

**Finch Early Works Construction Liaison Committee
North York Senior's Centre
Thursday December 12, 2022
4:00PM to 5:30PM**

Attendees:

Metrolinx:

- Nick Faieta
- Azim Ahmed
- Rezwan Razzaque
- Anisha Prasad
- Jessica Cho
- Laura Adams
- Hussain Al Tamimi

Black & MacDonald:

- Steffan
- Matthew

Stakeholders:

- Josh Herzog - Manulife
- Rachelle - North York Senior's Centre
- Theresa Buck - TTC
- Vanessa Clarke - MPP Stan Cho
- Paul Honis - YTCA, Monet Condominium
- Carrie Slattery - York Region Rapid Transit Corporation
- Councillor Lily Cheng (virtual)
- Jake - Korean Canadian Business Association (virtual)
- Anthony - City of Toronto Transit Office (virtual)

Takeaways:

- Meetings will occur on a monthly basis
- Will continue with a 4:00PM start time
- Next meeting will likely be virtual

Question & Answer:

Q1. What is traction power?

Traction power are the electrical power supplied by the traction substations (TPSS) to the Traction Electrification System for the subways. Usually, heavy cables are used to transfer electricity from TPSS to connect to the 3rd rail and maintain the DC power to keep the train moving.

Q2. Will the upcoming work include internet on line 1?

We are working to set up communication system with existing TTC infrastructure to link the future subway extension into the TTC's existing communications systems

Q3. Does "option 6" imply that there were 5 other options that were disregarded?

Yes, there were 5 other options, but option 6 became somewhat of an amalgamation of all other options. (Regarding slide #7 of the ppt)

Q4. Does substation work affect power in the area?

No, there will not be any impact to the power in the area for any residential, business or industrial usage. The massive power required to run Subway trains are distributed independently- for example electrical tower and structures located in the Finch Parking lot are powering the existing Finch Station.

We are going to build additional TPSS to power the new trains on YNSE extension, separate from the residential/business/industrial power grid.

Q5. Will there be a rerouting of the trail along the hydro corridor?

No, the path will remain as is. The only impact will be when we deliver our site trailer, which will be in a cornered corridor of Hendon Park, close the baseball field. This is where we have been granted permission by the City of Toronto to park it.

Q6. What part of Hendon avenue is closing, and when?

Only one [westbound] lane will be closed until September.

Q7. Is the exit on Hendon Avenue one way?

Yes.

Q8. What are construction the hours?

7:00AM to 7:00PM, according to municipal bylaws. Stop time is also dependent on weather.

Q9. What are some examples of the noise mitigation methods you'll be using?

The Contractor has to comply with the air-borne noise exposure limits provided in Tables 7.1 and 7.2 of this Article 7. The Contractor shall comply with the ground-borne noise exposure limits provided in Table 7.3 of this Article 7 measured in accordance with the FTA Manual stipulated in the contract. For residential areas, the maximum is 85-90 dBA for 15 minutes.

Q10. Will there be sound devices attached to buildings?

There will be monitors attached to buildings measuring sound throughout the work period.

Q11. Will there be any dust or air pollution resulting from the construction?

Rest assured we are not expecting a massive dust cloud, most of the work will be done underground. We also have a stringent environmental management plan that we will be adhering to.

Q12. Is there a crosswalk where they would walk westbound? If they were walking north on the west side of Yonge, they would have to walk north of bishop, can they still cross? Is there any other restriction?

The pedestrian wide walks along south of the Yonge street along Hendon avenue will be closed for the safety of the public during the construction. We will encourage pedestrian to use the east of the Yonge street across the construction to walk south (along Bishop ave).

As for other restriction, Yes. There's an existing bus stop, we'll be installing temporary shelter, so people know how to use. Once construction is done, we'll remove temporary bus stop and existing one will stay where it is.

Q13. Will someone be there only during construction?

There will be someone on site during construction to help direct traffic during peak hours; however, it is always best to use designated cross walk.

Q14. Is there a date as to when you will begin mobilizing?

We are aiming for the second or third week of January. We will talk to our team and set up something with TTC before the holidays. Haven't been talking to TTC yet is because we wanted to finalize steps and all activities are in place before mobilizing.

Q15. Will there be signage?

We are currently in talks with the TTC about signage.

Q16. Will people in the area be notified about the work?

Our team will be out in the community with notices in the weeks prior to the onset of construction. No windshield drops will be provided, but we will have canvassers going into the nearby neighbourhoods to deliver notices.

Action Items:

- Azim to share PowerPoint with the CLC members
- Metrolinx to actively engage the Councillor about the communications plan for Finch Early Works
- Metrolinx will look into creating a barriered walkway for pedestrians along the fence to avoid putting people into oncoming traffic when crossing Hendon Avenue
- Metrolinx to look into the independently established standards for quality of air for the nearby daycare and playground
- Metrolinx to provide a pedestrian/street level view of the construction zone