# Queen/Yonge Construction Liaison Committee

July 20, 2023



# **Agenda**

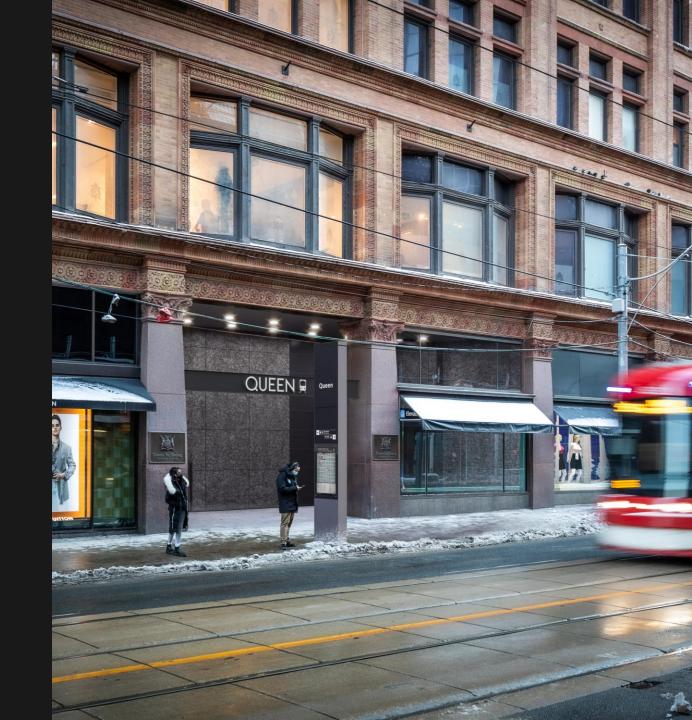
### Welcome (5 minutes)

- Introductions
- Land Acknowledgement
- Housekeeping

### Presentation (25 minutes)

- Ontario Line recap
- Ontario Transit Group (OTG)
- Queen Station Advanced Works
- HBC hydro vault relocation
- York Street track construction
- Community Outreach

Discussion (30 minutes)



# **Land Acknowledgment**



Let us take a moment to acknowledge that we are on the traditional territory of Indigenous Peoples including the Anishnabeg, the Haudenosaunee and the Wendat peoples.

We are all Treaty people. Many of us have come here as settlers and immigrants...in this generation or generations past.

Metrolinx declares its commitment to building meaningful relationships with Indigenous Peoples.

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

We acknowledge that Metrolinx operates on lands covered by 20 Treaties, and that we have a responsibility to recognize and value the rights of Indigenous Nations and Peoples and conduct business in a manner that is built on the foundation of trust, respect and collaboration.

#### **SAFETY**

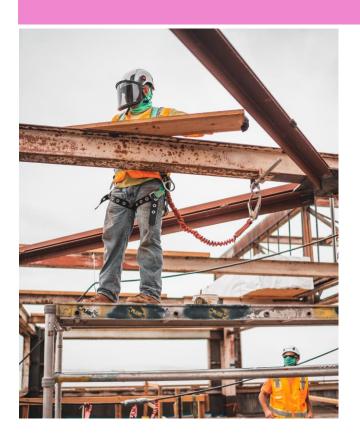
#### We train and direct staff to:

- Always have a site-specific safety plan and site-specific emergency plan.
- Ensure pre-work hazard assessments are complete and understood.
- Ensure job hazards analyses are complete and understood.
- Do everything reasonably possible to protect themselves, co-workers, and members of the public.
- Identify and report unsafe behaviour and coach each other to make improvements.
- Be prepared and equipped to work safely.

#### THINK Safe

**ACT** Safe

**HOME** Safe



### **Construction Liaison Committees (CLC)**

Construction Liaison Committees (CLCs) provide open, two-way communication and sharing of information before and during the construction of the Ontario Line project. The CLC will focus on the impacts, issues and areas of concern for resolution related to the Ontario Line construction within the Queen-Yonge neighbourhood. The full Terms of Reference will be shared with the CLC via email.

- The CLC will meet regularly as construction activities get underway
- CLC frequency is flexible, depending on schedules/availability and critical construction work
- Metrolinx will work with stakeholders to develop meeting agendas
- Meetings will last 60-90 minutes, depending on the agenda
- Metrolinx to chair the CLC with support from the project contractor
- Project contractor will participate and lead the construction updates
- Action items/issues/complaints to be logged for resolution

#### Community representatives



- Elected officials
- Community groups/residents
- Residents' groups/associations
- Tenant representatives
- BIAs
- Business owners

#### City of Toronto



#### Project team members



 Metrolinx–representatives from Subways Sponsors Office, Design Division, Community Engagement, Project Teams and Contractor/Project Co.

#### **CLC Code of Conduct**



**Participate** fully, openly, and transparently in discussions, while also creating an environment where all members are encouraged to contribute and share their views.



**Participate** in a respectful manner towards other CLC members by using appropriate language.



**Keep** requested agenda and discussion items within the mandate and scope of the Construction Liaison Committee.



**Represent** their community's diverse perspectives and interests.



**Maintain** confidentiality of sensitive issues, when requested by participants.



**Commit** to equity, diversity and inclusion by supporting the participation of the whole community regardless of race, gender, class, sexuality, age or ability.

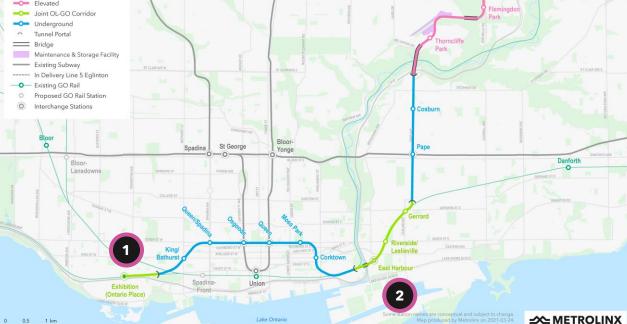


# Ontario Line



### **Ontario Line**

#### **Ontario Line** 0 **ONTARIO LINE** Eglinton West Eglinton = Elevated - Joint OL-GO Corridor Underground Tunnel Portal == Bridge Maintenance & Storage Facility — Existing Subway ---- In Delivery Line 5 Eglinton Existing GO Rail Proposed GO Rail Station Interchange Stations St George Spadina **∠**METROLINX





15.6 kilometres long



15 stations



As frequent as every 90 seconds during rush hour



227,500 more people within walking distance to transit



388,000 daily boardings



40+ connections to other transit options



Up to 47,000 more jobs accessible in 45 minutes or less, on average





### **Ontario Line Features**

- Electric, automated (driverless) trains.
- Train doors will automatically open and close in sync with platform edge doors.
- Tracks and stations will run underground in downtown areas and along Pape Avenue.
- Tracks will run through the existing rail corridor at Exhibition and in Riverside-Leslieville.
- Tracks and stations will be elevated above the street in Thorncliffe Park and Flemingdon Park, similar to elevated transit lines in Vancouver, London, Copenhagen, Singapore, and Shanghai.





# Advanced Works & Station Construction



### **Phases of Work | Advanced Works and Station Construction**

# **Queen & Osgoode Advanced Works**

Currently underway



- Utility relocations, sewer and watermain relocations and telecom relocations delivered by Metrolinx contractor, to prepare for station construction.
- Temporary fencing and concrete barriers installed for safety and flexibility.
- Wayfinding and various banner signage installed on fencing.
- New TTC streetcar track on Adelaide and York Street for Queen 501 streetcar detour (begins mid-summer 2023).

#### **Station Construction**

Late fall 2023



- Work delivered by Southern Civil,
  Stations, and Tunnel contractor -Ontario
  Transit Group (OTG).
- Construction hoarding will be installed around perimeter of work zone for safety and will include decorative element.
- Shoring and piling will be put in place around future station before excavation can begin.

### WHO DOES WHAT



Manages Province's Alternative Financing and Procurement program and lead the procurement process.

Negotiates Project agreement, which spells out roles and responsibilities of each party.

Oversees execution of Project agreement, provides quality control oversight.

Oversees Transit-Oriented Communities (TOCs) - a Provincial program led by Infrastructure Ontario and/or Metrolinx.



ONTARIO TRANSIT GROUP

Contracted to design, build and deliver the Ontario Line Subway - Southern Civils project

Designs, constructs and finances Southern Civil, Stations and Tunnel work for 6-kilometre tunnel and associated tunnelling works from Exhibition to Don Yard portal (west of the Don River)

Joint venture between Ferrovial Construction and Vinci Construction Grands Projets (through their subsidiary JANIN ATLAS)

# **I**TORONTO

Contribute subject matter expertise regarding City polices, requirements, permits and procedures.

Ensure key City and community interests are noted and addressed through application design reviews and permits.

Work with partners to minimize negative impacts on residents and the environment.

Monitor construction sites for safety and adherence to City standards and bylaws.

#### TTC

Reviews all traffic plans and makes adjustments to routes and services to mitigate impacts to their customers.

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Overarching accountability for entire project, strategy and content approvals, building relationships and understanding needs of the community.

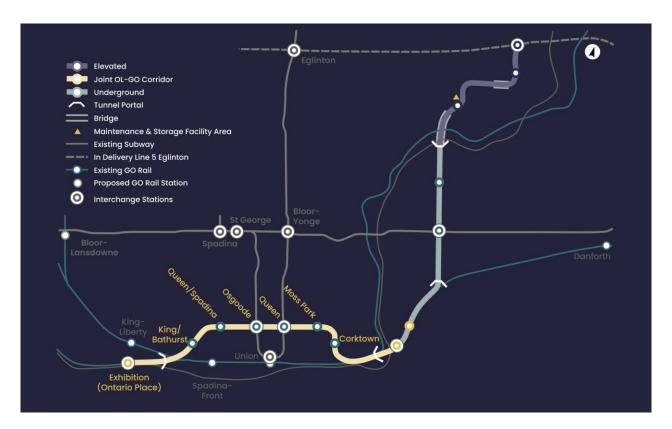
Oversight of construction contractors to ensure compliance with contractual obligations, including work schedules, adherence to acceptable noise levels, traffic management plans and permit conditions.

## **ABOUT ONTARIO TRANSIT GROUP (OTG)**

Ontario Transit Group (OTG) is a joint venture between Ferrovial Construction and Vinci Construction Grands Projects to design, build and deliver the southern portion of Ontario Line Subway - Southern Civil, Stations and Tunnel work.

#### **Stations:**

- One above-ground station to be integrated with the existing GO Transit Exhibition Station.
- Two underground stations to be integrated with the existing TTC Osgoode and Queen subway stations.
- Four new underground stations (King/Bathurst, Queen/Spadina, Moss Park, Corktown).



Ontario Line South Civil spans Exhibition to Don Yard portal (west of the Don River), shown in yellow.

# Queen Station Update



# **Queen Street** Utility Relocations

- On May 1, 2023, Queen Street closed to vehicular traffic from Bay to Yonge and Yonge to Victoria
- The closure will last for approximately 4.5 years
- Crews are currently conducting advanced work in preparation for station construction
- Advanced work includes asphalt and sidewalk demolitions to accommodate utility relocations such as: water, sewer, gas, telecom, Toronto Hydro duct banks
- Utility work is expected to be completed by late fall 2023
- Station construction will begin following completion of utility relocations



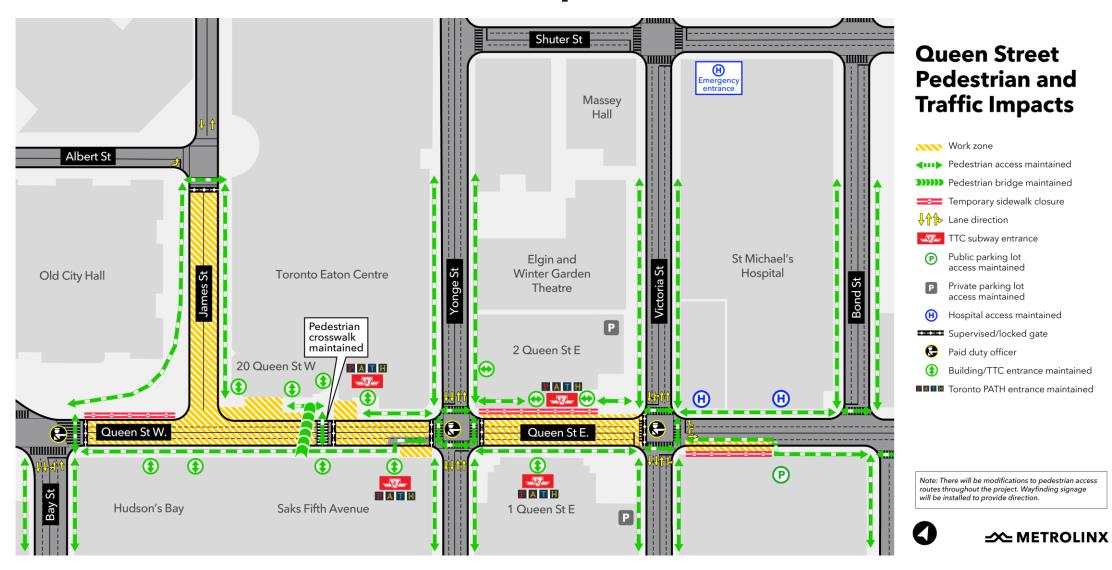
# **HBC Hydro Vault Relocation**

- Crews continue to work to relocate existing underground hydro vaults including access modifications at street level, as well as basement modifications within the HBC building.
- Work is taking place above and below ground and is expected to be completed by late fall 2023.
- The south sidewalk of Queen Street is currently open to pedestrians.
- Street-level vault relocation work will start in the early fall and requires the full closure of the south sidewalk.
- Pedestrian access will be maintained via the closed Queen Street roadway.





# **Queen Street Pedestrian and Traffic Impacts**



# Signage and Maintenance of Work Zone

- Phase 1 signage included various wayfinding signage, project signage and 'Open for Business' banners.
- Phase 2 signage will be installed on the fencing throughout the project area in both official languages.
  - Installation is expected in 1-2 weeks
  - This signage will remain in place until OTG takes over the site for station construction
- Metrolinx has also worked directly with the foot clinic and ultrasound clinic to develop custom 'open for business' signage for the fencing in front of the closed sidewalk at Queen and Victoria
- Metrolinx and its contractors regularly inspect the work zone, cleaning graffiti and garbage as needed, removing trip hazards, etc.

All businesses open during construction.

Toutes les entreprises sont ouvertes pendant la construction.





# FOOT CLINIC OPEN DURING CONSTRUCTION

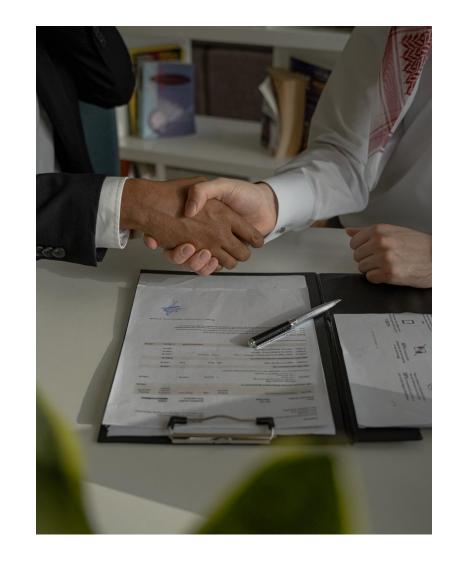


### **Permission to Enter notices**

For properties in the immediate vicinity of Ontario Line construction, the **Permission to Enter (PTE) process** is used to gain access for a variety of reasons, including carrying out pre-construction surveys or to install various types of monitoring equipment.

The Permission to Enter process is important for the safety of business and homeowners since it allows the project team to **monitor settlement, noise and vibration** to ensure there are no issues happening to your property during tunnelling and construction. If an issue arises, we can immediately identify and resolve it.

Depending on design requirements, work related to PTEs at a property could involve any of the following: pre-condition surveys and testing, settlement monitoring and noise and vibration monitoring.



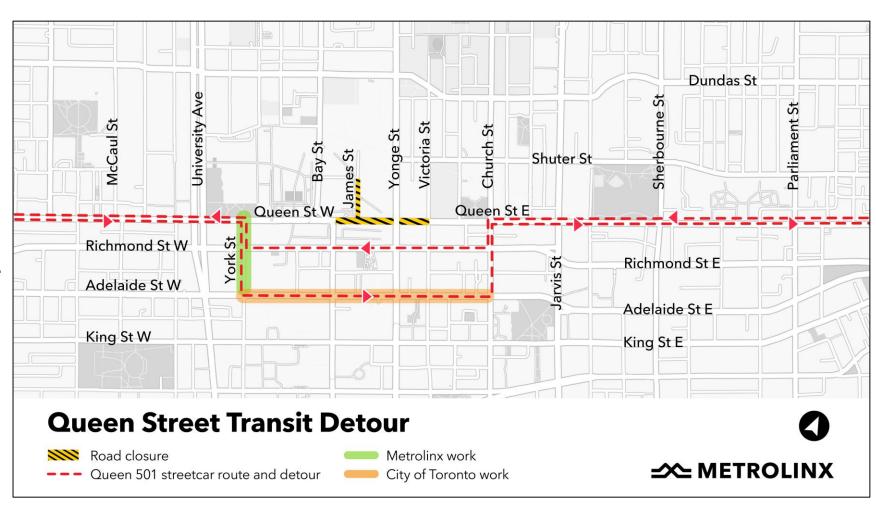
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# York Street Track Construction



# York Street Track Construction | Begins Summer 2023\*

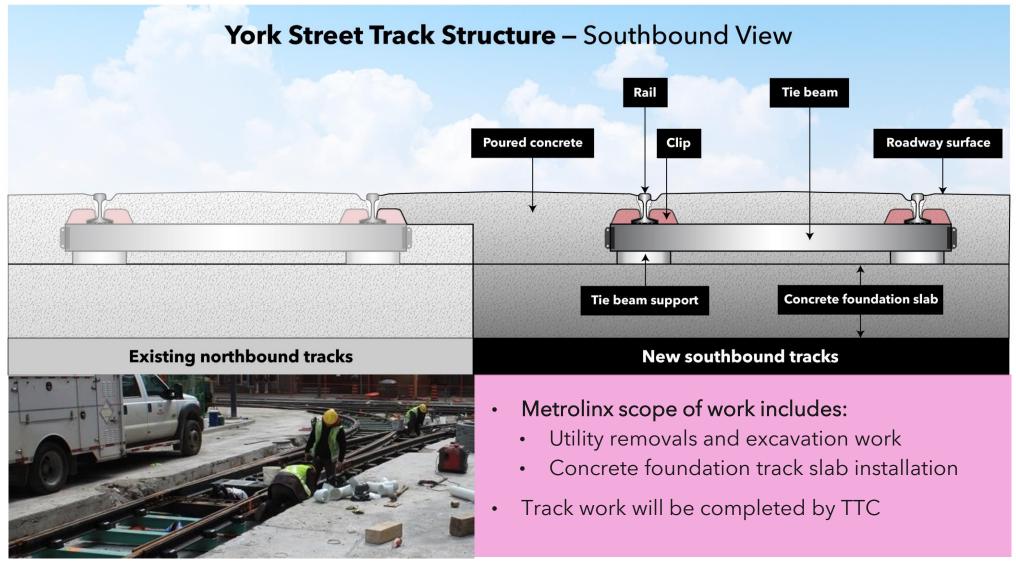
- The City of Toronto, TTC and Metrolinx are proceeding with the construction of the 501 Queen streetcar diversion.
- Metrolinx will deliver roadway and utility work to facilitate the Queen streetcar detour on York St. from Queen St. W. intersection to north of Adelaide St. W. intersection.
- City of Toronto will deliver track, roadway and utility work for the Adelaide St. portion.
- Work is expected to be completed by mid 2024.\*



\*Dates are subject to change.



#### **York Street Track Infrastructure**



# **Stages of Work**

York Street track construction will be divided into 3 stages:

### Stage 1

(Summer 2023 to early winter 2024)



- <u>Stage 1a:</u>. Removing overhead poles, track slab excavation, pouring foundation slab and TTC track work.
- Stage 1b: removing and relocation of wet and dry utilities, removing overhead poles, pouring of foundation slab and TTC track work.

Stage 2 (Winter 2023)



• Track infill, pole replacements, traffic signal work and roadway work.

**Stage 3** (Early winter 2024)



• Roadway work, replacing streetcar poles, and traffic signal work.

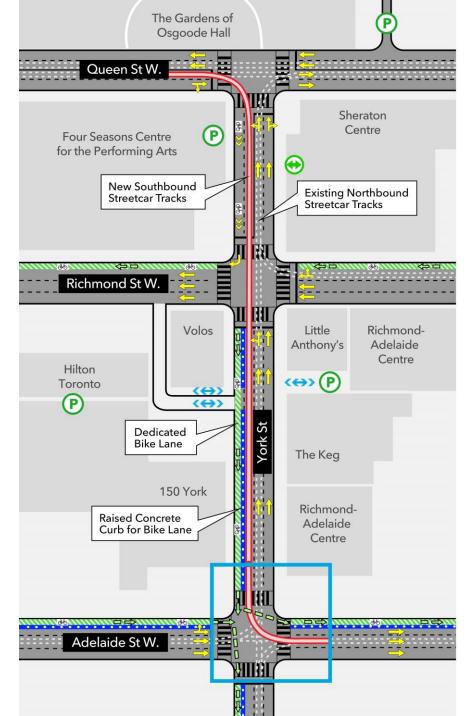
\*Stage 1a and 1b will happen concurrently.

\*Timing of work is subject to change.



### **Final | York Street Right-of-Way**

Project completion expected mid-2024



# York Street Right-of-Way Final Layout

Existing streetcar tracks
Raised concrete curb

Shared bike/auto lane

Dedicated bike lane

Bike lane direction

Auto lane direction

Driveway access

Parking lot access

Building entrance

New southbound streetcar tracks

Note: Work to connect new York Street infrastructure to existing infrastructure on Adelaide Street, as identified in the blue box on the map, will be performed by the City of Toronto and TTC.





## **York Street - Next Steps**

- Metrolinx to award contract to successful proponent
- Contractor will submit detailed traffic management and construction staging plans to the city for permitting and approvals
- Metrolinx will update the local community on the plans prior to the start of work, including any mitigations that are required for traffic and pedestrians

#### During construction:

- Area parking lots will remain accessible, pedestrian and driveway access will be maintained
- Occasional weekend driveway closures will be required and will be coordinated directly with building owners
- Metrolinx will work closely with area businesses and the city to ensure daily operations and performances are not impacted



## **Queen/Yonge: Community Outreach**

#### **Construction Liaison Committees**

- July 20, 2023
- Next meetings: September 12, November 14, January 9, 2024
- Bi-monthly CLC meetings: virtual, in-person and hybrid options
- When OTG takes over, meetings will become monthly

#### **Business Community**

- Direct business outreach and canvassing
- Quarterly meetings with all BIAs along the Ontario Line, in partnership with the City of Toronto Economic Development and Culture

#### **Community Outreach**

- Virtual and in-person open houses
- Pop-ups within the community and in residential building lobbies
- In-person and virtual consultation with residences and businesses

### **Community Notification**

- Physical and digital distribution of construction notices
- Canvassing high impact areas
- News and information provided in the Ontario Line newsletter

### We Are Here for You

Metrolinx will keep the community, residents and businesses informed by providing project updates, seeking input and feedback, and addressing questions and concerns effectively and quickly.

#### **Connect with us:**

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