

UTILITY RELOCATION AND VEGETATION AND TREE CLEARING

Starting Early March 2023

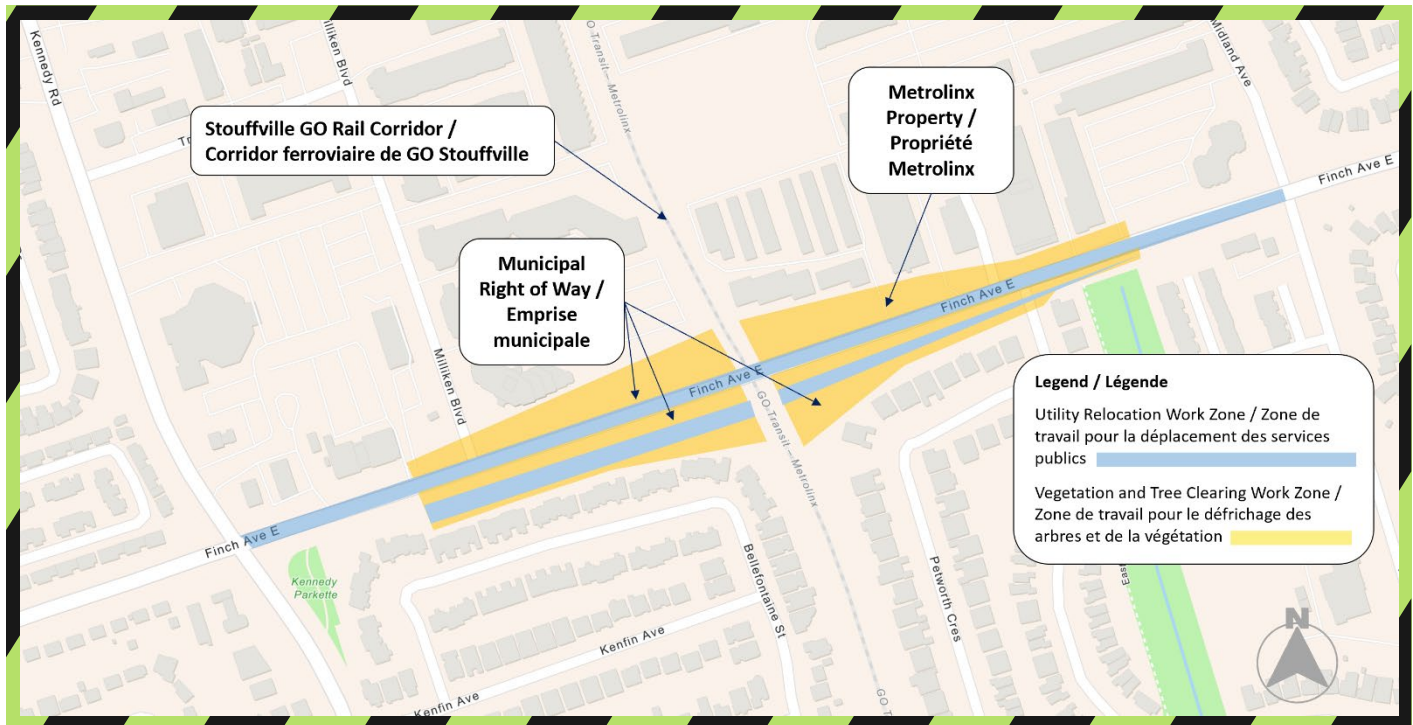


Figure 1: The approximate work zones for utility relocation and vegetation removal. Map is not scale and for illustrative purposes only.

UTILITY RELOCATION EARLY WORKS

Before construction for the new SmartTrack Finch-Kennedy GO Station begins, utility infrastructure, such as telecommunications, electricity, and gas, needs to be relocated and/or upgraded. Moving utilities before construction begins is a key strategy for avoiding service disruptions to the community. These early works also lay the critical groundwork required to start the process of constructing the new GO Station.

VEGETATION AND TREE CLEARING

To build the transit system of the future, vegetation often needs to be pruned or removed to make room for new transit infrastructure. Metrolinx's aim is to enhance the health of local ecosystems and increase the vegetation cover in the region while delivering greener transit options. As part of this strategy, Metrolinx has been working closely with conservation authorities to fund and coordinate plantings across the region to offset these removals. Trees removed as part of the Finch-Kennedy GO Station will be compensated for through Metrolinx's Vegetation program based on the Metrolinx Vegetation Guideline (2022). To learn more visit: www.metrolinx.com/vegetation.

SMARTTRACK FINCH KENNEDY GO STATION

SmartTrack is bringing five new GO stations to Toronto, leveraging roughly 40 km of Metrolinx's pre-existing GO rail corridors within Toronto. The new SmartTrack Finch-Kennedy GO Station will be located on Finch Avenue East between Milliken Boulevard and Midland Avenue, on the Stouffville GO rail corridor.

WORK DETAILS

Utility Relocation

- The main telecom installation has been completed, and now underground conduits and fibre optic cable will be installed. This infrastructure is integral to the network feeding your area and must be re-routed to ensure the continued delivery of high-quality and reliable service such as telephone, cable, and Internet.

Vegetation and Tree Clearing

- Crews will install tree protection fencing and trees marked for removal will be safely cut and moved away for wood chipping.
- Trees located on private property with branches that are overhanging into either Metrolinx property or the City of Toronto municipal right of way, will be cut back.

LOCATION

- Utility relocation work is taking place along Finch Avenue East, between Kennedy Road and Midland Avenue
- Vegetation and tree clearing work is taking place on Metrolinx property, the Municipal Right of Way along Finch Avenue East and in the Stouffville GO Rail Corridor.
- Access to Finch Avenue East from private properties via the use of backyard gates, will be closed. See Figure 1.

TIMING

- Utility work is expected to begin in early March 2023 and take about one year to complete.

- Vegetation and tree clearing are expected to begin in March 2023 and take three weeks to complete.
- Daytime working hours will be Monday to Sunday, 7 am to 5 pm.
- Work may be rescheduled due to weather or unforeseen circumstances.

TRAFFIC DETAILS

- Lane closures will be required on Finch Avenue East between Milliken Boulevard and Midland Avenue.
- Watch for slow moving vehicles entering and exiting work areas.
- Remember to reduce your speed when approaching construction and lane reductions.

PEDESTRIAN DETAILS

- Please take care when travelling near construction areas and watch for additional signs directing pedestrians.
- There are not expected sidewalk closures.
- Clear and defined walking paths will be maintained to ensure pedestrian safety.

WHAT TO EXPECT

- Access to properties will always be maintained through at least one driveway or with the assistance of a Traffic Control Person.
- Residents and businesses should expect some noise, vibration, dust, and site lighting
- Residents and business may see crews in and around the corridor cutting, pruning and/or inspecting trees and vegetation.
- Work areas will be safely delineated.
- There will no interruption to any City services during construction.

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