

Ontario Line**Lakeshore East Joint Corridor Construction Liaison Committee (CLC)**

April 18, 2024

Meeting Summary

6:00 pm to 7:45 pm (Teams Meeting)

ATTENDEES**BIAs/Community Groups/Residents**

Lanrick Bennett- EastEnd4All
Kit Chapman- LSE CAC
Stephen Davies- LSE CAC
Shelley Kline- LSE CAC
Jennifer Lay- Riverside BIA
Katherine Mellin- LSE CAC
Catherine Riddell- LSE CAC
Tony Whitaker- LSE CAC

City of Toronto

Terry Francoeur
Mohamed Ibrahim
Astro Man
Julia Murnaghan
Michael Paolucci
Nancy Aranha

Dufferin/LURA

Michael Macaluso
Nico Zucco
Hasnaa Maher
Geoffrey Mosher

Metrolinx

Mark Clancy
Sarah Conway
Alexandra Grgas-Sorge
Frankie Lam
Katiana Moussa

OVERVIEW

The eleventh Lakeshore East Joint Corridor CLC took place at 6:00 p.m. - 7:45 p.m. on April 19, 2024, via Microsoft Teams. During this meeting, the discussion was focused on the upcoming demolition works at the bridges, the structural works within the rail corridor, and the mitigation measures being implemented to reduce the impact of construction on the community and the environment.

DISCUSSION**1. Review of Action Items from Mar 21 CLC**

- **Lakeshore East Community Advisory Committee (LSE CAC):** Requested to have the updated six-month link in the widely circulated newsletter.
- **Riverside BIA:** Raised the issue of sidewalk cleaning for item eight, specifically regarding water and icy mud.

- **Dufferin Construction:** Current practices of continuous hand sweeping are currently taking place - however Dufferin can explore more robust solutions for wet weather conditions.
- **LSE CAC:** Pointed out that the graphic for item three was missing from the deck.
 - **Metrolinx (MX):** Changes were made after the deck was sent. Stated that they will make sure to send the updated deck after the meeting, including the graphic.
- **Riverside BIA:** Brought up item nine, regarding graffiti removal. Suggesting that reporting graffiti should be a shared responsibility between residents considering the increasing amount of tagging in the construction area.
 - **MX:** Metrolinx can help in sharing that responsibility as they are often near the site.
- **LSE CAC:** Asked about the status of item 18, the feasibility of installing temporary noise barrier at the end of First Avenue, noting that it has been two months. Concerned with the safety of the dog park at Gerrard due to the short fencing on the back of the park. Suggested increasing the height of the fence.
 - **MX:** Metrolinx is working with the contractor to confirm pricing and location for the noise barrier, aiming to have it up before significant installations occur overnight. Once they get more information, they will update the CLC - this will be added to the action items. Another action item will be to also review the fence height and location to update the CLC.
- **LSE CAC:** Proposed a new action item concerning the recent notice the community received last week about the weekly overnight updates, expressing difficulty in understanding its impact and expressing concern that neighbours receiving them are ignoring them.
 - **MX:** All work on notice is overnight, explaining why the word itself wasn't highlighted in any specific section. Overnight work is highlighted in the header followed by the dates and time the work is taking place right below the header of the notice. Metrolinx and LURA can set up a meeting to gain feedback on how to improve the clarity of future notices.
- **LSE CAC:** Concern with the lack of mitigation measures being implemented to works on Galt Avenue - noted neighbor complaints about this and about perceived inaccurate notice distributions.
 - **MX:** Metrolinx confirmed that no overnight work has occurred in the past week. They will work to have a noise barrier installed before activities take place week of April 22, 2024. Notices are accurately distributed as they have been personally delivered by KM.
- **Riverside BIA:** Requesting written confirmation that no construction work will take place during the June 8th Street festival.

- **MX:** Metrolinx and Dufferin confirmed in an earlier CLC that no work will be done during the festival. Will send an email with a written confirmation.

2. Complaints Tracker

- **LSE CAC:** Request to have the response times listed with the actions.
 - **MX:** Response times have been provided for each complaint related to noise and vibration. Metrolinx will reformat the text to make the response times clearer.
- **LSE CAC:** Raised concerns about complaint number two about the paid duty officer sitting in their car instead of being visibly on site.
 - **Dufferin Construction:** Dufferin does regular monitoring and has spoken to the officer to make sure that complaints are addressed promptly upon being issued.
- **LSE CAC:** Asked about the noise monitoring on Galt Ave., related to complaint three. They said they walked through the area over the weekend, and they were concerned to see that there were no noise barrier in place between the rail corridor and Galt Ave. They requested barriers be installed around the homes and fronting the alleyway where residents back onto the corridor.
 - **MX:** Metrolinx explained that noise barriers will be used during the overnight work at Galt Ave. and the monitoring system at Galt Ave. was in place to ensure compliance with regulatory noise limits.
- **LSE CAC:** Regarding complaint eight, were there any exceedances involving the emergency hydrovac work at McGee Street? Also, if exceedances were noted, why wasn't work stopped and moved to daytime, instead of the 1:00 a.m. to 3:00 a.m. period that they continued working in?
 - **MX:** Acknowledges there were exceedances, however, does not have specific levels noted. The work needed to proceed as there were urgent safety concerns and a need to protect the structural integrity of the corridor ahead of train service.
- **LSE CAC:** Brought up complaint number 12 about the loud truck emptying its water tank at Paisley Ave. and Booth Ave. This work should happen inside the corridor and not in the middle of a small residential street corner. It must not happen there.
 - **MX:** Explained the efforts to resolve the issues with Dufferin by having the work take place within the corridor, however, this is weather dependant. There is a potential for the water tank to be moved to resolve this complaint.
- **Riverside BIA:** Was the parking spot complaint a duplicate or has it been issues more than once?
 - **MX:** The second complaint was made from a business.

- **Riverside BIA:** Are Booth Ave. and Colgate Ave. regular routes for heavy machinery movement during overnight work?
 - **MX:** Metrolinx will remind subcontractors to avoid using Colgate Ave. and Booth Ave. Other ongoing construction projects in the area might also contribute to the truck traffic.
 - **LSE CAC:** Recommended that there shouldn't be heavy machinery on Booth Ave. due to safety concerns being near the park.
 - **Dufferin Construction:** Asked about what kind of machinery was observed on Booth.
 - **Riverside BIA:** Responded that they were not rubber wheel trucks as they resulted in vibration on the road.
 - **Dufferin Construction:** Noted that the construction team has not been working with that type of equipment lately. Also, in the last month, approximately, they've brought in more equipment so it could stay in each location rather than travelling. Therefore, the truck traffic might be a result of other projects going on in the area.

3. Noise and Vibration Update

- **LSE CAC:** When is the next caisson drilling after March 23rd?
 - **MX:** The caissons on Dundas St. E. were completed, with demolition work ongoing, and drilling currently underway on Logan Ave.
 - **Dufferin Construction:** Drilling on Logan Ave is expected to finish by Monday, with a one-month pause after that. Hoping to start the next drilling after that and the work will be scheduled after 9 am.
- **LSE CAC:** What time is corrective action taking place?
 - **MX:** It is taken up immediately upon observation of exceedances, there are alerts. The protocol is for the site supervisor to review the cause and determine appropriate action.

4. Construction Update

- **Dundas Bridge**
 - **LSE CAC:** Can there be more noise mitigation installed for the fence and barrier at Galt Avenue - specifically for overnight work.
 - **MX:** Most of the activity taking place will be during the day. Overnight work is required as there is an issue with excavation near the tracks during the day. Metrolinx is working to have this work completed soon and will ensure that noise barriers are installed during overnight work.
 - **LSE CAC:** Ensure that notices are distributed accurately.
 - **MX:** Metrolinx is distributing them directly to residents.

- **Retaining Wall**
 - **LSE CAC:** Expresses gratitude for Dufferin and Metrolinx's efforts in creating accelerated schedules to provide relief for the community. LSE CAC has also proposed no overnight work on holidays and Sundays - by shifting Sunday work to Fridays - for more community relief. Riverside BIA agrees.
 - **MX:** The previous schedule was for six days of overnight work, however Metrolinx worked with the community to reduce that to five days of overnight work with consideration to the impacted residents. This is an action item for further consideration.
 - **LSE CAC:** Found the graphic of the retaining wall and noise barrier misleading as it changes height across the corridor.
 - **MX:** Wording will be adjusted to the presentation to reflect this and ensure that the graphic is clear. Showing the retaining wall and noise wall portions as well.
- **LSE CAC:** Is the CLC getting an arborist report for the west side? Requesting to get this information sooner to mitigate community reactions surrounding tree removal.
 - **MX:** Arborist report is not finalized, but once it is, Metrolinx will update the CLC promptly. Metrolinx will consider having some pop-ups in Bruce Mackey ahead of the tree removals.
- **LSE CAC:** Who will be a part of the CLC for Infrastructure Ontario East Harbour, and when will it be?
 - **MX:** IO was aiming for a CLC in the summer, with regular updates given around every two weeks. Metrolinx will provide updates as needed.
 - **LSE CAC:** IO should send a representative to these CLC meetings regarding the Gerrard Carlaw south site.
 - **MX:** Metrolinx will meet with IO next week and will discuss if they can address interest in the community.
- **LSE CAC:** Sought information from Metrolinx about the No Frills/Gas station plaza.
 - **MX:** Once the stores in the plaza are vacated, Metrolinx will use most of the parking lot for construction. More details can be shared at the next CLC. The scope of the Pape School CLC may be expanded to include plaza construction.
 - **LSE CAC:** Suggesting an open house in the mall area.
 - **MX:** Confirming there will be an open house in the area in May.

ACTION ITEMS (April)

1. **Metrolinx** to confirm if 6-month lookahead link in the Metrolinx newsletter is feasible.

2. **Dufferin Construction** to investigate if bobcat sweeper can be used to clean sidewalks near access roads (especially at Queen bridge).
3. **Metrolinx** to investigate the feasibility of installing a temporary noise barrier at the end of First Avenue.
4. **Metrolinx** to schedule a separate meeting with LSE CAC to review the formatting of the weekly overnight work update.
5. **Metrolinx** will email Riverside BIA written confirmation that no construction work will take place during the June 8th Street festival.
6. **Metrolinx** will adjust the retaining wall graphic at Logan bridge to show the height of the retaining wall and noise barrier separately.
7. **Dufferin Construction** to send reminders to subcontractors and site team not to route equipment on Colgate or Booth Ave.
8. **Metrolinx and Dufferin Construction** will discuss shifting the retaining wall work schedule to Monday- Friday.

OUTSTANDING ACTION ITEMS

1. **Metrolinx** to confirm if First Avenue Noise walls will be installed.
2. **Metrolinx** to provide an update on Jimmie Simpson Park banner.
3. **Metrolinx** to number all items in all charts.
4. **Metrolinx** and the BIA to coordinate a walkabout to discuss BIA assets at Queen St. E. bridge.
5. **Metrolinx** to confirm if the BIA mural can be stored at the Thackeray yard.
6. **Metrolinx** to hold an in-person meeting on bike safety at the Community Office.
7. **Metrolinx** to coordinate with IO to determine presence at future meetings.
8. **Metrolinx** to provide an update on the tree removals planned for the north side of the rail corridor. Specifically, residents want clarity on what trees are being removed and how many.
9. **Metrolinx and Dufferin Construction** 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.