

West Harbour Track Work

May 2023

Project Overview

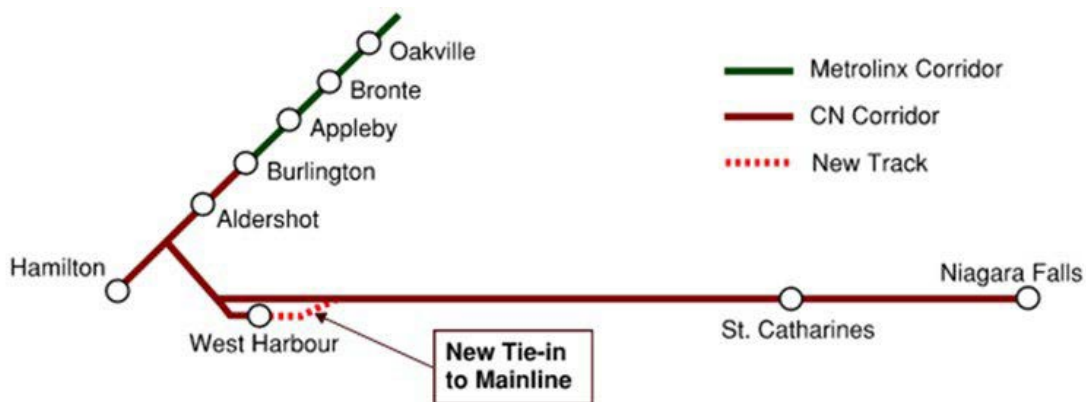
GO service is expanding to serve you better - with more frequent service, more stations, cleaner technology and more connections.

Across the entire network, our goal is to deliver more than 10,000 train trips a week. You won't need a schedule because you know the next train will be coming soon. GO Expansion will transform the rail network from a commuter service into an all-day rapid system.



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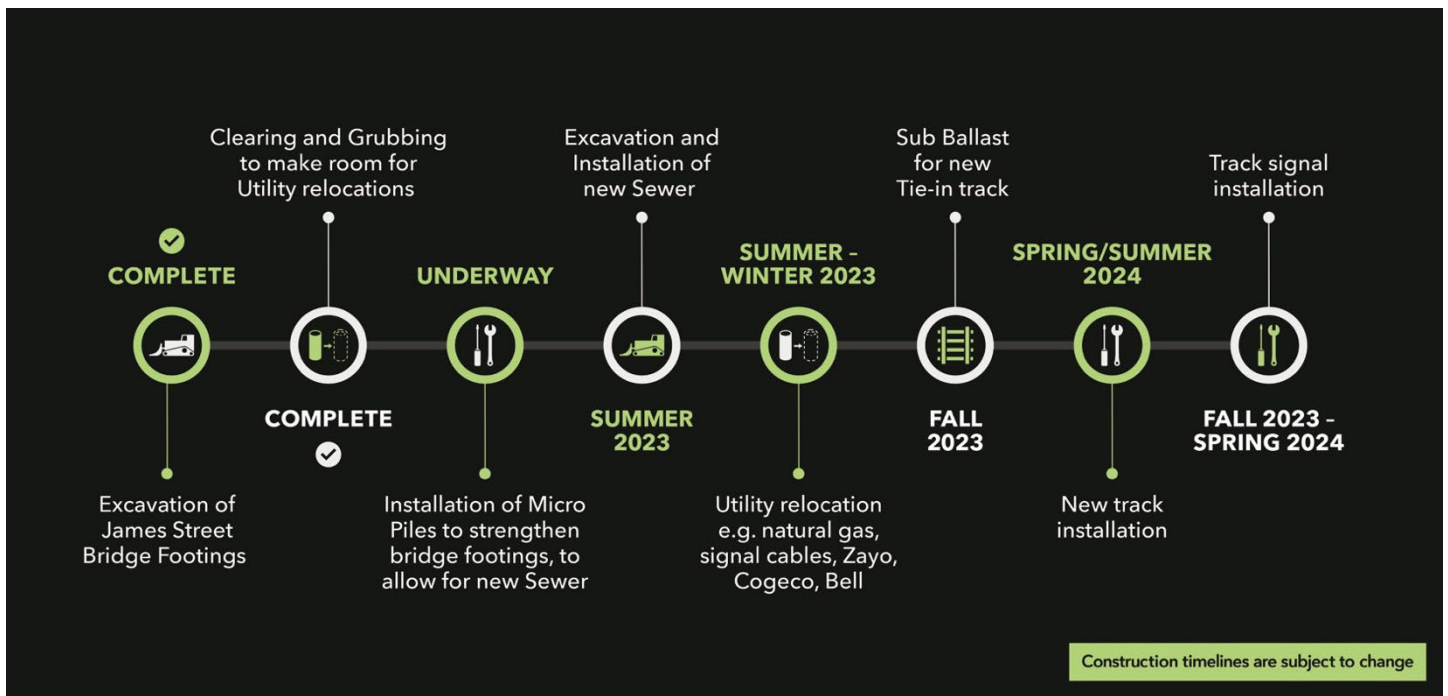
Currently, trains leaving West Harbour Station must back up toward Aldershot Station before they can continue to east Hamilton and Niagara region. When trains arrive at West Harbour from Niagara, they must pass West Harbour, and then back-in to the station. The current project will solve this issue by connecting the dead end track at West Harbour Station to the main line.



What You Need to Know

When construction is complete, there will be a 20-minute reduction in commuter time. This work will help facilitate future GO rail service to Confederation Station and beyond to Niagara region. Construction timing is subject to change but the project is expected to be finished by late 2024.

Anticipated Construction Timeline



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To make room for the new tracks, an existing storm line is being relocated south of the new tracks. As this new line will be lower than the James Street Bridge footings, the footings must be strengthened/deepened.

Photo shown left: Existing, exposed bridge footings are visible and will allow for the micropiles installation and future footing enhancements. **Photo shown right:** Above ground utilities to allow for future grading to connect future track switch.



Utility Relocation

Existing utilities at the location for the new tie-in tracks must be relocated before the tracks can be installed. While every effort has been made to relocate utilities to the south, space limitations meant several utilities had to be relocated to the north side of the tracks, causing the removal of some shrubs and trees.

Collaborative efforts are underway to ensure trees and shrubs will be replanted on surrounding municipal properties nearby.

Photo shown left: Subcontractor installing conduit utilities on the north side of the track between John and Catherine Streets.

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