alderville First Nation to meet with Metrolinx directly.

If you require additional information or materials, or if you wish to discuss this project in more detail or set up a meeting, please contact Jaimi O'Hara, Acting Manager of Metrolinx's Indigenous Relations Office, at IndigenousRelations@metrolinx.com.

Please note that any information you provide to Metrolinx, or its delegates, will be subject to the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*, except where information is provided to Metrolinx in confidence, pursuant to section 15.1.

Thank you for your time in reviewing this letter.

Yours Truly,



Paul Niejadlik
Manager, Environmental Programs and Assessment
Metrolinx

cc: Dave Simpson, Lands & Resources Co-ordinator, Alderville First Nation
Karry Sandy-McKenzie, Williams Treaties First Nations
Indigenous Relations Office, Metrolinx

Encl. Durham-Scarborough Bus Rapid Transit Project: Notice of Commencement and Public Information Centre #4 (October 14, 2021)

Yash Kulshreshtha

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From: Indigenous Relations <IndigenousRelations@metrolinx.com>
Sent: October 14, 2021 1:49 PM
To: donna.bigcanoe@georginaisland.com
Cc: natasha.charles@georginaisland.com; 'k.a.sandy-mckenzie@rogers.com' <k.a.sandy-mckenzie@rogers.com>; Paul Niejadlik <Paul.Niejadlik@metrolinx.com>
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October 14, 2021

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Chippewas of Georgina Island
RR #2, Box 13
Sutton West, ON L0E 1R0
Delivered by Email

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Sent: October 14, 2021 1:50 PM
To: Fawn Sault <Fawn.Sault@mncfn.ca>
Cc: Mark LaForme <Mark.LaForme@mncfn.ca>; Paul Niejadlik <Paul.Niejadlik@metrolinx.com>
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Chief Stacey R. LaForme
c/o Ms. Fawn Sault
Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation
2789 Mississauga Road RR #6
Hagersville, ON N0A 1H0
Delivered by email

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Cc: 'k.a.sandy-mckenzie@rogers.com' <k.a.sandy-mckenzie@rogers.com>; Susan Copegog <consultations@chimnissing.ca>; Paul Niejadlik <Paul.Niejadlik@metrolinx.com>
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Beausoleil First Nation
11 O'Gemaa Miikaan
Christian Island, ON L9M 0A9
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Curve Lake ON K0L1R1
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Subject: Durham-Scarborough BRT: Notice of Commencement

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October 14, 2021

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Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation
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Delivered by Email

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Chief Kris Nahrgang
Kawartha Nishnawbe First Nation
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Delivered by email

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Subject: Durham-Scarborough Bus Rapid Transit Project - Notice of Commencement

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Delivered by email

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Grand Chief Rémy Vincent
Huron-Wendat Nation
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Delivered by email

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Notice of Completion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> EPR review period (30 days) Minister's review of EPR (35 days) 	January 6, 2022* January 6 to February 4, 2022* February 5 to March 11, 2022*
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Thank you for your time in reviewing this letter.

Yours Truly,



Paul Niejadlik
Manager, Environmental Programs and Assessment
Metrolinx

cc: Mario Gros-Louis, Huron-Wendat Nation
Indigenous Relations Office, Metrolinx

Encl. Durham-Scarborough Bus Rapid Transit Project: Notice of Commencement and Public Information Centre #4 (October 14, 2021)

Yash Kulshreshtha

From: Paul Niejadlik
Sent: Thursday, October 14, 2021 2:00 PM
To: Uton Samuels; Madelin Blacha
Subject: FW: Durham-Scarborough BRT: Notice of Commencement
Attachments: DSBRT_NoticeofCommencement.pdf; DSBRT_Notice of Commencement_CRFN.pdf

From: Indigenous Relations <IndigenousRelations@metrolinx.com>
Sent: October 14, 2021 1:48 PM
To: Sharday James <shardayj@ramafirstnation.ca>
Cc: 'k.a.sandy-mckenzie@rogers.com' <k.a.sandy-mckenzie@rogers.com>; Paul Niejadlik <Paul.Niejadlik@metrolinx.com>
Subject: Durham-Scarborough BRT: Notice of Commencement

Dear Chief Sharday,

Metrolinx continues to advance the Durham-Scarborough Bus Rapid Transit Project. It will be assessed through the Transit Project Assessment Process (TPAP). To that end, Metrolinx wishes to inform you that it is issuing a Notice of Commencement for this project, which begins the up to 120 day review period under the TPAP.

Please find attached a letter outlining the project and the Notice of Commencement.

A Draft Natural Environment Report was completed for this project and shared for review and comment on April 22, 2021. As part of the natural environment study, the potential impacts of the project were assessed and mitigation measures were identified to be implemented during construction and project operations. The final versions of these reports, with all comments addressed, will be available for review during the 30-day review period in January 2022.

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Thank you,

Jaimi

Jaimi O'Hara

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October 14, 2021

Chief Ted Williams
c/o Ms. Sharday James
Chippewas of Rama First Nation
5884 Rama Road, Suite 200
Rama, ON L3V 6H6
Delivered by Email

Dear Ms. James,

Subject: Durham-Scarborough Bus Rapid Transit Project - Notice of Commencement

Metrolinx seeks to continue to build a strong and respectful relationship with Chippewas of Rama First Nation. Metrolinx appreciates and respects Chippewas of Rama First Nation's desire to be appropriately informed and aware of projects. The purpose of this letter is to announce the Notice of Commencement of the Transit Project Assessment Process (TPAP) for the Durham-Scarborough Bus Rapid Transit Project. We continue to welcome any interest in engagement from Chippewas of Rama First Nation on this project.

Project Description

As previously communicated on May 30, 2019, Metrolinx, a regional transportation agency, is overseeing the proposed Durham-Scarborough Bus Rapid Transit Project. The Durham-Scarborough Bus Rapid Transit Project proposes approximately 36 kilometres of dedicated transit infrastructure, connecting Oshawa, Whitby, Ajax, Pickering and Scarborough. This project builds on the existing PULSE service and will provide more dedicated transit infrastructure along Highway 2 and Ellesmere Road to connect from Downtown Oshawa to Scarborough Centre. This will include dedicated bus lanes, road expansion and modifications, and bus shelters/platforms and infrastructure to support the new bus rapid transit.

Metrolinx is working with Durham Region, Durham Region Transit, City of Toronto and the Toronto Transit Commission with the planning and design of this bus rapid transit project. An Initial Business Case (IBC) was completed in Spring 2018 to define the corridor and identify initial project costs, benefits and direction. Bus rapid transit was identified as the preferred transit technology to link Durham and Scarborough. Please see **Figure 1** below for the proposed Durham-Scarborough Bus Rapid Transit corridor.

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Yours Truly,



Paul Niejadlik
Manager, Environmental Programs and Assessment
Metrolinx

cc: Karry Sandy-McKenzie, Williams Treaties First Nations
Indigenous Relations Office, Metrolinx

Encl. Durham-Scarborough Bus Rapid Transit Project: Notice of Commencement and Public Information Centre #4 (October 14, 2021)

PIC #4 Municipal Technical Advisory Group Contact List

Toronto

City Planning - Community Planning
City Planning - Strategic Initiatives, Policy & Analysis
City Planning - Transit Unit
City Planning - Transportation Planning
City Planning - Urban Design
Community Development Officer
Economic Development and Culture
ECS ER Third Party & Utility Review
Infrastructure Development Services
Parks, Forestry, & Recreation - Parks Development & Capital Projects
Parks, Forestry, & Recreation - Urban Forestry
Parks, Forestry, & Recreation - Urban Forestry, Ravine Protection
Toronto Fire Services
Toronto Paramedic Services
Toronto Police Services
Toronto Region Board of Trade
Toronto Transit Commission (TTC)
Toronto Water
Transportation Services - Capital Projects and Program
Transportation Services - Operational Planning & Policy
Transportation Services - Infrastructure Service Transit Operations

Durham

Durham Region Planning
Durham Region representative on TAG
Durham Region Traffic
Durham Region Transit
Durham Region Transportation Infrastructure

Pickering

Pickering representative on TAG
Transportation

Ajax

Ajax representative on TAG
Planning & Development Services

Whitby

Planning
Transportation
Whitby representative on TAG

Oshawa

Oshawa representative on TAG
Transportation

Yash Kulshreshtha

From: Margaret Parkhill
Sent: Friday, October 15, 2021 2:05 PM
To: Kristin Demasi
Cc: Uton Samuels
Subject: Notice of Commencement - Durham-Scarborough Bus Rapid Transit (DSBRT) - TPAP
Attachments: DSBRT_TPAP Notice of Commencement-PIC 4_2021-10-14.pdf

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Additional project information can be found on the project website: www.metrolinxengage.com/dsbrt.

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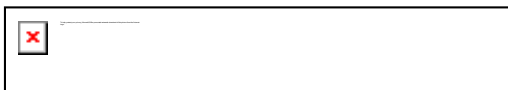
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PIC #4 Stakeholder Advisory Group Contact List

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Ajax Downs
Ajax-Pickering Board of Trade
Centennial College
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Confederation of Resident and Ratepayer Associations in Toronto
Cycle Toronto
DCDSB
DDSB
Downtown Oshawa BIA
Downtown Whitby BIA
Durham College
Durham Region Cycling Coalition
East Scarborough Boys and Girls Club
Glen Andrew Community Association
Greater Oshawa Chamber of Commerce
Guildwood Village Community Association
Highland Creek Community Association
Midland Park Community Association
MornelleCAN in Mornelle Court
North Bendale Community Association
Ontario Tech University
Oshawa Centre
Pickering Town Centre
Pickering Village BIA
Residents Rising Neighbourhood Association
Rouge Valley Health System - Centenary Health Centre
Scarborough Campus Students' Union
Scarborough Centre for Healthy Communities
Scarborough Community Renewal Organization
Scarborough Health Network
Scarborough Neighbourhood Action Plan (NAP) Committee
Scarborough Residents Unite Neighbourhood Association/
Scarborough Village Community Association
Scarborough Town Centre
TCDSB
TDSB
Toronto Association of Business Improvement Areas
Toronto Lands Corporation (subsidiary of TDSB)
Toronto East Cyclists
Toronto Strong Neighbourhood Strategy Community Development Officers
Trent University - Durham
TTC Operator

University of Toronto Scarborough Campus
Whitby Chamber of Commerce

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Greetings,

The proposed Durham-Scarborough Bus Rapid Transit (DSBRT) line consists of 36 kilometres of bus rapid transit that would serve Oshawa, Whitby, Ajax, Pickering and Scarborough. Improved transit along Highway 2 across the Toronto and Durham boundary would link communities, employment, schools and other major destinations in the Region.

Metrolinx, in collaboration with Durham Region and City of Toronto, has commenced the Transit Project Assessment Process (TPAP) for the proposed **Durham-Scarborough Bus Rapid Transit Project** in accordance with Ontario Regulation 231/08, please find attached the Notice of Commencement (dated October 14, 2021). A TPAP is a focused impact assessment created specifically for transit projects.

As part of the TPAP, **Public Information Centre #4 (PIC #4)** will be held virtually until **November 11, 2021**. At PIC #4, you will have the chance to:

- Review the proposed Bus Rapid Transit preliminary design, ask questions, and share ideas to help fine tune the plans.
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More information about the Transit Project Assessment Process and the virtual events are provided in the attached Notice.

We appreciate your on-going participation in the project.

Margaret Parkhill, P.Eng.
Consultant Project Manager

PIC #4 Technical Advisory Group Contact List

Aptum (Cogeco)
Bell Canada
Canadian Transport Agency
Central Lake Ontario Conservation Authority
City of Oshawa Representative
City of Pickering Representative
City of Toronto
CN Rail
CP Rail
Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO)
Distributel Fiber Partnership/ A2B Fiber Inc.
Durham Region Representative
Durham Region Transit
Elexicon Energy
Enbridge Gas Distribution
Environment and Climate Change Canada
Hydro One
Imperial Oil SPPL
Infrastructure Ontario
Metrolinx
Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs
Ministry of Colleges and Universities
Ministry of Energy, Northern Development and Mines
Ministry of Heritage, Sport, Tourism, and Culture
Ministry of Indigenous Affairs
Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
Ministry of Transportation (MTO)
Oshawa PUC Networks Inc.
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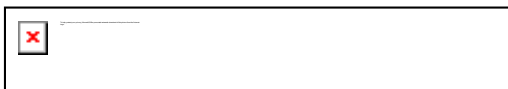
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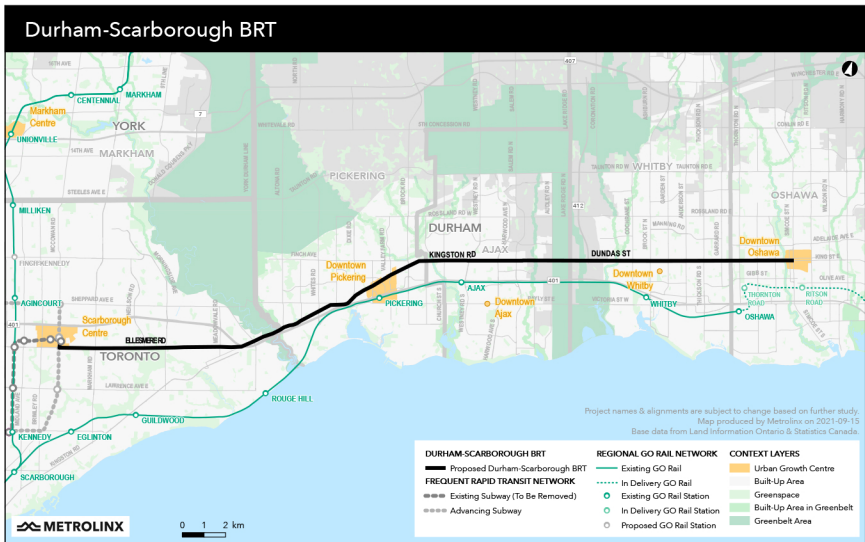
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The Project

The Durham-Scarborough Bus Rapid Transit corridor is a proposed transportation corridor connecting people through Durham Region and Scarborough. With rapid growth in the past decade and an expectation for this growth to continue in the future, demand for travel along the corridor will continue to increase and a higher capacity form of transit will link communities and employment on both sides of the Toronto-Durham boundary.

An Initial Business Case was completed in Spring 2018 to define the corridor and identify initial project costs, benefits and direction. Metrolinx is committed to continued community engagement on this project and is now studying the potential environmental impacts and proposed mitigation measures for the Durham-Scarborough Bus Rapid Transit corridor.

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The Process

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Consultation

We thank everyone for their feedback to date. During the TPAP, Metrolinx will host virtual Public Information Centre #4, as detailed below. The purpose of this consultation is to obtain feedback on the preliminary design. At Public Information Centre #4, you will have the chance to:

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Sign up to the project mailing list by emailing DSBRT@metrolinx.com or visit the project website (www.metrolinxengage.com/DSBRT) for details. Please contact us to request hardcopies of the consultation materials, or if you require any accessibility accommodations.

Provide Feedback

If you have project-related questions or would like to provide input at any time, please contact:

Kristin Demasi,
Project Manager, Metrolinx
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The province's police watchdog is investigating after a 41-year-old man died after interacting with a police negotiator at a Scarborough home on Saturday evening.

The Special Investigations Unit (SIU) said police responded to an unknown trouble call at a home on Castledene Crescent near Huntingwood Drive and Pharmacy Avenue at 7:27 p.m.

"A police negotiator made contact with the man. During the negotiation, the man sustained a

serious injury," the SIU said in a news release. "Police administered first aid until paramedics arrived."

The man was taken to hospital, where he died. Four investigators and two forensic investigators have been assigned to the case, the SIU said.

The SIU is asking anyone with information to contact the lead investigator at 1-800-787-8529.

The civilian agency investigates whenever there is a serious injury, death or sexual assault allegation involving police.

SHOTS FIRED

Police are investigating after multiple shots were fired near Morningside Avenue and Danzig Street in Scarborough on Saturday night.

There were no injuries reported.

Toronto police said officers found shell casings, shattered glass and damaged vehicles "as a result of gunfire."

The investigation is ongoing. Police didn't release

a description of the shooter or shooters.

PEDESTRIAN DIES

A man has died after being hit by the driver of a vehicle earlier this month in the Scarborough Junction area.

The collision happened on Friday, Oct. 1, around 10:30 p.m. near Eglinton and Midland avenues.

Toronto police, in an Oct. 4 news release, said a 46-year-old man was crossing from the northwest corner to the southwest corner of Midland at Eglinton.

At the same time, a driver travelling northbound on Midland turned westbound onto Eglinton and stuck the pedestrian, police said.

The man sustained life-threatening injuries and was rushed to hospital. On Saturday, Oct. 2, he died of his injuries.

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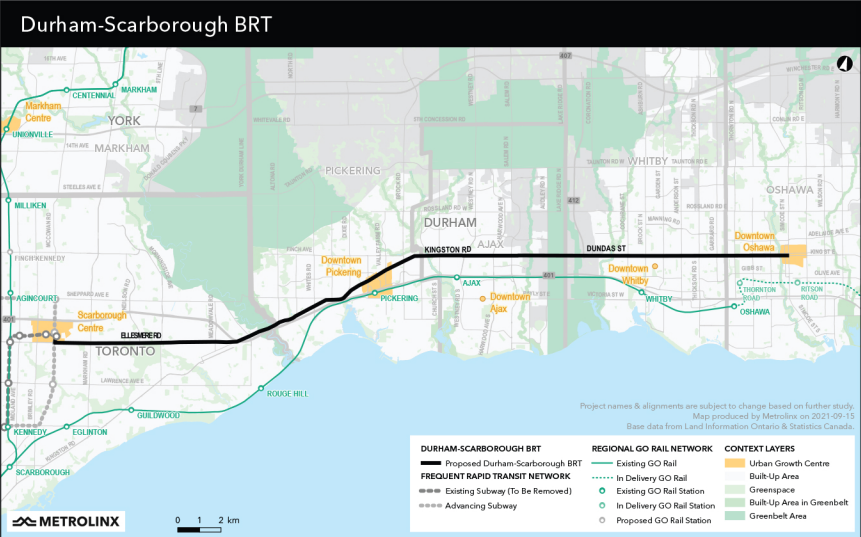
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Acknowledging that delays are inevitable, the company that operates GO Transit has taken measures to keep riders happy by expanding the list of types of delays that are eligible for a refund through its Service Guarantee program.

The new measures took effect Oct. 7 and mean that GO is expanding its service guarantee to include all regularly scheduled trips delayed by 15 minutes or more - regardless if the de-

lay is caused by GO Transit.

In the past, the guarantee only applied to delays specifically caused by GO, like signal or switch problems, door issues, and mechanical failures. Now it also covers incidents such as police investigations, on-board emergencies, and pedestrian incidents.

Only delays caused by extreme weather conditions, like Environment Canada advisories, watches, and warnings, or when

GO Transit operates on a special schedule in severe weather, will be ineligible for reimbursement.

Customers who travel on GO trains using PRESTO, a paper ticket, e-ticket, or a day or group pass can submit a claim for the fare they paid for an eligible, delayed trip.

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CRIME

MAN VICTIM OF TARGETED ATTACK IN AJAX

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The victim was attacked outside a home and suf-

fered defensive wounds in the knife attack. The victim was assaulted by three unknown men who were driving in a silver four-door vehicle, police added.

The injuries weren't life threatening and the man was taken to a local hospital.

The suspects are described as South Asian men.

Police said this wasn't a

random act.

Anyone who may have information about this incident is asked to contact Det. Burrows of the West Division Criminal Investigations Bureau at 1-888-579-1520, ext. 2530.

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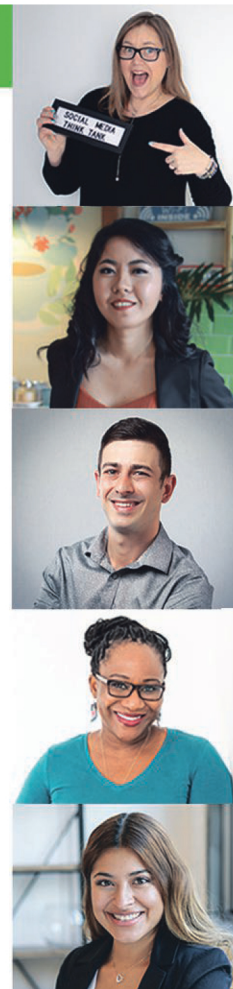
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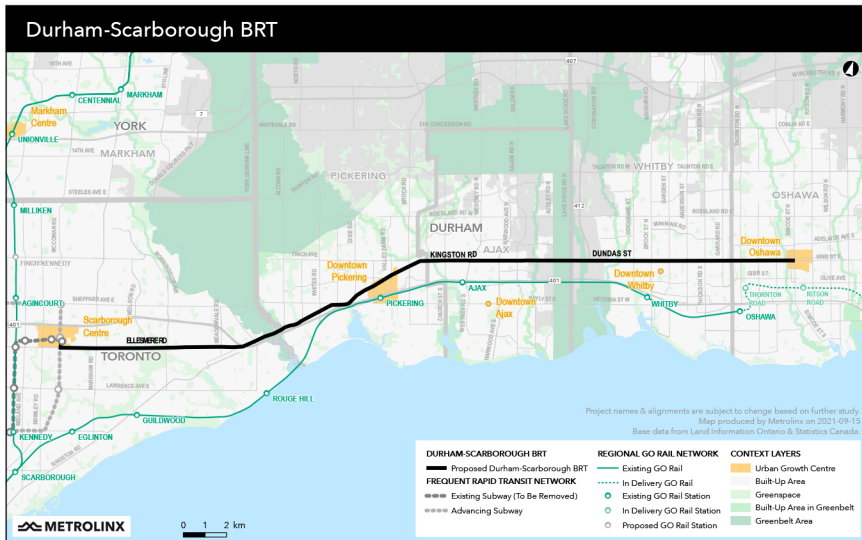
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CATHOLIC BOARD TO GATHER STUDENT IDENTITY DATA IN SPRING

DCDSB IS PLANNING TO CONDUCT ITS FIRST STUDENT CENSUS IN APRIL 2022

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Durham's Catholic school board will be conducting its first student census this spring.

The census for students in Grades 6 to 12 is scheduled for April 25 to 29, 2022 and will collect identity data such as race, religion, and sexual orientation.

"We need this data," says Margaret Brimpong, senior manager of equity, anti-racism and engagement for the Durham Catholic District School Board.

"This data is so vital in moving us forward so that teachers are better able to respond to students in the classroom."

The census will be voluntary and confidential with the option for students to skip questions.

Students in Grade 8 and below will either have a parent complete the census for them, or complete it together with a parent.

The province requires school boards to collect student identity data as part of efforts to address racism and inequity in schools.

Ontario school boards have until the beginning of 2023 "to ensure that they are aligned with province-wide data collection efforts."

Many boards have already taken this step.



Durham Catholic District School Board graphic
The Durham Catholic District School Board will be conducting its first student census in April 2022. The census will gather data on things like student race, religion and sexual orientation.

The Durham District School Board did its first student census in April 2019 and saw 46 per cent of students in Grades 7 to 12 respond as well as 30 per cent of parents of students in kindergarten to Grade 6.

The DDSB is using the data to do valuable analysis — including highlighting an achievement gap for Black students.

"This is a very exciting opportunity to really get to know our student body in detail, to find out what their needs are and address those directly," said trustee Monique Forster at Durham Catholic's Sept. 27 board meeting.

The province requires the census to include mandatory questions on Indigenous identity, race, ethnic origin, religion, first language, gender identity, sex-

ual orientation, disability, status in Canada and socioeconomic status.

"There's not a lot of wiggle room in terms of what we can do with this survey, but we do have two or three questions that we can develop in addition," says Brimpong.

The DCDSB conducted its first staff census in 2019.

A followup report highlighted the fact that non-white people are under-represented at the board, compared with Durham as a whole.

For example, it says 12 per cent of the board's permanent, full-time employees are "racialized," compared with 27 per cent of the population in Durham.

A DCDSB student census webpage with more information will go live on Oct. 29.

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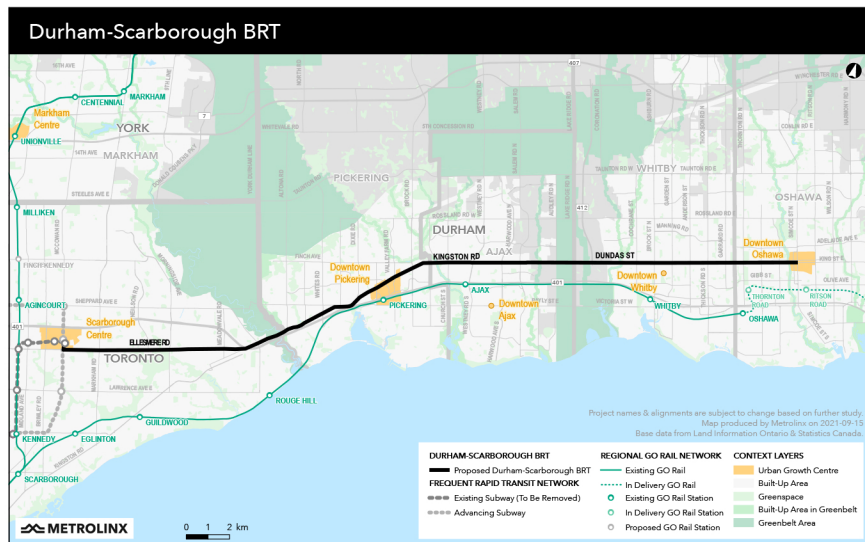
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An Initial Business Case was completed in Spring 2018 to define the corridor and identify initial project costs, benefits and direction. Metrolinx is committed to continued community engagement on this project and is now studying the potential environmental impacts and proposed mitigation measures for the Durham-Scarborough Bus Rapid Transit corridor.

The Durham-Scarborough Bus Rapid transit Project proposes approximately 36 kilometres of dedicated transit infrastructure, connecting Oshawa, Whitby, Ajax, Pickering and Scarborough. This project builds on the existing PULSE service and will provide more dedicated infrastructure along Highway 2 and Ellesmere Road to connect to Scarborough Centre. The proposed project will include dedicated bus lanes, road expansion and modifications, and bus shelters/platforms and infrastructure to support the new Bus Rapid Transit.



The Process

The Transit Project Assessment Process (TPAP), as prescribed in *Ontario Regulation 231/08* made under the *Environmental Assessment Act*, is now commencing for the proposed Durham-Scarborough Bus Rapid Transit project. The TPAP is a proponent-driven, self-assessment process that provides a defined framework to follow to complete the accelerated assessment of the potential environmental effects and decision-making within the up to 120-day regulated assessment timeline. As part of the TPAP, an Environmental Project Report (EPR) is being prepared. Following this period, interested persons will have an opportunity to review the EPR during a regulated 30-day period, followed by a regulated 35-day review period by the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks.

Consultation

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- Review the proposed Bus Rapid Transit preliminary design, ask questions, and share ideas to help fine tune the plans.
- Learn more about matters that are of interest to the Province – such as natural environment, cultural heritage, and Indigenous affairs – and understand how to provide feedback on these issues.

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Provide Feedback

If you have project-related questions or would like to provide input at any time, please contact:

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NEWS

AJAX MEN CHARGED WITH ATTEMPTED MURDER IN OSHAWA SHOOTING

An investigation into a daytime shooting in Oshawa that left a man seriously injured has led to the arrests of two suspects, police say.

Two Ajax men face charges including attempted murder relating to the incident, which occurred just before noon Sept. 9 at

the intersection of Ritson Road and Bond Street, Durham police said. A suspect fled on foot after firing shots into a car, police said at the time.

A 25-year-old victim was taken to hospital with serious injuries.

In an update police said suspects were arrested

Oct. 1 in Barrie and Oct. 6 in Woodbridge.

Dana Williams, 34, and Jermaine Weekes, 36, both of Ajax, are charged with attempted murder, aggravated assault, discharging a firearm with intent and possession of a restricted or prohibited firearm with ammunition.

Oct. 9 on Simcoe Street near Manilla when a north-bound vehicle made an unsafe pass and slammed into an oncoming southbound car, OPP said. Both drivers were the lone occupants of their vehicles and were pronounced dead at the scene.

The victims have been identified as Mark Wallace, 57, of Durham Region, and 32-year-old Joseph Duchesne of Oakville.

A Durham Region man is one of two people killed in a head-on crash over the weekend in the City of Ka-

wartha Lakes, police have confirmed.

The crash occurred around 12:25 p.m. Saturday.

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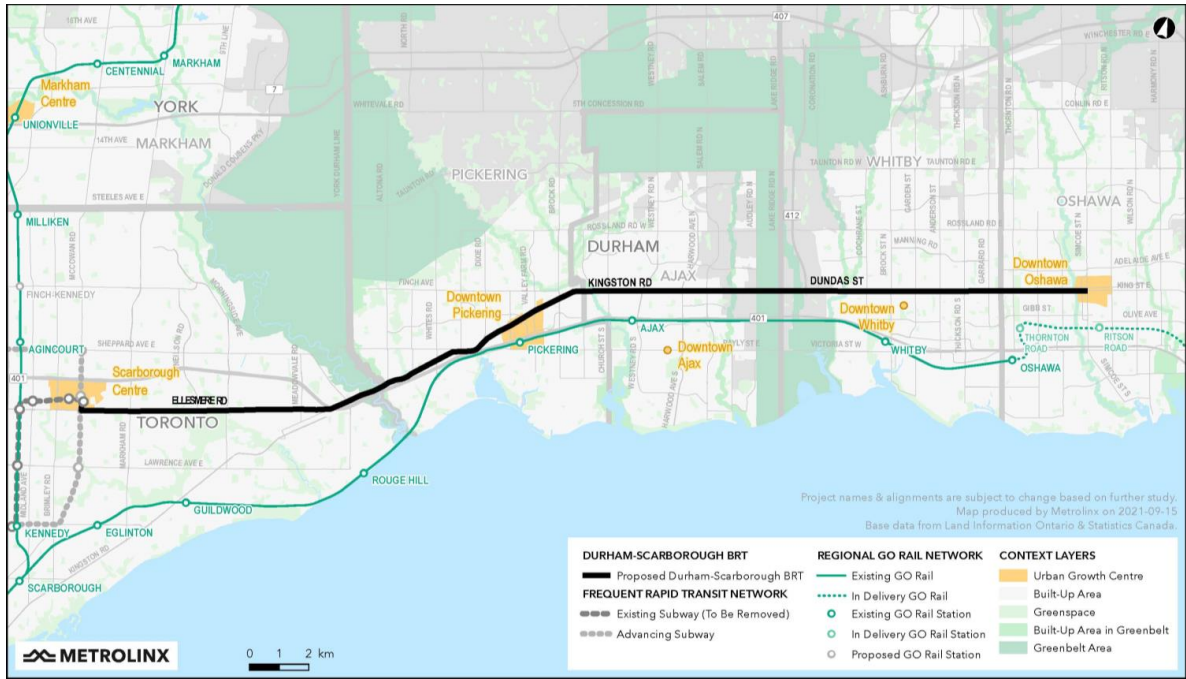
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Dans Liberty Village, un « sentier » dans un ancien quartier industriel

Balades pour les curieux de Toronto

J'aime beaucoup le café Arvo dans le quartier de La Distillerie. Alors quand j'ai su qu'ils ouvraient une autre succursale dans Liberty Village, je me suis pris une note mentale de revisiter ce quartier, que je n'avais pas vu depuis quelques années. Ce que je viens de faire. Un an plus tard. Parce que les notes mentales... pas fort, fort.

En me garant, j'ai remarqué des personnages sur un vieux silo, indiquant la South Liberty Trail, dont je n'avais jamais entendu parler. Je ne voyais pourtant pas de sentier aux alentours...



NATHALIE PRÉZEAU



Rare section boisée de la South Liberty Trail.



Chez Arvo Coffe and Wine.



Collage de bois dans une ruelle près d'Arvo Coffee sur l'avenue Atlantic.



Art public de Young Jarus sur la South Liberty Trail.



Graffitis dans la South Liberty Trail.



Art public en face du 49 est, rue Liberty, dans Liberty Village.



Des supports pour vélos dans Liberty Village.

South Liberty Trail

En 2017, un projet d'art public (le premier de son genre à Toronto), géré par Mural Routes, a choisi d'utiliser comme canevas quatre grands silos et deux trémies (sorte de grands entonnoirs de métal) se trouvant non loin des voix ferrées, dans la partie sud du quartier. La South Liberty Trail était née.

Ne vous attendez pas à un sentier de nature urbaine! On est ici dans un ancien quartier industriel.

Bien que son point de départ soit la station de trains GO Exhibition, les oeuvres se trouvent entre l'avenue Atlantic et la rue Dufferin. Présentement, des constructions au pied d'Atlantic bloquent d'ailleurs l'accès à la station GO se trouvant vers l'est.

Des oiseaux et une perspective

Au bout de l'avenue Atlantic, on admire le premier silo, situé aux abords de la maison mère de Joe Fresh (2 Atlantic Ave). Il faut faire le tour de l'oeuvre de 8 mètres de hauteur de l'artiste Young Jarus pour voir le bel oiseau qui se cache de l'autre côté.

En traversant le terrain vers l'ouest, on croise un tout petit bout de verdure. On passe à côté de la grande outarde sur le silo rouge de birdO aka Jerry Rugg.

Puis on longe de vieux édifices bardés de graffiti. Regardez bien! On y fait des trouvailles, dont une vaste murale toute en perspective.

Observez bien l'édifice de brique rouge avec ses arches, qui figure au centre. Vous le verrez un peu plus loin au coin de l'avenue Mowat Ave et de la rue Liberty.

Un oeil et des personnages

Le très beau silo surplombant la rue Fraser est du muraliste Alex Bacon. Cherchez le chat!

Puis remontez la rue Fraser pour découvrir l'oeil géant de Bacon sur la trémie de l'édifice The Bakery (2 rue Fraser). Explorez derrière la trémie pour voir le grand nid aux oeufs bleus.

Contournez l'édifice en allant vers le nord sur Fraser et traversez le premier espace de stationnement pour rejoindre l'avenue Mowat, où vous tournez à gauche pour voir les personnages de Troy Lovegates sur un grand silo blanc.

Traversez la rue et marchez vers l'ouest dans le premier espace de stationnement à votre gauche. Il appartient à SoftChoice (20 Avenue Mowat) et donne accès à la rue Dufferin, où nous attend une autre oeuvre de Troy sur la trémie.

Les bancs en métal découpé de Liberty Village

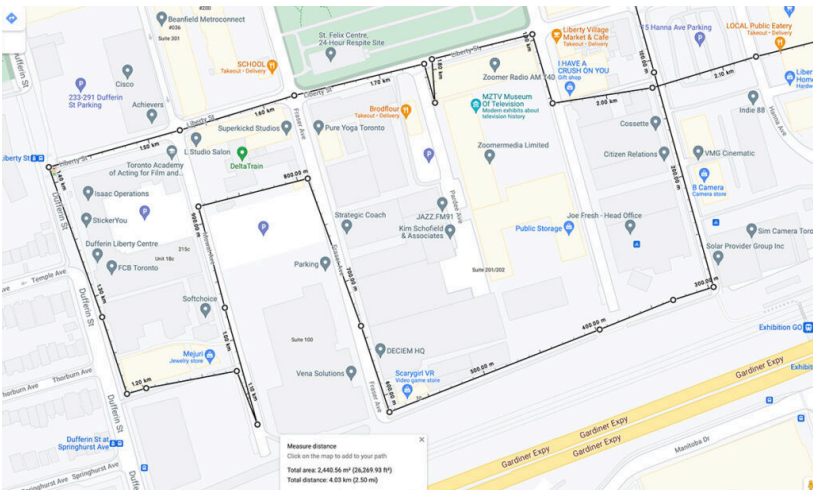
J'ai terminé la balade en remontant Dufferin vers le nord puis en trouvant vers l'est sur la rue Liberty. Sur le chemin, on remarque de beaux supports à vélo et des bancs publics en métal découpé. Le quartier en a reçu 14 en 2019.

Mon banc préféré se trouve sur l'avenue Pardee, trois rues plus à l'est. J'ai d'abord acheté une délectable brioche à la cardamome à la boulangerie BrodFlour (8 avenue Pardee), et m'y suis installée en compagnie des petits danseurs jaunes de Thelia Shelton sur le banc juste en face.

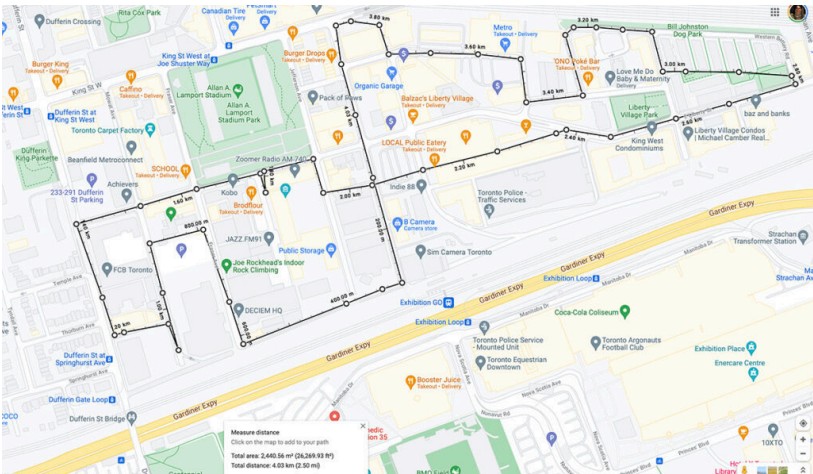
Ce circuit fait au total 2 kilomètres. Vous pouvez ajouter 2 km à votre balade en suivant la section suivante.

Exploration dans Liberty Village

Au sud de la rue Liberty, vous pouvez traverser le grand terrain de stationnement entre Jefferson et Hanna pour atteindre la seule allée couverte que je connaisse dans Toronto. En la traversant, j'ai découvert avec joie qu'un de mes petits restaurants préférés vient



Un circuit de 4 km dans Liberty Village.



Un autre circuit de 4 km dans Liberty Village.

d'ouvrir le comptoir de commandes à emporter Aloette Liberty Village.

Au bout, continuez votre chemin sur la rue E. Liberty pour voir quelques très belles pièces d'art public. Les roches en équilibre au 89 E. Liberty. Les pigeons rouges de Nathan Mabry au 49 E. Liberty, à l'est de la rue Pirandello.

Prenez ensuite Western Battery Road vers la gauche, juste avant l'avenue Strachan, puis empruntez les raccourcis passant dans les petits parcs jusqu'à Pirandello. Tournez à droite pour rejoindre Western Battery Road, puis à gauche.

Pont piétonnier

Dans le coude de la rue, vous remarquerez un édifice aux fenêtres décorées d'une grande étoile. Il s'agit de la cage d'escalier et d'ascenseur du pont piétonnier qui p-sse au dessus

des voies ferrées pour nous mener à la rue Douro. Quand on utilise l'ascenseur, on peut pleinement admirer les étoiles.

J'ai conclu la balade en me dirigeant vers l'ouest jusqu'à l'avenue Hanna, où un passage piétonnier longe le magasin West Elm (qui semble ouvert seulement pour les pick ups) et descend jusqu'à la rue King West.

Le viaduc à cet endroit date de 1888 (un des plus vieux à Toronto).

Nathalie Prézeau est l'auteure locale du guide de balades autoguidées Toronto BEST Urban Strolls. Vous pouvez vous procurer son guide sur amazon.ca et www.indigo.ca ou en communiquant directement avec l'auteure: nathalie@torontotourbangers.com. Vous pouvez passer prendre votre commande au 299 Booth Avenue. L'auteure livre dans Toronto. Poste Canada s'occupe des autres destinations.

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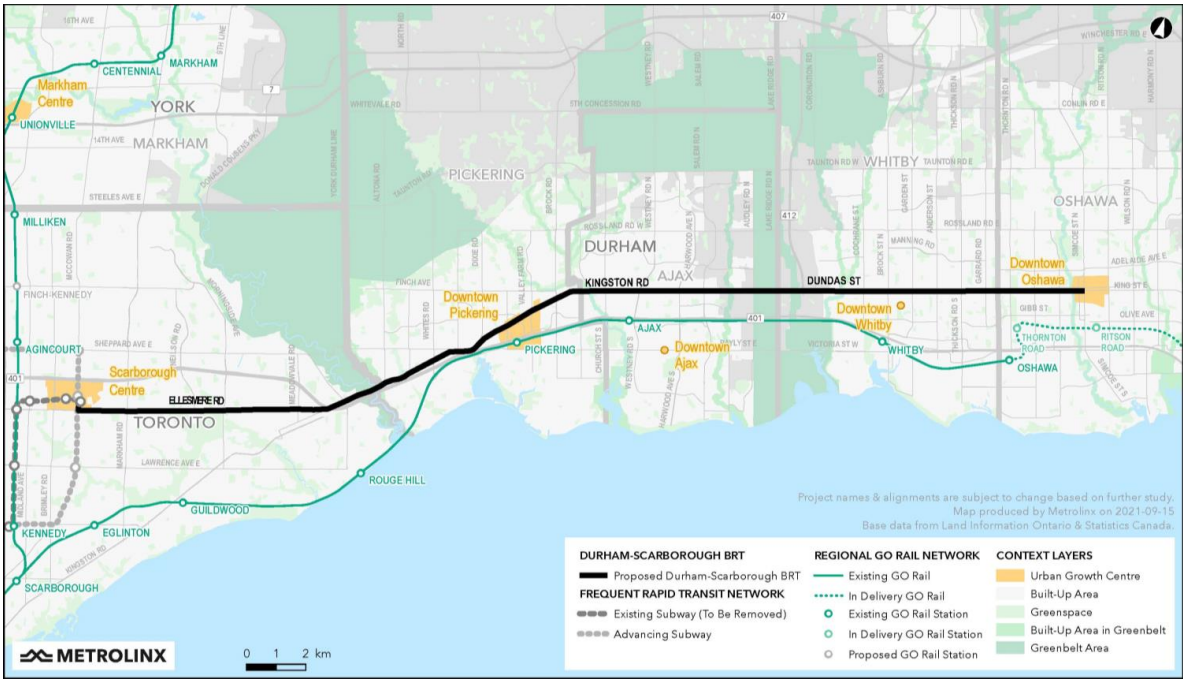
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LAURINE LE GOFF

L'Alliance française de Toronto (AFT) vient de lancer sa saison culturelle 2021-22. Les amateurs de culture francophone peuvent se réjouir puisque la programmation comprendra des dizaines de conférences, films, concerts et autres spectacles en ligne, mais aussi en présentiel.

«Après un an et demi de fermeture et de programmes virtuels, nous sommes ravis que le théâtre ait pu rouvrir ses portes au public», a annoncé l'animatrice Katia Valisolala, du service culturel de l'AFT. En effet, la cérémonie d'ouverture, mardi soir, avait eu lieu devant public au Théâtre Spadina, ainsi que sur Zoom.

C'est une nouvelle saison d'autant plus importante qu'en 2022, l'Alliance française de Toronto fêtera ses 120 ans. Depuis quelques semaines, l'AFT a aussi un nouveau directeur général, en la personne de Pierre Emmanuel Jacob. Celui-ci s'est donné pour mission de «reconquérir les publics» après le creux de la pandémie.

Et c'est une nouvelle directrice culturelle, Olimpia Lombardi, qui a présenté la programmation élaborée par sa prédécesseure Laetitia Delemarre. «Après ces longs mois de restriction, nous avons tous soif de culture, d'échange et de partage», a-t-elle dit.

Une saison 2021-22 au format hybride

Tous les publics et toutes les formes de création sont mis à l'honneur en 2021-22.

Les films *Au revoir là-haut*, *Je m'appelle Humaine* ainsi que *Le Mystère Henry-Pick* seront notamment présentés en ligne. Mais *Chanson douce* et *Adieu les cons* pourront être visionnés en présentiel, au Théâtre Spadina. Les plus jeunes pourront aussi profiter de *Petit-Vampire* ou *Dilili à Paris*, directement au théâtre.

Plusieurs concerts sont au programme : Valérie Milot, Laura Anglade, Olivier De Spiegeler. Ou encore le plus franco-ontarien des Africains : Yao. Enfin, des pièces de théâtre telles que *L'escadron volant*, de la compagnie de danse CORPUS, et des expositions comme celle de Charles Pachter, sont à l'affiche.

Pierre Emmanuel Jacob, nouveau directeur de l'AFT

Le DG Pierre Emmanuel Jacob a déjà plus de 30 ans d'expérience à la tête de diverses Alliances françaises dans le monde. Mais il «mesure l'honneur que cela représente, de prendre la direction d'une institution qui s'apprête à fêter ses 120 ans».

«L'Alliance française est d'abord un idéal, une entente entre les peuples, un mouvement international au service de la promotion du français et des cultures francophones», a-t-il expliqué.

«C'est aussi une communauté de personnes, qui en font sa richesse. Des hommes et des femmes qui ont décidé de rejoindre la famille francophone, pour faire de la langue française non plus la propriété d'un pays, mais notre bien commun.»

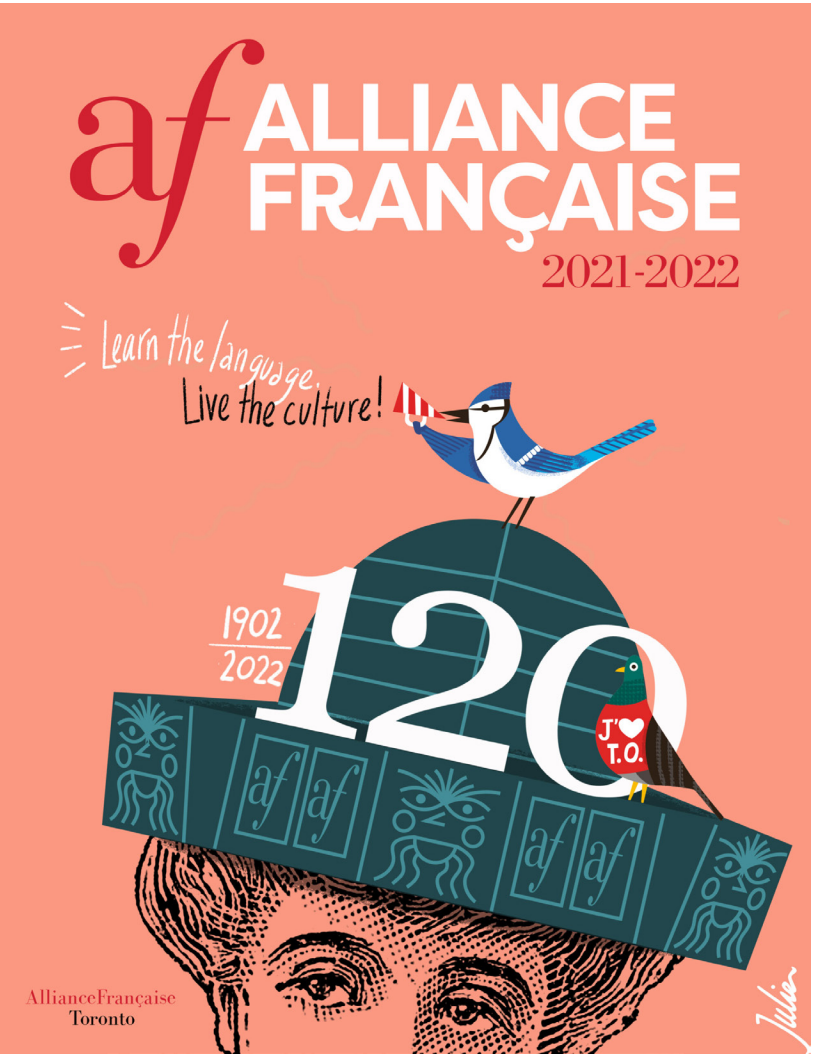
Pierre Emmanuel Jacob est déterminé à enrichir encore davantage la programmation de l'AFT. Il peut notamment compter sur le soutien de partenaires et commanditaires tels que la BMO ou le Conseil des arts de l'Ontario.

«Nous continuerons de faire de l'AFT un centre culturel de premier plan ainsi qu'un espace ouvert à la créativité, au dialogue interculturel. C'est avant tout un lieu d'échange et de réflexion, un centre de langue avec une offre stimulante.»

Hommage au «travail exceptionnel» de l'AFT

«Nous sommes impatients de vous accueillir de nouveau en présentiel pour profiter de l'excellent programme élaboré par l'équipe de l'Alliance. Nous savons que ces derniers mois ont représenté un défi, et nous remercions l'AFT pour son travail exceptionnel durant cette période inédite», a souligné Katia Valisolala.

Tudor Alexis, consul général de France à Toronto, a également tenu à rendre hommage à «l'équipe



Le visuel de la saison 2021-22 de l'Alliance française de Toronto.



Pierre Emmanuel Jacob, lors de la soirée d'ouverture de la saison 2021-22 le 12 octobre.



Au revoir là-haut, un film d'Albert Dupontel sorti en 2017. Il est présenté en ligne ce 14 octobre à 19h30.



Extrait d'Interventions divines, la nouvelle création à 5 voix de la compagnie CORPUS.

formidable» de l'AFT. «Pendant toute la pandémie, j'ai pu voir ces personnes porter plus haut les couleurs de l'Alliance à travers leurs différents engagements.»

À l'occasion de cette cérémonie en présentiel, les spectateurs ont pu assister à deux prestations artistiques.

Tout d'abord, CORPUS a présenté un extrait de sa nouvelle création *Interventions divines*. C'est une pièce

imaginée et mise en scène par David Danzon, Anika Johnson et Matt O'Connor. «Ce spectacle se veut être un remède ludique aux défis de l'année 2021 et de l'après-covid.»

Et la musicienne de jazz Laura Anglade a interprété plusieurs titres francophones et anglophones, accompagnée au piano. Elle sera notamment en concert à l'Alliance française de Toronto le 22 octobre.

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