

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

July 18, 2024

Meeting Summary

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

ATTENDEES**Elected Officials/Staff**

Nicolas Valverde (Councillor Fletcher's Office)

BIAs/Community Groups/Residents

Shelley Kline- LSE CAC

Cathy Quinton - Leslieville BIA

Catherine Riddell- LSE CAC

Kit Chapman- LSE CAC

Tony Whitaker- LSE CAC

Stephen Davies- LSE CAC

Jennifer Lay- Riverside BIA

City of Toronto

Terry Francoeur- Transportation Services

Michael Paolucci- Transit Expansion

Julie Murnaghan- Transit Expansion

Navi Tathgar- Transportation Services

Contractor- Dufferin Construction/LURA

Michael Macaluso

Ryan Lazzarato

Hasnaa Maher

Nico Zucco

Metrolinx

Alexandra Grgas-Sorge

Frankie Lam

Katiana Moussa

John Potter

Darren Cooney

OVERVIEW

The fourteenth Lakeshore East Joint Corridor CLC took place at 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. on July 18, 2024, via Microsoft Teams. During this meeting, the discussion was focused on the upcoming reconstruction works at the bridges, the retaining wall 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 Completed Action Items from June 20 CLC**

- **Lakeshore East Community Advisory Committee (LSE CAC) Item number 3:**
 - Corresponding Action: Metrolinx to provide drawing of retaining wall and noise barrier heights along rail corridor around First Ave.

- CAC clarified there are differences between retaining walls in Zone 3/4 and Zone 1/2. CAC suggested translucent (not transparent) materials to the drawing of the retaining wall and noise barrier heights along the rail corridor around First Ave. Additionally, CAC asked about the purpose of the noise barrier at the end of First Ave, since it is below the tracks and where work is taking place. They understand the permanent noise walls will be installed in 2025, temporary noise barriers are needed now, during construction.
 - **Metrolinx (MX):** Confirmed a noise barrier cannot be installed close to the track, as it poses a safety risk. The existing barrier still serves as a noise barrier between First Avenue residents and the material laydown area.
 - **LSE CAC:** Added, the noise issue pertains to the GO trains, not Dufferin Construction Company (DCC) work activities.
 - **MX:** Acknowledged the limitation.
- **LSE CAC Item number 2:** Asked for a status update on the arborist report and if it is being held up by the City.
 - Corresponding Action: Metrolinx to seek update on when arborist report will be finalized and ready for distribution.
 - **MX:** Explained various internal and external stakeholders need to review the report and requires collaboration between Mx and the contractor. Added that the report is expected to be finalized by the end of the month and if the summary is available earlier, it will be circulated to the CLC membership.
 - **LSE CAC:** Asked if the delay in finalizing the report will lead to a delay in the start date for tree removals.
 - **MX:** Explained that due to bird migration, the date cannot be delayed and will raise the report with the City at a meeting tomorrow.
 - **LSE CAC:** Asked for the CLC to receive immediate update.
 - **MX:** Confirmed an immediate update will be shared with the CLC membership.
- **LSE CAC Item number 9:** Why was this item moved from July to August?
 - Corresponding Action: Metrolinx to schedule a meeting with Dufferin and Tony W about the work around First Ave and tree removals.
 - **MX:** Explained the scheduling of the meeting was dependent on when the final arborist report is received.
- **Riverside BIA:** Asked for the inventory of BIA assets in the public right of way to be added to the pending actions.
 - **MX:** Confirmed this action will be added as pending for next CLC.

2. Complaints and Issues Tracker

- **LSE CAC ITEM 6:** Asked for confirmation that the lighting under the Queen Bridge E. bridge was fixed.
 - Corresponding Issue: Complaint received about insufficient lighting under the pedestrian walkway at the Queen St E bridge.
 - **MX:** Confirmed the Contractor replaced the lighting.
 - **LSE CAC:** Thanked MX and the Contractor for their efforts.
- **LSE CAC ITEM 18:** Stated the CAC has received complaints from residents on Galt Ave about lack of communication prior to overnight work.
 - Corresponding Issue: Complaint received about overnight noise.
 - **MX:** Confirmed the overnight work notice was being canvassed on Galt Ave every Friday. Added they are aware of the resident with the complaint and have attempted to contact the resident on multiple occasions with no response. Committed to adding the resident to the online distribution list for the community notice.
 - **LSE CAC:** Asked if MX can offer the resident a hotel stay during the overnight work.
 - **MX:** Confirmed they will speak with the resident privately.
 - **LSE CAC:** Added multiple other residents are also not receiving notices in this area.
 - **MX:** Asked for the information of those residents to add them to the electronic distribution list.
 - **LSE CAC:** Asked if any mitigations can be implemented on Galt Ave. and if the work could be shifted earlier in the night or later in the day.
 - **Dufferin Construction Company (DCC):** Confirmed noise barrier can only be installed when the tracks are not running and the contractors cannot access the tracks until they are given approval, which varies.
 - **MX:** Added that noise is reported to be the highest when drilling activities occur; therefore, for the remainder of the work, the crew will tighten the bolts with hand tools to reduce the use of drills when possible.
- **LSE CAC additional issue to add to tracker:** Stated she had made three (3) complaints to MX Staff which were not addressed.
 - **MX:** Asked for CAC member to send complaints to the Ontario Line email to ensure a response.
 - **LSE CAC:** Added the complaints were in relation to parking on Degrassi St., sewer watermain issues, and not getting notices when the watermain shut-off is cancelled.
 - **MX:** Expressed they understand the community needs to know about water shut off scheduling changes beforehand and, in the

future, and will look into canvassing a cancellation notice to inform residents of the change where feasible.

- **City of Toronto Representative:** Explained the water shut off day date is dependent on Toronto Water for scheduling, not the Contractor. Therefore, if Toronto Water cancels last minute, there is nothing the Contractor can do and due to current flooding issues in Toronto, emergencies take priority over scheduled water shutdowns.
- **Nicolas Valverde (Councillor Fletcher's Office):** Added they have received similar complaints about the Degrassi sewer. Are the completion dates for this still accurate, or will they change due to the recent flooding in the city?
 - **City of Toronto Representative:** Explained once the water passes, then the work can continue.
- **Riverside BIA:** Asked if the water shutoff impacts businesses on Queen Street.
 - **MX:** Confirmed water shut off has no impact on businesses.
- **LSE:** Recommended if a water shutoff is rescheduled, a notice explaining why should be issued.
 - **MX:** Committed to issuing an update notice with an explanation if water shut off date changed again.
- **Riverside BIA additional issue to add to tracker:** Explained that she had emailed MX today regarding a large sign on Queen and Broadview blocking the sidewalk, causing accessibility concerns.
 - **MX:** Confirmed the complaints noted in this meeting are up until July 15th. Explained that this sign is not a part of DCC scope of work but remains in relation to an MX project and the East Harbour (EH) team has been notified.
 - **LSE CAC:** Added when signs block sidewalks, 311 has a quick turnaround time and if MX's turnaround time will be the same.
 - **MX:** Confirmed they will address this with the EH team immediately and have it cleared tomorrow.
 - Update: sign was replaced.
- **LSE CAC additional issue to add to tracker:** Shared that there is an elderly resident on Booth and Paisley who does not speak English and after compaction work at the end of June and the heavy vibration, her oven to fall over. Asked if MX can accommodate this resident.
 - **MX:** Confirmed if resident details are shared, they will contact the resident to resolve their complaint.
- **LSE CAC additional issue to add to tracker:** Expressed that since January, they felt significant inaccuracies and omissions in their public comments at these meetings which are not in the finalized CLC minutes and have been removed or summarized inaccurately by Metrolinx Minute-taker. The summary of the discussions is missing significant information and the minutes are taking weeks to be distributed by Metrolinx. The CAC is not happy with this process. Added its members do not feel their contributions are being reflected accurately and want to

discuss ways to mitigate these issues. Recommended for MX to hire an independent minute-taker and facilitator.

- **MX:** Explained that the meeting minutes are not intended to be a verbatim document but rather a summary of the meeting, minutes are a corporate document of MX. The recommendation of a third- party minute taker and facilitator will be explored.
- **Leslieville BIA:** Asked if the CLC has a Terms of Reference and if so, if the style and method of minutes part of the terms.
 - **LSE CAC:** Explained that they are not covered in the terms of reference, but the CAC is asking for them to be. Added that there is a new version of the Terms of Reference which the CAC and BOLD coalition, are asking to be finalized.

3. **Noise and Vibration Update**

- **MX provided overview of noise and vibration update for June 2024**

4. **Construction Update**

- **Abutment construction:**
 - **LSE CAC:** Asked if there still a crossing guard at the Dundas and Logan corner, since school is out.
 - **MX:** Confirmed MX does not have a traffic control guard at this intersection, but the City does have one further up on Dundas and Boulton. Explained that there isn't a guard at Logan because there is a signal crossing on Dundas that is close and there is clear signage informing people, ahead of the closure, to cross the road.
 - **LSE CAC:** Asked if a PDO can be added at the intersection until a crossing guard comes back in September when schools are back.
 - **City of Toronto Representative:** Explained that the City has a guard stationed during school months and clarified that the need for a PDO is not decided on based on resident requests but rather must be justified by the Toronto Police under Book 7.
 - **LSE CAC (different member):** Explained that they feel no PDO is needed as there is a light and signal, which are sufficient.
 - **City of Toronto Representative:** Asked if the sewer work on Degrassi St. is confirmed with Toronto Water and if not, MX should update resident of the change.
 - **MX:** Confirmed he work is scheduled for Friday, July 19th and Monday, July 22nd, but they will check with Toronto Water again and if the work is canceled, they will promptly send a cancellation notice.
 - Update: Work was extended and updated notice was sent.

- **In-corridor work:**
 - **LSE CAC:** Asked if the construction schedule will be adjusted for the August long weekend, similar to what was done for the Canada Day long weekend.
 - **DCC:** Confirmed that this can be arranged.
 - **LSE CAC:** Asked to see the patterns of the retaining wall.
 - **MX shared their images of the retaining wall pattern.**
 - **LSE CAC:** Asked where the pattern shown would be installed.
 - **MX:** Explained that they will need to take it back to confirm.

ACTION ITEMS

1. **Metrolinx** will add the term translucent, instead of transparent, to the materials in the drawing of the retaining wall and noise barrier heights along the rail corridor around First Ave.
2. **Metrolinx** will discuss the arborist report with the City and, if given, provide an update to the CLC members before the next CLC.
3. **Metrolinx** will review the inventory of BIA assets in the public right of way and add it to the list of pending action items.
4. **Metrolinx** will add Galt Ave. residents who have not received notices to the list of people who will receive flyer distribution.
5. **DCC** will tighten the bolts by hand and reduce the use of drills when possible, for the remainder of work on Galt Ave. to reduce noise emissions for residents in the area.
6. **Metrolinx** will add water shutoff cancellation complaints to the tracker and look into canvassing notices, where feasible, to let residents know of water shutoff schedule shifts.
7. **Metrolinx** will address the large sign blocking the sidewalk on Queen and Broadview - pertaining to another MX project.
8. **Metrolinx** will contact the elderly resident on Booth Avenue and Paisley, who had concerns about potential property.
9. **Metrolinx** will consider and explore hiring a third-party minute-taker and facilitator.
10. **Metrolinx** will double-check with Toronto Water and issue an update notice if the Degrassi sewer work scheduled for Friday, July 19th, is canceled.
11. **DCC** will adjust the work schedule for the upcoming August long weekend to reduce community disruption.