

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

May 16, 2024

Meeting Summary

6:00 pm to 7:30pm (Teams Meeting)

ATTENDEES**BIAs/Community Groups/Residents**

Sarah Elton- EastEnd4All
Cathy Q- Leslieville BIA
Lanrick Bennett- EastEnd4All
Kit Chapman- LSE CAC
Stephen Davies- LSE CAC
Shelley Kline- LSE CAC
Katherine Mellin- LSE CAC
Catherine Riddell- LSE CAC
Tony Whitaker- LSE CAC

Dufferin/LURA

Ryan Lazzarato
Michael Macaluso
Melvin Ramcharitar
Geoffrey Mosher
Nico Zucco

City of Toronto

Terry Francoeur- Transportation Services
Mohamed Ibrahim- Economic Development
Astro Man- Transportation Services
Julia Murnaghan- Transit Expansion
Michael Paolucci- Transit Expansion
Navi Tathgar- Transportation Services
Nancy Aranha- Parks, Forestry & Recreation

Metrolinx

Mark Clancy
Darren Cooney
Alexandra Grgas-Sorge
Frankie Lam
Malcolm MacKay
Katiana Moussa
John Potter

OVERVIEW

The twelfth (12) Lakeshore East Joint Corridor CLC took place at 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. on May 16, 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 April 18 CLC**

- **Lakeshore East Community Advisory Committee (LSE CAC):**

- Corresponding Action: Metrolinx to schedule a separate meeting with LSE CAC to review the formatting of the weekly overnight work update.
- **LSE CAC:** The new streamlined notices have received positive feedback from the community. The notices are clearer, contain less information, and are more accessible. The effort is appreciated.
- **LSE CAC:** Concern about construction equipment travelling down Booth Avenue.
 - Corresponding Action: Dufferin Construction to send reminders to subcontractors and site team not to route equipment on Colgate or Booth Ave.
 - **LSE CAC:** A piece of equipment was seen on Booth Ave. at 5:30 PM. It was the only occurrence observed, indicating that the issue has not been completely resolved.
 - **Dufferin Construction (DCC):** Dufferin Construction took note of the time, date, and type of equipment and will follow up with the site team and subcontractors.
- **LSE CAC:** LSE CAC commended Dufferin Construction for reducing the schedule from seven to five days but expressed a desire for further reductions, particularly on Sunday nights. The community wants a say in future schedules on the west side of the corridor since it will be more impactful on businesses..
 - Corresponding Action: Metrolinx and Dufferin Construction will discuss shifting the retaining wall work schedule to Monday- Thursday.
 - **Metrolinx (MX):** Metrolinx will consider the lessons learned from the east side of the corridor and will follow up with a discussion on the west side construction schedule.
- **MX:** Metrolinx will hold an in-person walking tour ,focused on bike safety, with advocate groups and will update the CLC membership on discussed resolutions.
 - Corresponding Action: Metrolinx to hold an in-person meeting on bike safety at the Community Office.
 - **LSE CAC:** It may be beneficial for Metrolinx to produce a video or handout with bike safety tips for the community, especially for navigating through construction zones.
- **LSE CAC:** Requesting for more specific information from IO about their attendance at meetings.
 - **MX:** Metrolinx is actively trying to get IO to attend as a guest speaker to provide updates and will continue to pursue this.

2. Complaints Tracker

- **LSE CAC:** Does the absence of vibration warnings or exceedances mean the resident's concerns are unaddressed?
 - Corresponding Complaint: Vibration complaint received on April 18 around Logan Ave. near First Ave.

- **MX:** The contractor indicated no work was occurring in the vicinity, but other projects might have caused vibrations. Metrolinx investigates all vibration complaints and follows up with residents promptly. The response in the presentation will be improved for clarity and could have been better worded.
- **LSE CAC:** A video from May showed no noise wall and no mitigation around 11 PM around Galt Ave. Pictures in the presentation show the noise wall.
 - Corresponding Complaint: Overnight vibration complaint received on May 4 around Galt Ave.
 - **MX:** The barrier was installed for specific activities but was removed for other work. Now that the piling work has been completed, Metrolinx will investigate reinstalling the noise barrier and will follow up with the contractor.
- **LSE CAC:** Are there noise monitors installed around Riverdale Ave.?
 - Corresponding Complaint: Overnight vibration complaint received on May 5 around Riverdale Ave.
 - **City of Toronto Transportation Services:** Noise is regularly monitored in the area and noise walls are also installed. Overall, several mitigations are implemented in that area.
 - **LURA** - Clarifies that the concern was on Riverdale Ave, closer to Blake Street Junior Public School.
 - **MX** - Clarifies the complaint was received from the north side of the corridor, and was received over the major track closure, when there was 24/7 work taking place. There were no other Ontario Line work activities taking place in the vicinity of the complaint, which is why the complaint is listed in the LSE JC CLC deck.
 - **MX** - The closest noise/vibration monitor is on Galt Ave., and no exceedances were observed. The properties were outside the zone of influence.
 - **LSE CAC** - The residents in the area aren't receiving construction notices.
 - **MX** - An oversight led to a lack of notices, which will be corrected.

3. Noise and Vibration Update

- **LSE CAC:** Are the tables sorted by date or location?
 - **MX:** The information is sorted by date across two different tables, not grouped into one slide. Slides 14 and 15 outline exceedances observed at receptor locations and slides 16 and 17 outline the in-corridor exceedances.
- **LSE CAC:** There is positive feedback on the response to exceedances by the contractor and Metrolinx, showing attention and action on observed exceedances.

4. Construction Update

- **Queen Bridge**
 - **LSE CAC:** Issues with the number of signs, readability, and dust and dirt around the site.
 - **MX:** There are open for business signs on the fencing on the north side and on the roadside for the businesses on the block where the closures are taking place. A lot of the signs there are for the sidewalk closure and directional signs. Signs are necessary for sidewalk closure and directional instructions.
 - **MX:** Flagger stationed on site, but people are still not listening. There are also signs to instruct trucks to not drive under the bridge because of possible damages to the OCS cables for TTC. Efforts will be made to streamline signs and perform signage audits. The Contractor performs regular signage reviews to ensure the signage is up to standard.
 - **MX:** Regarding the dust and dirt around the site, with the warmer weather, dust has become more of an issue on site. The Contractor is looking into further dust/dirt mitigations such as washing down the roads and sidewalks to keep them clean. The access roads have been re-graded, and the ballast (rocks) has been re-laid to knock off some of the mud as the trucks access and leave the sites. Street sweeping and hand sweeping is completed daily to try and keep the sites as clean as possible.
- **Retaining Wall**
 - **LSE CAC:** A reminder notice for overnight work starting in June.
 - **MX:** Confirmed a notice will be issued.
 - **LSE CAC:** Requested for a higher noise barrier around the white apartment building on Galt Ave.
 - **MX:** Will communicate with the resident at the apartment and ask the Contractor to investigate feasibility of noise barriers on site.
 - **LSE CAC:** Requested a separate section for upcoming work on the west/north side of the corridor.
 - **MX:** This will be considered and added as an action item. Work not planned on the West side of the corridor until September 2024.
- **LSE CAC:** Are there pictures of what the new rail signal bridge will look like?
 - **DCC:** The design is still being finalized and details will be shared once complete.
- **LSE CAC:** Requesting more information on the south side of the tracks and when the GO train tracks will be installed. In addition to an on-site meeting to discuss the removal of trees on private property and removal timelines.

- **MX:** Has made a note of that request and can get more information on that work specifically.
- **DCC:** Confirmed when construction is completed on the south side of the corridor, the tracks will be shifted and realigned to the south side of the corridor and then, work will begin on the north side of the corridor.
- **MX:** Any future track would be completed a different contractor and two (2) tracks will remain up until the end of this project. Projected handover is end of 2025.
- **DCC:** The two (2) tracks that are currently running, are the tracks that will be running the trains. Once the work on the south side is completed, tracks will be shifted to the south side. Third track installed but will not be operation during timeline of this project.
- **LSE CAC:** A need for separate CLCs for Eat Harbour and more information for residents.
 - **LSE CAC:** There is a similar need for information around the Riverdale Plaza. Metrolinx can plan an event to share more information and provide plaza updates to the community.
 - **MX:** Community open house is planned at Pape Avenue Junior Public School on the evening of May 28 to discuss ongoing construction activities around the school and upcoming work for the Gerrard portal.
 - **MX:** Two (2) other contracts that touch on the Joint Corridor- Pape North Connects for the portal, tunnels and stations, and then the contract for the stations; Leslieville, Gerrard and East Harbour and the elevated guideway.
- **LSE CAC:** Will there be separate CLCs, or will they be combined?
 - **MX:** We are still in the planning stages and future meetings may be combined or separate, depending on the scope of work.
- **LSE CAC:** Thanks to Metrolinx for quick responses to resident concerns in the triangle.
- **LSE CAC:** Ask to raise the actions sent over from Riverside BIA.
 - **MX:** Will address and respond to action items offline and raise them at the next CLC.

ACTION ITEMS (May)

1. **Dufferin Construction** to investigate forklift travelling on Booth Ave. at 5:30 pm on May 15.
2. **Metrolinx** will follow up with a discussion on community involvement on the work schedule for the west side of the corridor.
3. **Dufferin Construction** to confirm if noise mitigation was installed at Galt Ave. during the major track closure in May, and if a noise barrier can be installed on the fencing at Galt Ave. (specifically white building at corner of laneway).

4. **Dufferin Construction** to confirm if signage audit can be performed at Queen St E to de-clutter the signage.
5. **Metrolinx** to review the possibility of a lookahead update to provide a timeline on what's coming up on the west/north side of the Rail Corridor.
6. **Metrolinx and Dufferin Construction** to share details on the First Ave signal Bridge, once the design process is complete.
7. **Metrolinx** to schedule a meeting with Dufferin and Tony W about the work around First Ave and tree removals.
8. **Metrolinx** to provide contact for East Harbour to the LSE CAC.
9. **Metrolinx** to respond to concerns/action items sent from the Riverside BIA.

OUTSTANDING ACTION ITEMS

1. **Metrolinx** to provide an update on Jimmie Simpson Park banner.
2. **Metrolinx** and the BIA to coordinate a walkabout to discuss BIA assets at Queen St. E. bridge.
3. **Metrolinx** to confirm if the BIA mural can be stored at the Thackeray yard.
4. **Metrolinx** to hold an in-person meeting on bike safety at the Community Office.
5. **Metrolinx** to coordinate with IO to determine presence at future meetings.
6. **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.
7. **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.