

**To:** Metrolinx Board of Directors  
**From:** Karla Avis-Birch, Chief Planning Officer  
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**Re:** Planning & Development (P&D) Quarterly Report

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This report provides an update on recent activities and key milestones over the past quarter:

### **Enhancing Access/Egress at Stations: Electric Bike Share Toronto Dock at Scarborough GO**

In June, Metrolinx and the Toronto Parking Authority (TPA) signed a Licence Agreement to establish the first Electric Bike Share Toronto Dock in the GO network at Scarborough GO, enabling shared e-bike charging capability that will offer 24/7 convenient access to over 9000+ bikes and 700+ docks across Bike Share Toronto's network. This collaboration marks a strong, growing, partnership between Metrolinx and TPA.



*Electric Bike Share Toronto Dock on a Downtown Toronto street.*

The electric assistance provided by the E-bikes substantially expands the catchment area, making biking an attractive option for more customers.

This initiative supports Metrolinx's broader transportation goals by encouraging a shift towards more sustainable and active modes of travel, reducing car dependency. This project aligns with the strategic goals of both Metrolinx and TPA, as it directly supports the GO Rail Station Access Plan (2023)'s goal of tripling the cycling mode share by 2041 and contributes to the 2030 TransformTO objective of establishing Bike Share stations at 101 of the 138 higher-order transit stations in Toronto by 2030.

Metrolinx will continue to collaborate with TPA to expand Electric Bike Share Docks across the GO network and new higher-order transit projects within the City of Toronto, supporting customers in their shift towards more sustainable and active connections to stations.

### **Increasing Pedestrian Safety in Parking Lots: Pedestrian Crossings at Four GO Stations**

Earlier this summer, Metrolinx painted dedicated pedestrian crossing pavement markings in the parking lots of four GO stations: Gormley GO, Langstaff GO, Georgetown GO, and Etobicoke North GO. This initiative aims to address vehicular-pedestrian conflict points in parking lots, reducing the risk of accidents and ensuring a safer and more comfortable experience for all customers.



*New pedestrian crossing pavement markings at Langstaff GO Station.*

Recognizing that every customer becomes a pedestrian at some point in their journey, whether they park and walk through the parking lot, or walk directly from their homes, these dedicated pedestrian pathways guide pedestrians safely across large parking areas, prioritizing the pedestrian over the car.

This project was a collaborative effort between Stations Planning and Stations Operation, demonstrating how different teams within Metrolinx can work together to achieve incremental success on visionary station site plans driven by the GO Rail Station Access Plan (2021). The initiative involves the thoughtful repurposing of edge parking spaces to create new safe walking routes. It is low-cost and requires minimal commitment, making it a practical and efficient way to enhance pedestrian safety.

By continuing to identify and provide dedicated pedestrian pathways and crossings, our teams aim to further improve safety and create a more pedestrian-friendly environment across the network.

Respectfully submitted,

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