

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

Thursday, April 13<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

# CLEAN TORONTO TOGETHER: WTRP CLEAN UP

- Metrolinx's Toronto West Community Engagement team has registered the West Toronto Railpath (WTRP) for a park clean-up event as part of the City of Toronto's Earth Day initiative, Clean Toronto Together. We have partnered with Grascan Construction for this initiative.
- Please see details below:
  - Date & Time: Saturday April 22nd 10 AM to 11 AM.
  - Important Info: We are reaching out to your team, schools, and other community groups in the area in hopes that you'll join us at this event and help us clean up the WTRP.
  - Meeting spot: West Toronto Railpath, accessed on the North side of Ernest Ave. We will be gathered at a small park in this area.
- \*you should have received an email with sign up info.



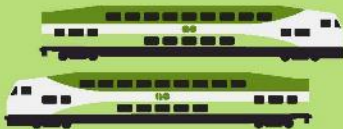
# Project Overview

# 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



06



3500 trips/week in 2019



# GO Expansion



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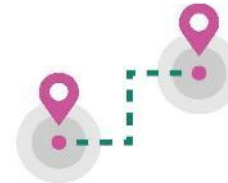
Two way



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.



# NOISE WALLS AND VINE WALLS



**Disclaimer: This is just an illustration of what the Railpath may look like upon completion**

# PROJECT SCHEDULE



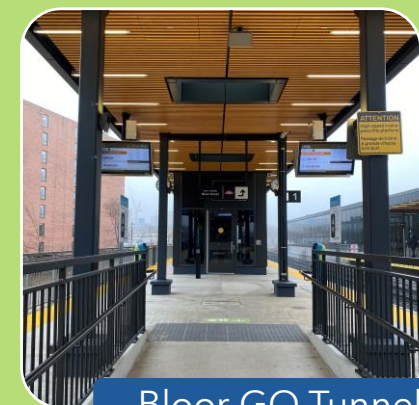
Trackbed Installation  
(Ongoing)



Noise Wall Installation  
(Ongoing)



Bloor St Bridge Shift  
(Spring 2023)



Bloor GO Tunnel and Pavillion



WTRP Realignment  
S of Bloor  
(Winter 2023)



Track Work  
(Spring 2024)



WTRP Realignment  
N of Bloor  
(Spring 2024)



Landscaping  
2024

# COMPLETED

- **Work on the Railpath**
  - 3 sculptures were relocated further south along the Railpath.
  - Worked with the original artists and fabricator for the relocation.



# IN PROGRESS

- Work inside the rail corridor
  - Noise Wall Installation commenced between Bloor and Wallace.

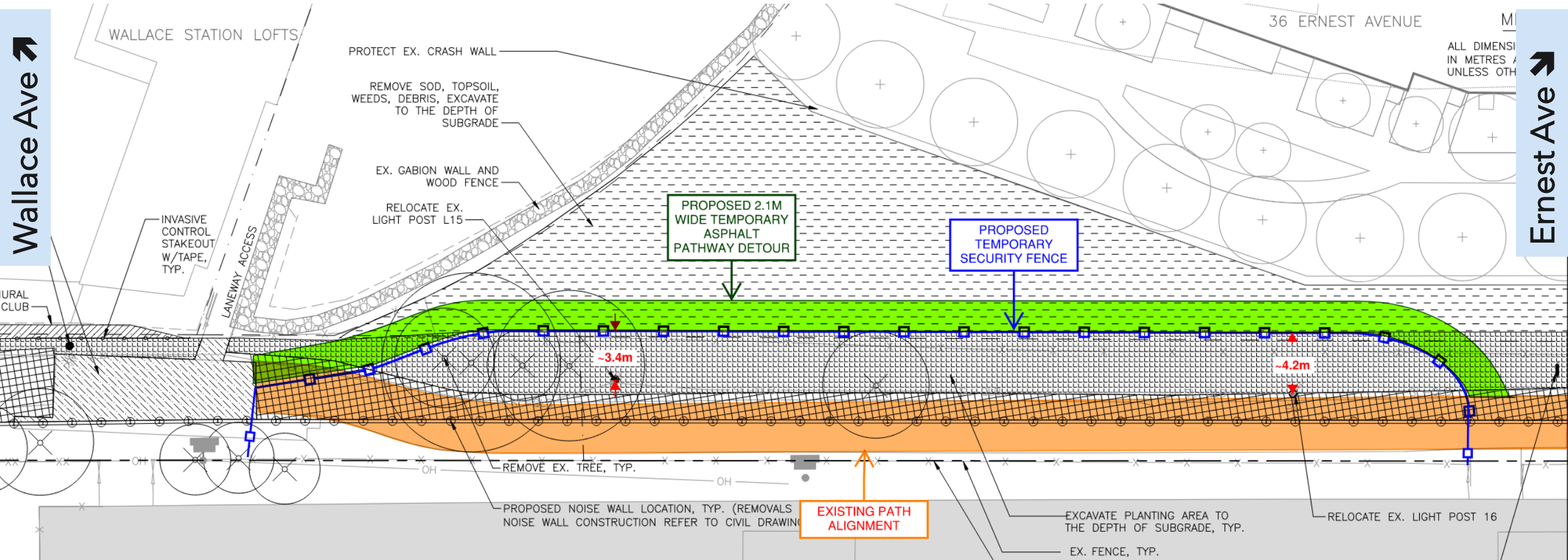


# IN PROGRESS

- Work inside the rail corridor
  - Trackbed Installation
    - Grading
    - Drainage
    - Subballast



# TEMPORARY PATHWAY - WALLACE AVE TO ERNEST AVE

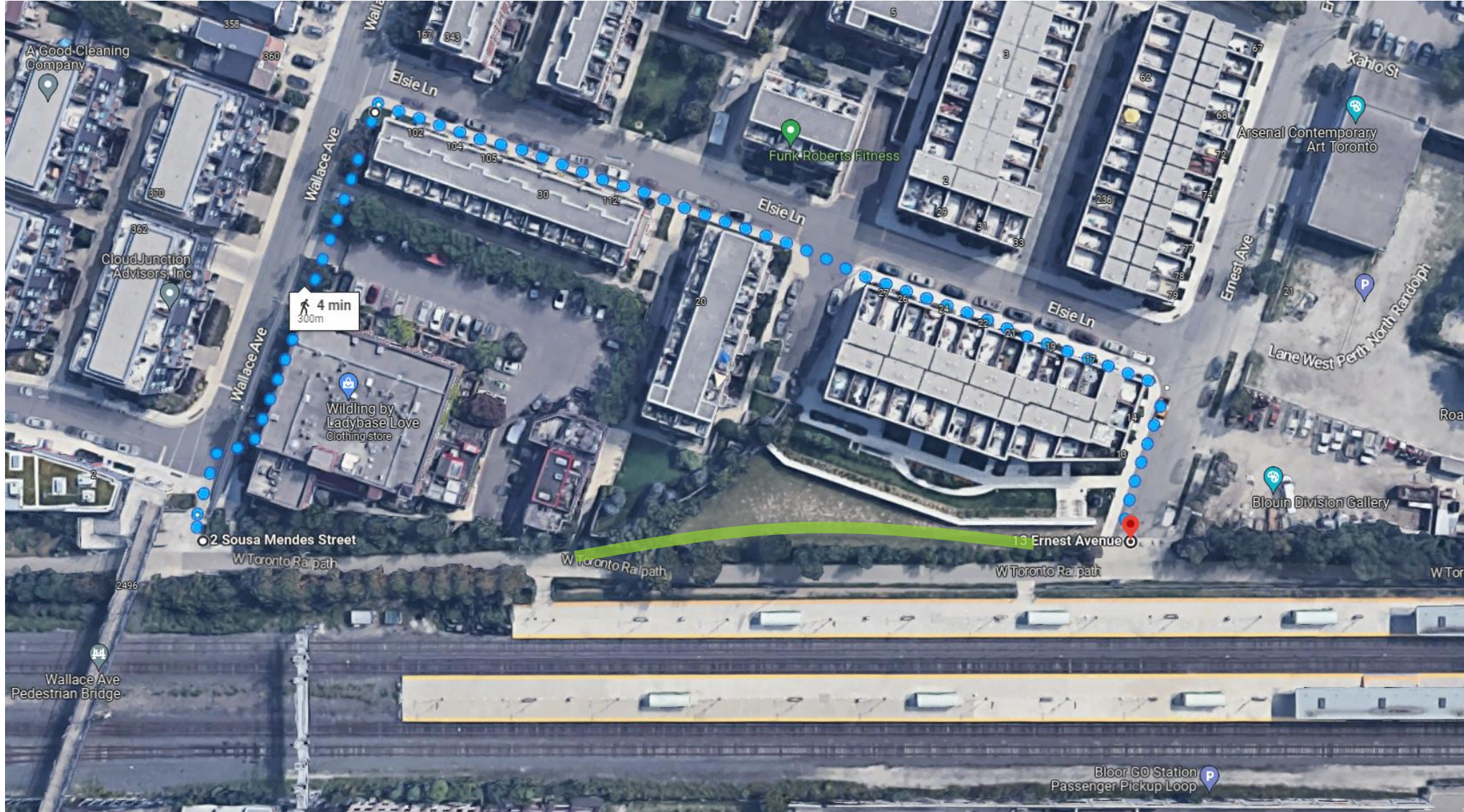


This operation will help to expedite the noise wall installation in this area.

**Bloor GO Station**



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# WHAT TO EXPECT NEXT

- **Randolph Avenue - Utility Relocation**
  - Electrical transformer
  - Light poles
  - Water Service & Hydrant
- **Tunnel Shoring and Excavation**
  - Caisson drilling
  - Shoring and Excavation
- **Noise Wall**
  - Post Installation
    - Dundas St to Bloor St
  - Panel Installation
    - Ruskin Ave



# WHAT TO EXPECT NEXT

- **Bloor St Rail Bridge Shift**
  - Approximately 3 weeks
  - Preparation work beginning late April 2023
    - Lane shift
    - Bike lane temporarily removed
  - One weekend full closure of Bloor Street between Dundas St & Perth Ave in mid/late-May 2023



## **NOISE WALLS**

- As part of this project several noise and retaining walls will be installed from just north of Ruskin Avenue to Lansdowne Avenue.

## **VINE WALLS**

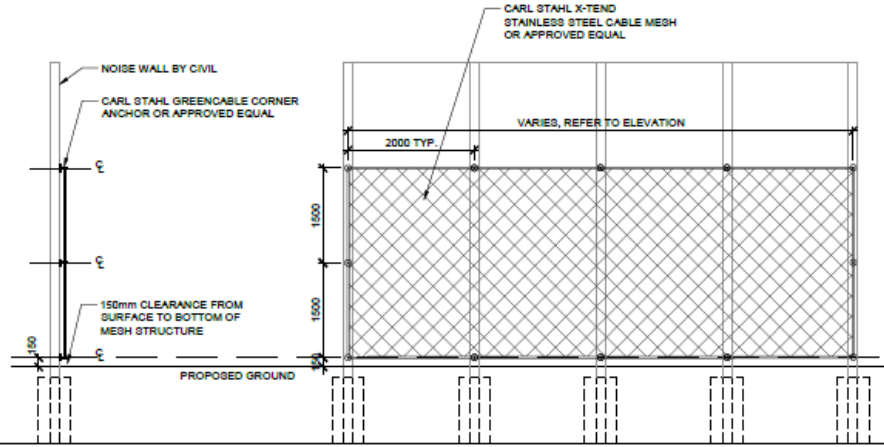
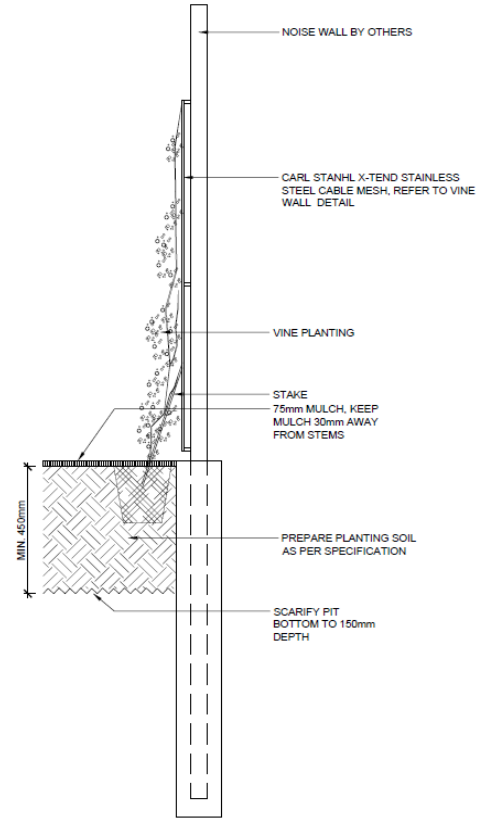
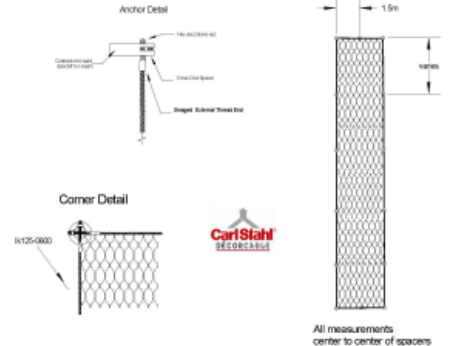
- Vine walls are measures to limit the amount of graffiti and unauthorized art on the noise wall panels.
- The new noise walls will be graffiti resistant in select areas and will have a natural vine screening to deter vandalism and to naturalize the look of walls.
- The Project Team had multiple consultations, including in person open houses and virtual online open houses with the community and the City of Toronto in detailing the extensive plan around the vine wall placement along the Railpath. The plan has not changed since those consultations



- NOTE:**
1. INSTALL CABLE MESH AND ANCHOR AS PER MANUFACTURER'S SPECIFICATION.
  2. CONTRACTOR TO PROVIDE STRUCTURALLY CERTIFIED SHOP DRAWINGS STAMPED BY AN ENGINEER FOR APPROVAL PRIOR TO CONSTRUCTION.

**MESH PRODUCT INFORMATION:**  
 MANUFACTURER: CARL STAHL DECORCABLE KEVIN CLARK (312) - 474-1100 x 613  
 PRODUCT: X-TEND STAINLESS STEEL CABLE MESH  
 COLOR/MATERIAL: STAINLESS STEEL

**ANCHOR PRODUCT INFORMATION:**  
 MANUFACTURER: CARL STAHL DECORCABLE KEVIN CLARK (312) - 474-1100 x 613  
 PRODUCT: GREENCABLE  
 COLOR/MATERIAL: STAINLESS STEEL



**2 VINE WALL**  
 L-1904 NTS

To learn more, go [here](#)

# 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
- Toronto West email: [TorontoWest@metrolinx.com](mailto:TorontoWest@metrolinx.com)
- Twitter: @GOExpansion
- Metrolinx Engage

