

# **Kitchener Fourth Track Construction Liaison Committee (CLC)**

Thursday, February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023

# Agenda

- Welcome & Introductions
- Land Acknowledgment
- Safety Moment
- Project Overview
- Project Schedule
- What To Expect Next
- Community Engagement

# Land Acknowledgement

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Let us take a moment to acknowledge we are on lands that have been, and continue to be, home to many Indigenous Peoples including the Anishnabeg, the Haudenosaunee and the Huron-Wendat peoples.

We are all Treaty people. Many of us have come here as settlers, as immigrants or involuntarily as part of the trans-Atlantic slave trade, in this generation, or generations past.

We acknowledge the historic and continued impacts of colonization and the need to work towards meaningful reconciliation with the original caretakers of this land.

We acknowledge that Metrolinx operates on territories and lands covered by many treaties that affirm and value the rights of Indigenous communities, Nations and Peoples.

We understand the importance of working towards reconciliation with the original caretakers of this land. At Metrolinx, we will conduct business in a manner that is built on a foundation of trust, respect and collaboration.

# Safety Moment

# Project Overview

# The GO Expansion program will provide a range of improvements across the GTHA:

**More all-day service**



**Service in both directions**



**Trains every 15 minutes or better**



**Faster and more efficient fleet**



**More accessible stations**



**An expanded Union Station**



Over 10,000 weekly trips from 3500 weekly trips in 2019

New trains will reach speeds of 140km/h between stations, making the GO Train faster than taking a car in virtually every instance.

Improvements to stations access and boarding and alighting

Capacity for train and passenger movements for the rest of the century

# Current

01



Every 30-60 minutes  
limited weekend service



02



Most lines  
peak direction only



03



Most lines  
rush hour only



04



Diesel service



05



A commuter system



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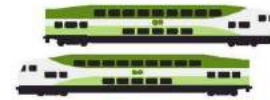
3500 trips/week in 2019



# GO Expansion



Trains every 15 minutes or  
better



Two way



All day, everyday



Faster, electrified  
service



A regional backbone  
connecting communities



Over 10000 trips/week



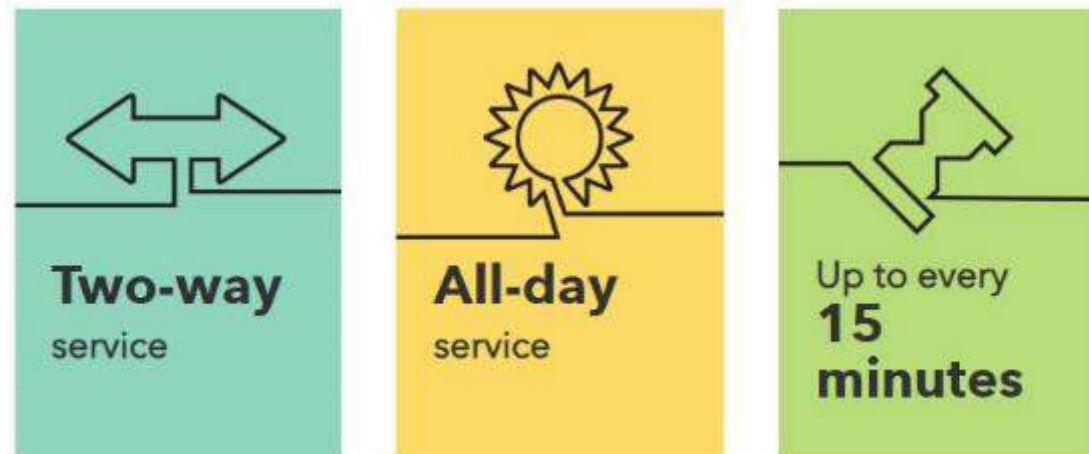
# WHAT ARE WE DOING

## Metrolinx GO Expansion Program

Metrolinx is working to transform the way the region moves by building a seamless, convenient and integrated transit network across the Greater Golden Horseshoe. Over the next 10 years, Metrolinx is transforming the existing GO rail system to deliver a whole new rapid transit experience to your community. With more frequent train service you will have more options to get where you need to go.

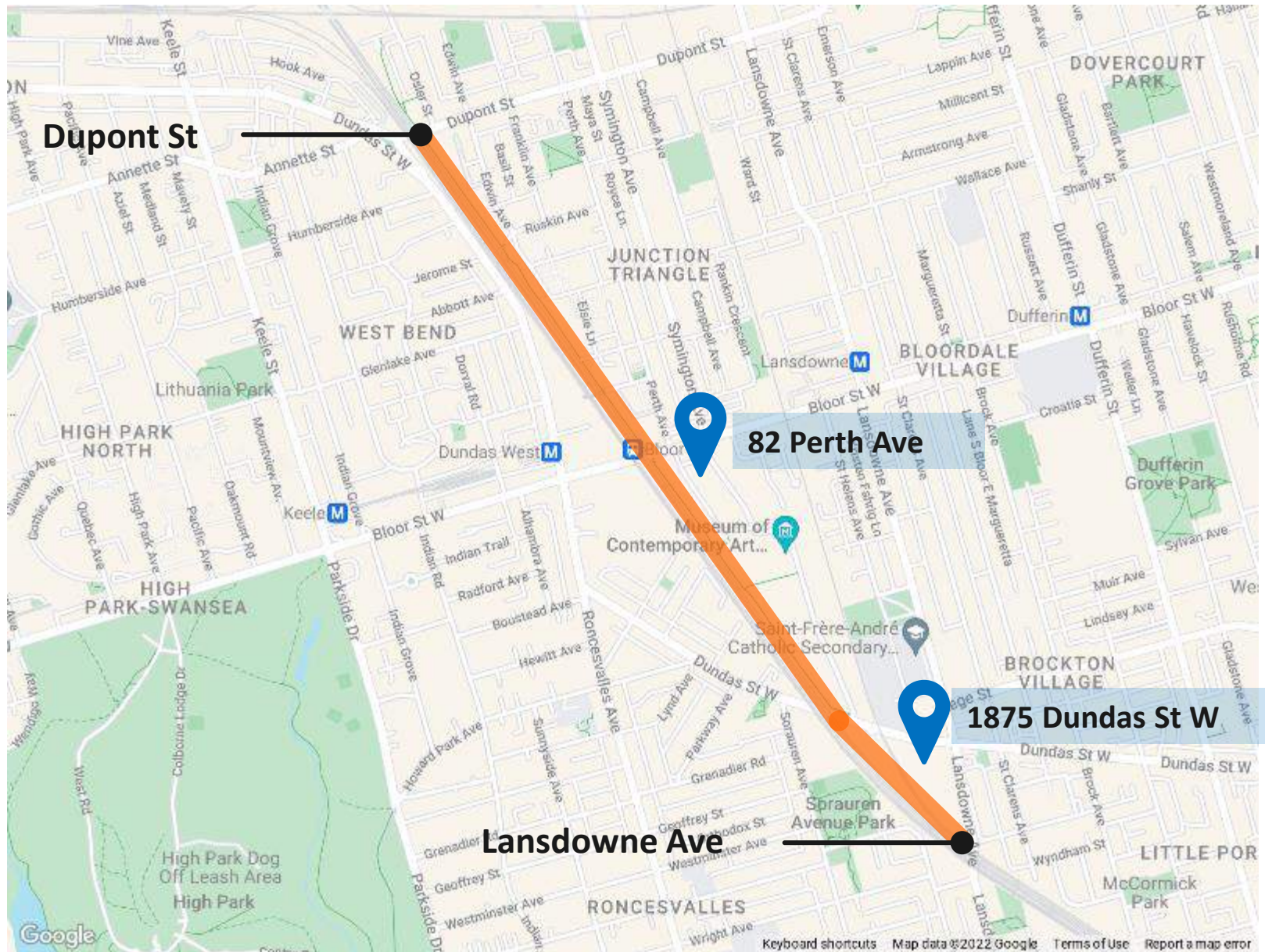
## Kitchener GO Line Expansion

The Fourth Track Lansdowne to Black Creek project is a segment of work that is a part of the overall GO Expansion program. The realignment of the West Toronto Railpath will facilitate the new track to be installed and allow for more trains to be added to the Kitchener line. The Kitchener GO Line Expansion will bring all-day, two-way GO service for people across Toronto, Brampton and Kitchener.



# PROJECT LOCATION

Kitchener GO Rail Corridor and  
West Toronto Railpath from  
Lansdowne Ave to Dupont St

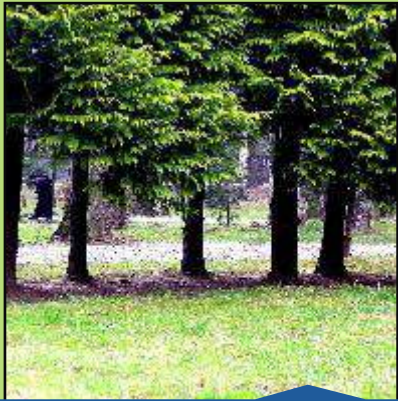


Laydown Areas

## PROJECT OVERVIEW

- Construction of the Kitchener Fourth Track:
  - **On-corridor Work (Metrolinx Kitchener Rail Corridor)**
    - New track
    - Grading and drainage
    - Retaining walls, noise walls, high-security fencing
  - **Off-corridor work (West Toronto Railpath):**
    - Path realignment
    - Bloor St rail bridge shift
    - New Bloor GO tunnel and pavilion at Randolph Ave
    - New park at Ernest Ave
    - Landscaping (Trees, shrubs, furniture, etc)

# PROJECT SCHEDULE



Tree Clearing  
(Complete)



Site Furniture Removals &  
Relocation  
(Ongoing)



Trackbed Grading  
(Ongoing)



Noise/Retaining Wall  
Installation (Jan 2023)



Bloor St Bridge Shift (Spring  
2023)



Bloor GO Tunnel  
(Nov 2022) Ph1 Pedestrian  
Diversion



Track Work  
(Summer 2023)



WTRP Realignment  
(Nov 2023) Ph2 Pedestrian  
Diversion



WTRP Realignment (March  
2024) Ph3 Pedestrian  
Diversion



Landscaping  
(2024)

## IN PROGRESS

- **Work inside the rail corridor**
  - Installation of subdrain
  - Metrolinx signal cable relocation
  - Subballast installation
  - Grading



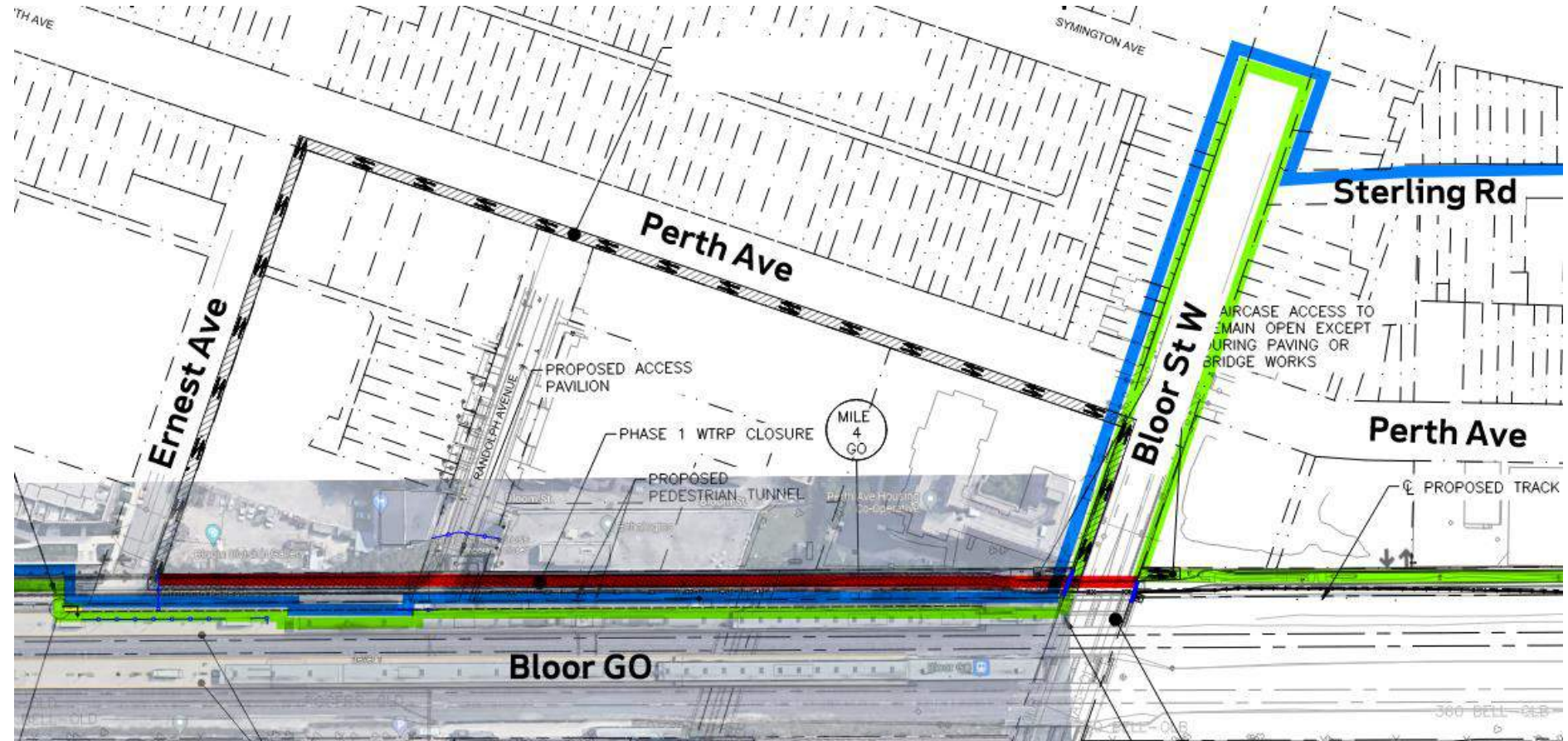
## IN PROGRESS

- **Work on the Railpath**
  - Construction of new foundation pads for the Frontier sculptures



# PHASE 1 – PEDESTRIAN DIVERSION

- **Scope:**
  - Bloor GO Tunnel Construction
- **Start:**
  - Jan 2023
- **Duration:**
  - 1 year



- Barrier-free Diversion
- Pedestrian Diversion
- Closed

## IN PROGRESS

- **Work at Randolph Ave**
  - Excavation for new trackbed
  - Installation of subballast beside the platform
  - Preparation for installation of noise wall posts between Bloor St and Randolph Ave





## WHAT TO EXPECT NEXT

- **Utility Relocation**
  - Electrical transformer
  - Light poles
  - Water Service & Hydrant
- **Tunnel Shoring and Excavation**
  - Caisson drilling
  - Shoring and Excavation
- **Noise Wall**
  - Randolph Ave to Wallace Ave



## WHAT TO EXPECT NEXT

- **Bloor St Rail Bridge Shift**
  - Postponed to Spring 2023 due to industry-wide material supply issues
  - Approximately 3 weeks
  - One weekend full closure of Bloor Street between Dundas St & Perth Ave



## PHASE 2 – PEDESTRIAN DIVERSION

- **Scope:**
  - WTRP Realignment (North of Bloor)
  - New Park
- **Start:**
  - Nov 2023
- **Duration:**
  - 4.5 months

-  Diversion
-  Closed





Bloor GO Station Passenger Pickup Loop

Dundas St W

Ernest Ave.

WEST TORONTO RAIL PATH

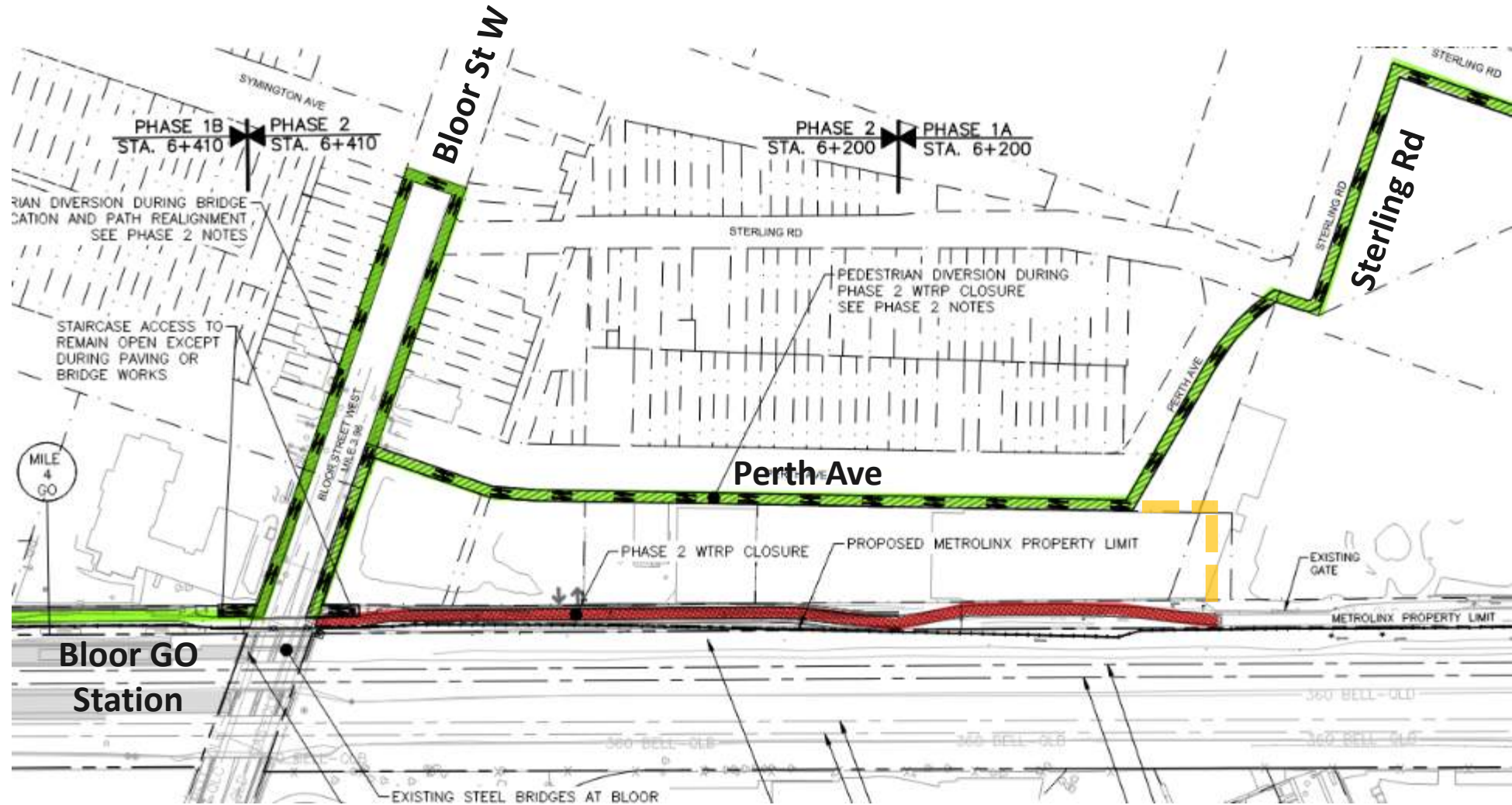
Wallace Station Lofts

View Looking South to Dundas St W

# PHASE 3 – PEDESTRIAN DIVERSION

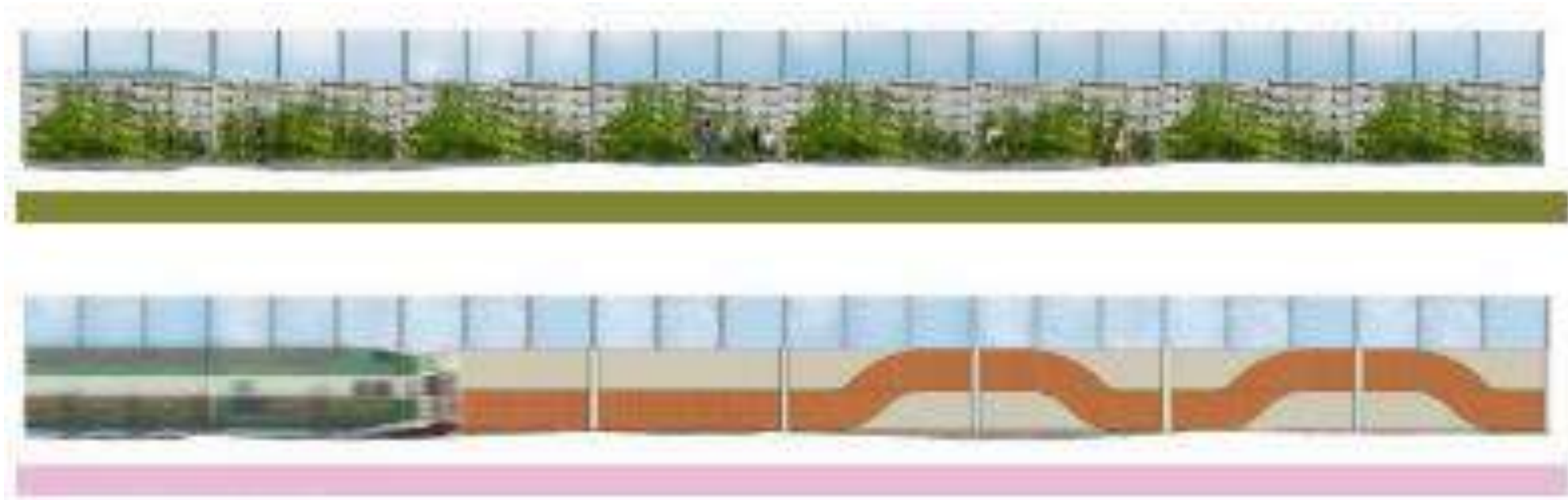
- **Scope:**
  - WTRP Realignment (South of Bloor)
- **Start:**
  - Mar 2024
- **Duration:**
  - 3 months

- Diversion
- Closed
- Potential Access



## WHAT TO EXPECT NEXT

- **Noise Wall Installation**
  - Starting in the rail corridor around Bloor St W.
  - Installation of steel posts, concrete and transparent panels





**View Looking South-East to Bloor St W**



**View Looking South-East Towards Bloor St W**



## COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

### Updates will be communicated to the community via:

- Canada Post Mail Drops
- Weekly Toronto West e-newsletter
- Project Website ([metrolinx.com/kitchener](http://metrolinx.com/kitchener))
- Monthly Construction Liaison Committee (CLC) meeting
- Upcoming Virtual & In-Person Public Meetings (TBD)
- Upcoming Community Pop-ups (TBD)
- Toronto West phone number: 416-202-6911
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