

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

Thursday, May 11, 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

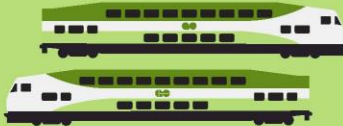
# Project Overview

# 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



06



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 SCHEDULE



Trackbed Installation  
(Ongoing)



Noise Wall Installation  
(Ongoing)



Bloor St Bridge Shift  
(Spring 2023)



Bloor GO Tunnel



WTRP Realignment  
S of Bloor  
(May 2023)



Track Work  
(Spring 2024)



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N of Bloor  
(Spring 2024)



Landscaping  
2024

## IN PROGRESS

- Work inside the rail corridor
  - Noise Wall Installation



# IN PROGRESS

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



# IN PROGRESS

- Railpath Realignment (South of Bloor St)
  - Work brought ahead of schedule
  - Light Pole Relocation
  - Grading & Excavation
  - Linear Drain System



## WHAT TO EXPECT NEXT

- **Bloor St Rail Bridge Shift**
  - Temporary barriers will be installed on Bloor St from Perth Ave to Symington Ave to address jaywalking concerns
    - No left turns



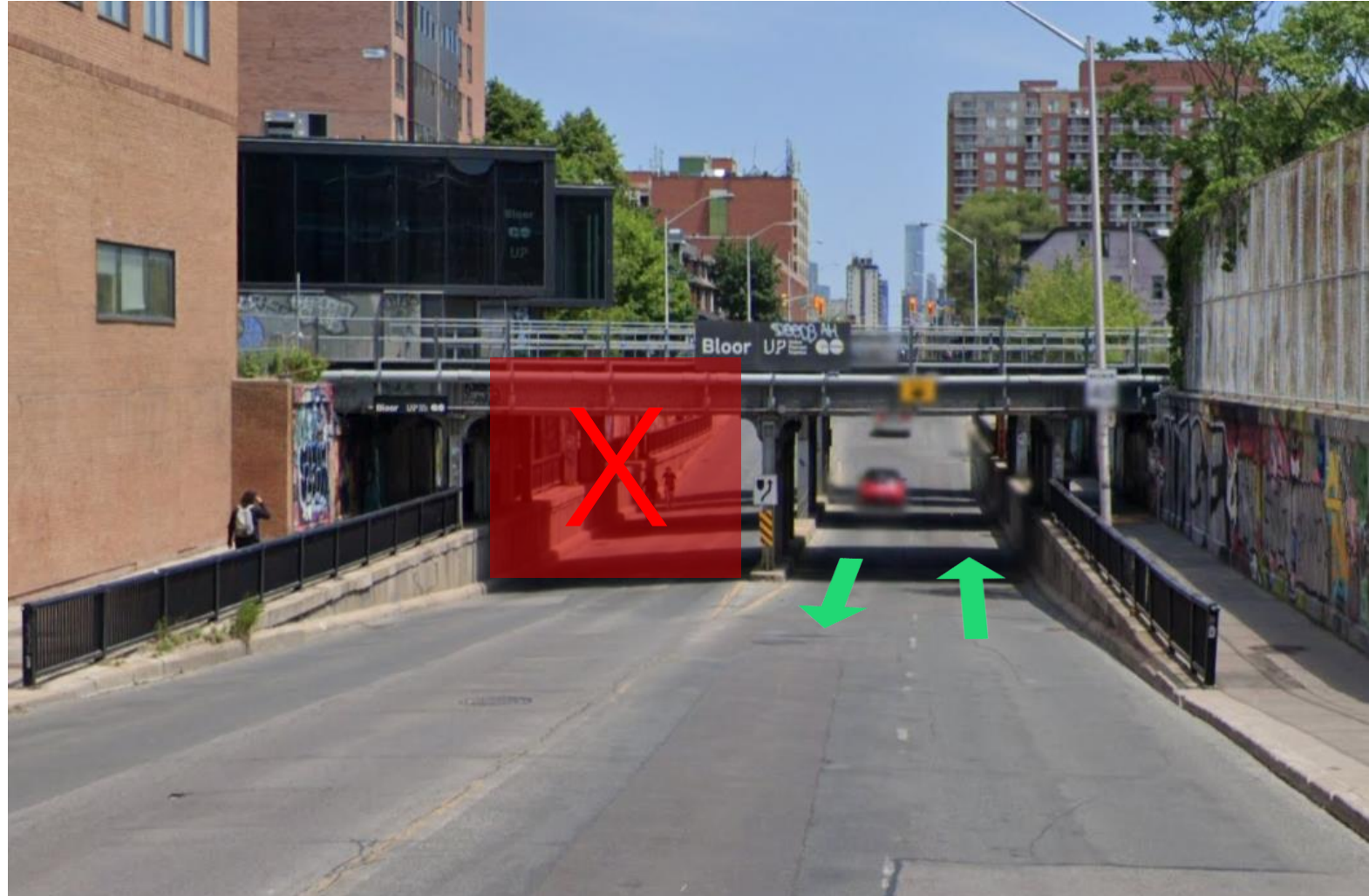
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- **Bloor St Rail Bridge Shift**
  - Multiple Stages of Preparation work
    1. Eastbound Lane Closure
      - 2-3 Days
      - Bike lanes temporarily removed
      - Modification/removal of existing bridge components
      - Install lifting lugs



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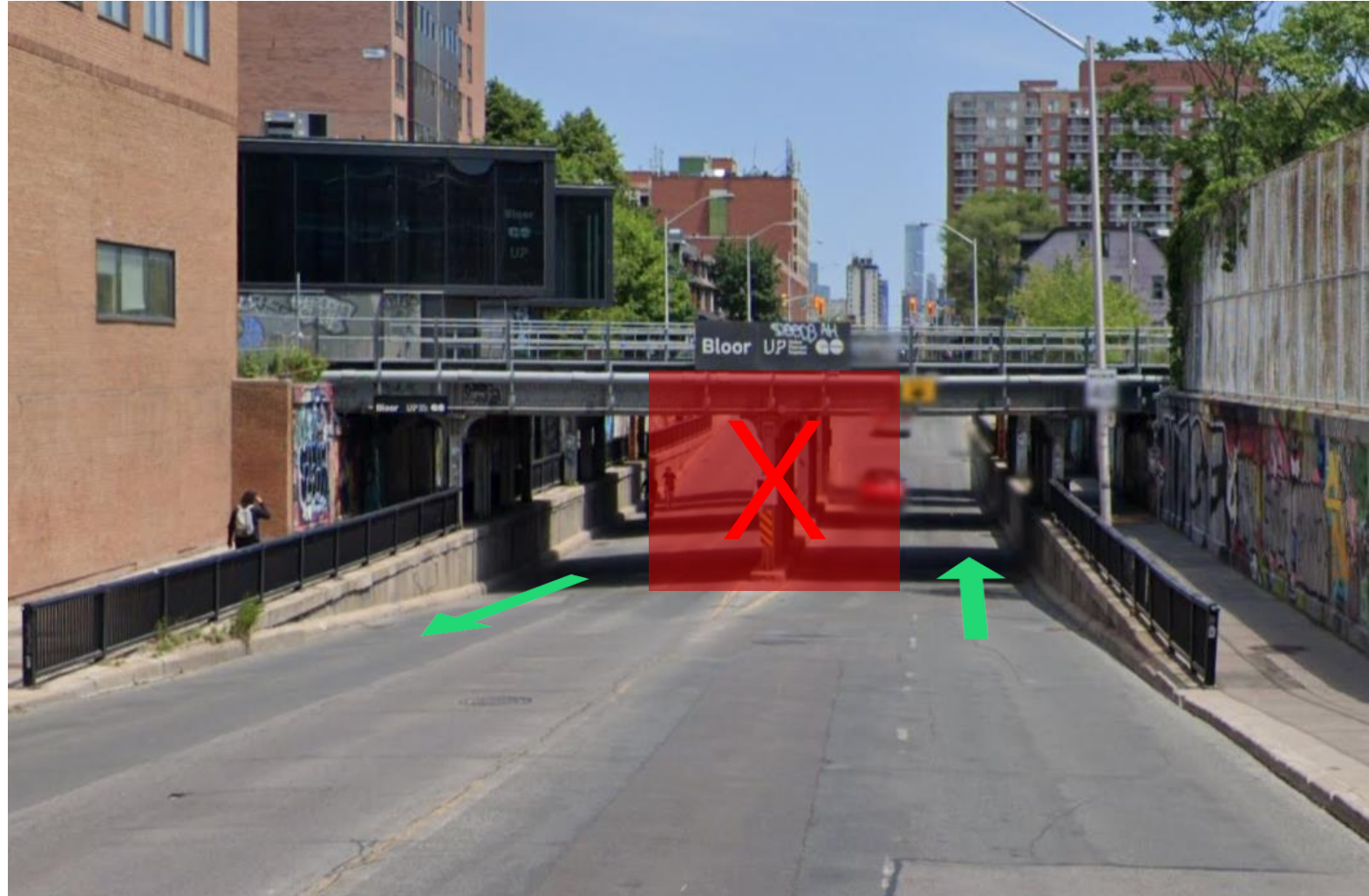
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  2. Westbound Lane Closure
    - 2-3 Days





# WHAT TO EXPECT NEXT

- **Bloor St Rail Bridge Shift**
  3. Inside Lanes Closure
    - 1 Week
    - Install new steel column and beam



# WHAT TO EXPECT NEXT

- **Bloor St Rail Bridge Shift**
  4. Full Road Closure
    - Dundas St to Perth Ave
    - 1 Weekend
    - No vehicle or pedestrian access
    - Bloor St entrance to GO/UP Express Station closed



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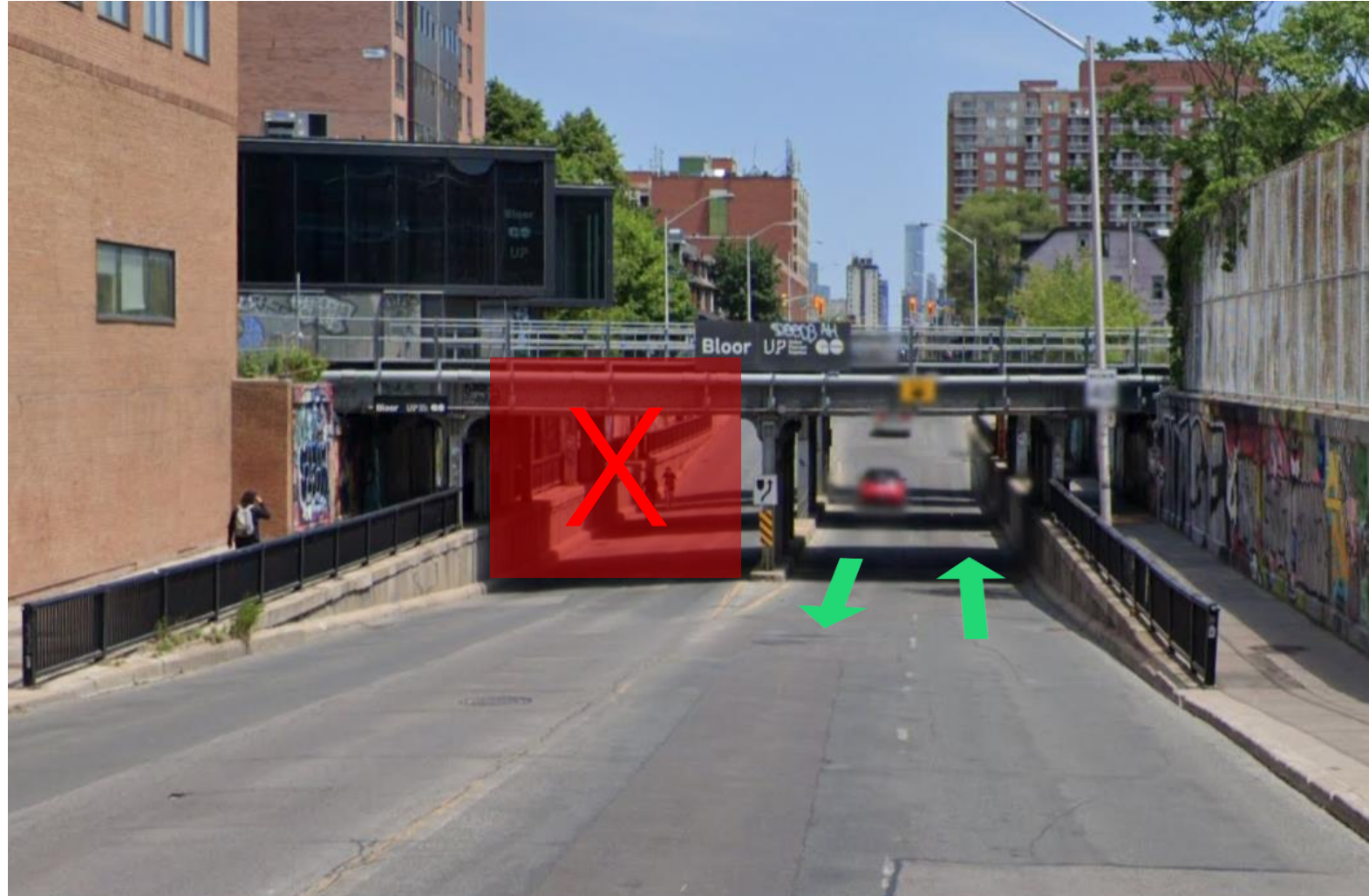
- 5. Eastbound Lane Closure

- 3-4 Days
    - Install new bridge components



# WHAT TO EXPECT NEXT

- **Bloor St Rail Bridge Shift**
  6. Westbound Lane Closure
    - 2-3 Days



# 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

