

Lakeshore East Joint Corridor CLC - January 18, 2024**ATTENDEES****Elected Officials/Staff**

Nicolas Valverde (Councillor Fletcher's Office)

City of Toronto

Sheikh Alam
Astro Man
Louie Lenti
Michael Paolucci
Lais Siqueira
Mark Ventresca

Metrolinx

Alexandra Grgas-Sorge
Malcolm MacKay
Katiana Moussa
John Potter

Dufferin/LURA

Michael Macaluso
Amitai Zand
Nico Zucco

BIAs/Community Groups/Residents

Lanrick Bennett
Stephen Davies
Shelley Kline
Jennifer Lay
Catherine Riddell
Minoli W.

OVERVIEW

The eighth Lakeshore East Joint Corridor CLC took place at 6:00 p.m. - 7:15 p.m. on January 18, 2024, via Microsoft Teams. During this meeting, the discussion focused on recent and upcoming construction work on several bridges, utility works, and mitigation measures implemented to reduce the impact of construction work to the community.

QUESTIONS

- 1. Can Metrolinx provide a third column to the action items table that shows their status as open or closed?**
 - Yes, Metrolinx can add that to the table in future presentations.
- 2. Can additional space for bike lanes in the construction traffic configurations of current closures along the corridor be created?**
 - Metrolinx reviewed the traffic design with the contractor and learned that there is no way to provide additional space for bike lanes in order for work to be carried out safely so bike lanes will remain closed, and the City approved this closure. However, Metrolinx has asked Dufferin Construction to look for any opportunities to restore more space when possible.

3. **What is the status on having the contractor sharing noise and vibration updates? It would be good to consolidate this and other project information like the 6-month master plan on a website that is more accessible to neighbours.**
 - Metrolinx remarked that they are still working on the best way for the contractor to share such updates, apologizing that it has taken as long as it has so far to work on this action item.
 - Metrolinx added that there are updates for a few months in advance in today's presentation, and that they are working with the contractor on the 6-month lookahead.
 - Metrolinx will also speak with Metrolinx Communications about changes to project website updates.
4. **What is the status on Metrolinx having an Infrastructure Ontario (IO) representative attend these CLC meetings?**
 - Metrolinx is investigating the possibility of making this happen.
5. **What actions has the contractor taken to resolve recent complaints regarding vibrations and trucks blocking residents' driveways?**
 - Metrolinx said they would follow up on the specifics of the corrective action for the complaint in question and add them to the slides of the next CLC meeting.
 - Metrolinx added that in they have already directed the contractor to erect temporary noise barriers around such equipment in the future.
 - Metrolinx remarked that the vibration monitor on Logan Avenue between the Dundas and Logan bridge has not recorded exceedances since its installation, and that they are actively looking at installing a monitor on the other side of the bridge (on Dundas, Paisley, or both).
 - Metrolinx noted that mitigations for vibrations are harder to implement than for noise and that vibrations cannot be eliminated completely, adding that that is why vibration-causing construction activities are carried out during the daytime when it is less disruptive to residents.
6. **Can business owners along Queen in the first block west of the corridor have vibration/noise monitors installed on their properties? Some have expressed interest.**
 - Metrolinx said they can look into this but noted that there is already a monitor very close to the corridor on the same side of the bridge that the Riverside BIA is on, and that acoustic engineers typically place monitors closest to the source of the construction work and are able to calculate estimated values for properties in the nearby radius.

7. What steps is Metrolinx taking to address the visibility of the signage laydown area at the end of First Avenue, and the associated truck traffic?

- Metrolinx said they are looking at placing mesh on the fast fencing at the end of the street to reduce the visual impact.
- Metrolinx has asked the contractor to be mindful if they must drive down First Avenue in the morning in order to pick up traffic signs from the laydown area, and to only drive there between 7:00am and 7:00pm.
- Metrolinx will seek clarification on the purpose of the contractor's chosen location for the laydown area.

8. Are the utility poles and pedestrian lighting recently installed around the Queen bridge permanent? Who owns them?

- Dufferin Construction confirmed that the overhead catenary system (OCS) poles for the TTC are permanent, but is unsure about the pedestrian lighting.
- These poles are currently TTC- and/or City of Toronto-owned property, but future design and ownership are unclear. Dufferin will clarify with the City.

9. When will the historical railway station sign near the adjacent to the west abutment of the Queen bridge be removed and safeguarded?

- Metrolinx said that construction will not be focused on that side of the bridge until late 2024 or early 2025 but will clarify whether there is or will be a preservation plan in place for the plaque.

10. Why is preparatory work similar to what the North package will require being carried out in this package further south?

- Metrolinx explained that as part of the early works scope, it is required to widen and install chainlink fencing along the entire corridor, and that removing the existing retaining wall and chainlink fence is required as a prerequisite to this work.
- Dufferin Construction added that there is a signal bungalow that needs to be moved as a priority and that the electrical raceways need to be installed along the corridor to power the relocated signal bungalow.

11. Will Metrolinx issue construction notices to residents and businesses along the corridor east of the joint section, east of Gerrard Square with regard to the temporary closure of the Galt Walkway?

- Metrolinx confirmed that yes, this catchment area will receive notice as appropriate.
- Metrolinx explained that the walkway closure date of February 5 is tentative. Once the current fencing is removed, it will not be safe for pedestrians to be so

close to the open corridor before temporary fencing is installed. There is an alternative laneway going south to Gerrard. Metrolinx said they will endeavour to reopen the walkway as fast as possible, and that advance signage will be put place so people can plan for it. The Pape CLC and local Woodgreen residence and TCHC seniors building will also be notified, and the Gerrard Square property owner will distribute notices in and around the mall.

12. Will there be additional traffic control personnel along Queen Street to help pedestrians (especially schoolchildren) navigate the construction road configuration and sidewalk closures safely?

- Dufferin Construction confirmed that there are no plans for adding dedicated traffic personnel during the Queen bridge demolition work, however construction workers will be present.
- Metrolinx added that they will follow-up on plans to ensure pedestrian safety during this work.

13. Where do the retaining walls end on the east side of the corridor?

- Dufferin Construction confirmed that the eastern end of the project scope for this contract is roughly the parking lot at the end of Thackery Street, and that the new retaining wall will terminate just beyond the parking lot, but a noise wall will extend to approximately Jones Avenue further east.

14. When will the trees on the west side of the corridor be removed from Eastern Ave to Dundas St, especially in Bruce Mackey Park between Queen and Dundas?

- Metrolinx said there is no dates are confirmed yet but will check.

15. Are there updates to share regarding work done in the catchment area of the Eastern Ave/East Harbour Transit Hub CLC?

- Metrolinx said there are none they are currently aware of since the December CLC meeting but will check again.

16. Are there any updates regarding the mural collaboration with the BIA and City of Toronto PF&R?

- Metrolinx said they are ready to proceed with installing the BIA's mural on the hoarding currently in place at McCleary playground behind the chainlink fence. City of Toronto Parks, Forestry and Recreation are supportive of the initiative.
- The Metrolinx property team has confirmed it is possible to obtain access into the park via a Park Access Agreement.
- Metrolinx expressed excitement in working with the City and Councillor Fletcher's office to make this initiative happen.

ACTION ITEMS

- Metrolinx to carry over all unresolved action items in the next CLC presentation deck with dates they were originally noted.
- Metrolinx to add a third column to the action items table in the next and all subsequent CLC presentation decks indicating their open/closed status at the time of the meeting.
- Metrolinx to add ongoing action item of art panels on construction hoarding.
- Metrolinx to seek clarification on the purpose of the contractor's chosen location for the laydown area at the end of First Avenue.
- Metrolinx to seek clarification on plans to preserve the historic railway station sign next to the west abutment of the Queen bridge.
- Metrolinx to inform the Pape-Langley CLC about the Galt Walkway closure next to Gerrard Square.
- Mx to take back BIA request to have assistance at pedestrian crossings during sidewalk closures (concerns with student safety)
- Metrolinx to confirm timing for tree removals on the west side of the rail corridor at specifically at Mackey Park (Queen - Dundas).
- Metrolinx to check for recent updates to share regarding work done in the catchment area of the Eastern Ave.
- Metrolinx to install signage for pathway closure 2 weeks in advance and look at placing signs at Mrytle St.
- DCC/LURA to confirm if TTC OCS poles and pedestrian light poles on Queen St. E. are permanent.
- Mx to take back request to share 2024 year look ahead with community (Jan - Dec 2024).
- What is the status on Metrolinx having an Infrastructure Ontario (IO) representative attend these CLC meetings?
- What is the status on having the contractor sharing noise and vibration updates?
- What actions has the contractor taken to resolve recent complaints regarding vibrations and trucks blocking residents' driveways?
- Metrolinx is actively looking at installing an additional noise and vibration monitor on the south side of the Dundas St E bridge.
- Can business owners along Queen in the first block west of the corridor have vibration/noise monitors installed on their properties?