

**Lakeshore East Joint Corridor Construction Liaison Committee (CLC)****February 15, 2024****ATTENDEES****BIAs/Community Groups/Residents**

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**OVERVIEW**

The ninth Lakeshore East Joint Corridor CLC took place from 6:00 p.m. - 7:45p.m. on February 15, 2024, via Microsoft Teams. During this meeting, the presentation and discussion was focused on the status of art installations, noise levels during January 2024 and the mitigation measures being implemented to reduce the impact of construction on the community and the environment.

**QUESTIONS**

- **What is the timeline for when the six-month look ahead will be rolled out? Will it be shared at the open house?**
  - The look ahead will be available by the next CLC and shared during the open house. Open-house materials will be available online.

- **Can a six-month look ahead for March be outlined in the Action items?**
  - Yes.
- **Community members asked that another category called “Ongoing” be inserted on the table for Action items. Can the status of the art items in the Action Item table be changed to reflect their true status?**
  - When items are not completed yet, these items, such as the art mural for the BIA, will be carried forward to the next CLC meeting with the status as “On-Going” and only removed when they are completed.
  - Metrolinx will change status of the art mural to pending/ongoing.
- **What is the timeline for inviting Infrastructure Ontario (IO) to the CLC? Residents would like to meet with their representatives soon regarding Transit Oriented Communities and meet them more often than the suggested 3 to 4-month cadence.**
  - Metrolinx is coordinating with IO to determine how often its agency staff are able to attend and will provide an update by the next CLC.
- **Where are the complaints coming from? LSE CAC wants to ensure Metrolinx and the Contractor are tracking the locations of complaints to understand trends and investigate if further mitigations are needed.**
  - Metrolinx will make best efforts to provide more specific location details in the complaints chart.
- **Where is the noise monitor being placed by the Dundas Street Bridge?**
  - Metrolinx is in discussion with a resident to place a noise monitor on their property to the south of the Dundas Street Bridge.
- **What is the schedule for tree plantings and removals? What is the latest arborist report?**
  - Community asked to see Metrolinx landscaping and planting plans for the entire corridor.
  - The trees on the west side of the corridor will be removed in approximately September 2024. Metrolinx will provide an update on the location and quantity of future tree removals at the next CLC. Metrolinx follows City of Toronto Tree Protection By-laws and the Metrolinx Vegetation Guideline when removing/replanting trees.
- **Did Tiverton Ave. receive the Logan Avenue sewer notice?**

- Metrolinx confirmed that residents along Tiverton Ave received the notice for the sewer installation on Logan Avenue. This notice was distributed within a 500m radius of the work location.
- **Can the finalized slide deck be shared 48- hours before each CLC?**
  - Metrolinx will continue to share the most recent version of the CLC deck before each meeting.
- **What has been the status of noise and vibration monitoring for the last nine months, and can Metrolinx share that data?**
  - A community member noted that the noise and vibration report begins in January 2024 and asked if the report for the past eight months would be shared with CLC membership. Metrolinx stated they would be focusing on releasing information on exceedances moving forward. Community asked if the Contractor had been accurately tracking exceedances.
  - Metrolinx is focusing on exceedances going forward. Regardless of whether noise exceedances are identified through the monitors, if someone complains about noise it is investigated immediately.
  - A community member questioned whether the Contractor has accurate data to investigate resident complaints. Metrolinx and the Contractor noted that yes, the noise and vibration data is monitored consistently for exceedances. In addition, when a complaint comes into Metrolinx, the complaint is investigated.
- **Should there be a buffer zone for noise monitoring? Have noise bylaws applicable to the Ontario Line project changed since the City Council amendments in the previous week?**
  - Dufferin explained that a reading of 70 dB is actually half the noise level of 75 dB. Metrolinx is noise by-law exempt for transportation construction projects. However, Metrolinx commits to good neighbour practices to keep noise levels low.
- **When are the retaining walls for Jimmie Simpson being implemented, and where are they starting to be put up?**
  - The retaining wall for Jimmie Simpson will be installed between March and July. Construction will begin to the south at Eastern Avenue in late April and work north to Logan Avenue and Thackery Street in mid-August.
- **Can Metrolinx provide visuals of the proposed noise wall barriers/designs and roll plots of the heights of the walls coming off Dundas Bridge to Logan Bridge?**
  - Metrolinx will share photos of the expected noise walls once available, including height specifications.

- **Community asked to see an image to illustrate how a fourth track is being added into the existing track layout in the rail corridor at Gerrard.**
  - Metrolinx will create a graphic to denote the track plan inside the corridor.
- **What are the two very large cement towers being built on the south side of Eastern Avenue?**
  - Metrolinx will confirm whose work that is. It may be unrelated to the Ontario Line project.
- **What is the update on the art panels/mural at the McLeary playground?**
  - Parks, Forestry, and Recreation has noted that the City does not want to close the park to have artwork installed. Metrolinx will work with the City of Toronto and the BIA to find a location for the mural on the west side of the corridor.
- **The Riverside BIA is hosting the Eats and Beats Street Festival on Saturday, June 8 and requests that Metrolinx not have work on that day. The BIA would like the area to be as inviting as possible during construction where visitors and residents still want to participate.**
  - Being a Saturday, Metrolinx should have no issue with having construction work pausing that day and will confirm in writing.
- **Ten street-side patios in both Leslieville and Riverside will be a part of Café TO. Ideally, they should be ready by the May 24 weekend.**
  - Metrolinx will await confirmation on what businesses will have Café TO patios.
- **There are materials to be cleaned up (i.e., turquoise pipes and tires) on the outside of the storage area. The resident will follow up with Metrolinx for Dufferin to take action.**
  - The materials may not be from Metrolinx construction, but Dufferin will clean up as long as they are not hazardous.
- **The dog off-leash area at Gerrard and Carlaw was to be turned into a staging area. The two vacated properties at the end of First Avenue have since turned into a storage site. What is the update on the new location for the dog park? Does the city know there are a lot of dogs accessing this park?**
  - The City will provide an update on the temporary dog park location. Metrolinx is aiming to minimize impacts on the park, so it will mobilize the site closer to when the station's contractor is present in the area around 2025. The station contractor will also be using vacated properties for storage and lay down as well.
  - Community asked for a graphic to show the temporary dog park location.

- **Trees removed at the end of First Avenue have removed the natural sound barrier from GO Trains passing. Will there be a barrier placed until the wall is built?**
  - Metrolinx will look into temporary barriers until a more permanent solution is implemented.

### **ACTION ITEMS**

1. Metrolinx to provide a six-month look-ahead at the next CLC and a year-long timeline at the Open House.
2. Metrolinx to coordinate with IO to determine presence at future meetings.
3. Metrolinx to provide an update on the tree removals planned for the west side of the rail corridor. Specifically, residents want clarity on what trees are being removed and how many. Metrolinx to also share the vegetation guideline and tree compensation ratios, including for the Don Valley. Community requested for Metrolinx to provide Arborist report.
4. Metrolinx to add BIA brick complaints to the complaints/issues tracker.
5. Metrolinx to provide an update on design of Jimmie Simpson Park banner.
6. Metrolinx and Dufferin to explore if the noise wall on Paisley Street can be made higher.
7. Metrolinx to provide more information on specific locations complaints of complaints, if possible.
8. Metrolinx and Dufferin to determine if information about the response times for noise and vibration complaints (time from receipt of complaint to time when corrective action is taken) can be included monthly CLC update.
9. Metrolinx to provide visual examples of what the proposed noise wall designs will be and the heights of the walls.
10. Metrolinx to provide at the next CLC a graphic on the track plan inside the corridor to denote how the new track will fit within the existing plan.
11. Metrolinx to investigate the purpose of work on the south side of Eastern Avenue and share findings at next CLC.
12. Metrolinx to confirm what the two large cement towers being built on the south side of Eastern Avenue are for, if related to a Metrolinx project.
13. Metrolinx to work with the City to find a location on the west side of the corridor for the art panels to be installed since they will not be going at the McLeary playground.
14. Metrolinx and Dufferin to ensure disruptive construction activities are paused on Saturday, June 8 for the street festival.
15. Metrolinx and Dufferin to explore the installation of a temporary noise barrier at the end of First Avenue or along the top of the rail corridor, since the trees have been removed from that area.