

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

August 15, 2024

Meeting Minutes

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

**ATTENDEES****BIAs/Community Groups/Residents**

Lanrick Bennett Jr.- East End 4 All  
Kit Chapman - LSE CAC  
Sarah Elton- East End 4 All  
Shelley Kline- LSE CAC  
Jennifer Lay- Riverside BIA  
Cathy Quinton- Leslieville BIA  
Tony Whitaker- LSE CAC

**Elected Officials/Staff**

Nicolas Valverde (Councillor Fletcher's Office)

**City of Toronto**

Terry Francoeur- Transportation Services  
Astro Man- Transportation Services  
Julie Murnaghan- Transit Expansion Division  
Michael Paolucci- Transit Expansion Division  
Rana Soldouz- Parks, Forestry & Recreation

**Dufferin (DCC)/LURA**

Michael Macaluso  
Hasnaa Maher  
Nico Zucco

**Metrolinx (MX)**

Mark Clancy  
Darren Cooney  
Frankie Lam  
Malcolm MacKay  
Katiana Moussa  
Nima Nouri  
Alexandra Grgas-Sorge

**OVERVIEW**

The fifteenth Lakeshore East Joint Corridor CLC took place from 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. on August 15, 2024, via Microsoft Teams. During this meeting, the agenda 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 July 18 CLC**

- **Lakeshore East Community Advisory Committee (LSE CAC) Item number 2:**  
The response for item number 2 states that Metrolinx has added residents on Galt

Avenue to the email distribution list. Does this mean that they will not be receiving physical notices?

- Corresponding Action: Metrolinx will add Galt Ave. residents who have not received notices to the list of people who will receive flyer distribution.
- **Metrolinx (MX):** No, residents will still also be receiving physical copies of the notices. However, the weekly Friday notices will be transitioning to electronic-only. For this specific action item, Metrolinx is still canvassing notices out to residents on Galt, however, to ensure they receive them, residents were also added to the email distribution list.
- **LSE CAC Item number 6:** The speaker requested the exploration of hiring a third-party minute-taker and facilitator be added to the agenda. Some community members feel censored through the current minute-taking process. The process of minute-taking and summarizing needs to be explained to the CLC membership so that they can understand why some specific content or words like 'condescending' has been removed.
  - Corresponding Action: Metrolinx will consider and explore hiring a third-party minute-taker and facilitator.
  - **MX:** The terms meeting "minutes" and meeting "summary" have been used interchangeably. However, for clarity, the meeting notes are summaries of discussion topics throughout the CLC and include the list of action items. The CLC meeting summary is a standardized practice across the Ontario Line project. These summaries are professional documents and will continue to be shared with the CLC members for review/update. The meeting summaries are intended to be informative based on the conversations during the CLC. This is a standard approach that Metrolinx has in place. Metrolinx suggested that a follow-up conversation be held to ensure enough time to review the construction updates.
  - **LSE CAC Chair** - Stated that they felt this is the first time they heard of Metrolinx taking summaries and not minutes of CLC meetings. The speaker noted that they do not agree with that approach and that they had asked the Ombudsman Office of Ontario to investigate. The speaker suggested that the Metrolinx meeting recording process be documented in the CLC Terms of Reference, which they asked Metrolinx to have finalized and rolled out to all CLC's as soon as possible.

## 2. Review of Completed Action Items from June 20 CLC

- **East End 4 All:** The changes on Dundas regarding bike lane changes have been productive and essential for improving cyclist safety.
  - **MX:** Metrolinx thanked its contractor, Dufferin Construction, Lanrick Bennett Jr., and the Councillor's office for the support in making these improvements.

- **Riverside BIA Item number 1:** Is there any updated information regarding where the Jimmie Simpson Park banner will be? Will the hoarding on the west side of the corridor be near Queen?
  - Corresponding Action Item: Metrolinx to provide an update on Jimmie Simpson Park banner.
  - **MX:** Before starting the discussion about the west side of the corridor, Metrolinx will confirm the Contractor's plans for the other side of the corridor. The location has not been confirmed yet, but the group will be updated once it is.
  - **Riverside BIA:** When will hoarding go up?
  - **MX:** Hoarding will go up around November because the access road construction will begin then. The hoarding is made of plywood and will be in all possible areas. Metrolinx will work with the Contractor to determine spacing requirements for hoarding installation. In areas hoarding is not feasible, alternative options will be explored.
- **LSE CAC Item number 2:** Can Metrolinx clarify the language in the action items, "Metrolinx to coordinate with IO to determine presence at future meetings."?
  - Corresponding Action Item: Metrolinx to coordinate with IO to determine presence at future meetings.
  - **MX:** TOCs in the area are currently in their planning stages. Therefore, nothing will take place for the rest of the year. When TOC development is closer or IO has more information regarding timing, a conversation can be arranged with the CLC membership.
  - **LSE CAC:** As initial planning is happening now, members would like to know what happening and be involved. They would like IO to attend Metrolinx CLC meetings and give updates on these developments.
  - **MX:** Metrolinx will continue to coordinate with IO offline to inquire about their availability to attend future CLCs.

### 3. Review of Pending July-May CLC Action Items

- **LSE CAC Item number 2:** Is there an update on the arborist report and when tree removal will take place?
  - Corresponding Action Item: Metrolinx will discuss the Arborist Report with the City and once finalized, update will be provided to CLC members before the next CLC.
  - **MX:** The report is currently being finalized through multiple rounds of reviews with the City and Metrolinx. It will likely be finalized in mid-late September.
  - **LSE CAC:** Will the tree removal timeline be shifted then?

- **MX:** Tree removal has been shifted to November. It will be done after Metrolinx communicates with the community.
- **LSE CAC:** What about bird migration?
- **MX:** Bird migration season begins at the very end of August and tree removal is permitted from September to March. When the City comments on the arborist report are reviewed, the Metrolinx team will have a walk with Tony Whitaker to identify the trees at the end of First Ave.
- **Riverside BIA Item number 6:** The member recommended updating the item to reflect that it is ongoing and will not have an end date. It is something that has to be monitored continually. The action should read that the BIA and MX are in ongoing communication about BIA assets.
  - Corresponding Action Item:
  - **MX:** The action item will be amended to reflect this.

#### 4. **Complaints and Issues Tracker**

- **LSE CAC Item 3:** Can you please add the cross street to these complaints so members understand the general area the complaint came in. Where was the noise on Eastern Avenue detected? What mitigations were offered?
  - Corresponding Complaint: Complaint received about occasional noise in the morning.
  - **MX:** This complaint was regarding noise from around the Eastern Avenue Bridge on the north side. Specific details on location and mitigation are part of a private discussion between resident and MX and aren't shared publicly.
- **LSE CAC Item 5:** Where was the noise on Pape Avenue detected? What was the cross street? Please add this to this tracker.
  - Corresponding Complaint: Inquiry received about future use of adjacent property for construction purposes.
  - **MX:** This complaint was regarding noise detected from Pape and Riverdale Ave.
- **LSE CAC Item 7, 8, 9, and 12:** What time are the vibration complaints detected? Are they regarding the compaction work?
  - Corresponding Complaint: Complaint received about vibration.
  - **MX:** These complaints were made during the day, as all compaction work takes place only in the daytime.
- **LSE CAC Item 11:** The north side of Queen, which is between the bridge and along Jimmie Simpson, is behind cones all the time and is not being cleaned. There is dust and weeds on the wall and sidewalk. The same is happening on the south side of Queen. Can this issue be resolved? The same goes for the fence filter cloth that has been tagged.
  - Corresponding Complaint: Complaint received about street cleaning and removing weeds within construction area, as well as replacing fence filter cloth that had been tagged.

- **MX:** The team will address and resolve this complaint.
- **LSE CAC additional complaint:** The construction office on Degraffi Street, under the bridge on the north side of Queen, has been tagged, as well as the portion of the bridge above the office. Can this be addressed?
  - **MX:** This complaint will be addressed and resolved.

## 5. Noise and Vibration Update

- **MX provided an overview of noise and vibration update for July 2024**
  - **LSE CAC:** Is it communicated to the community when start times are shifted as listed on the notices?
  - **MX:** Metrolinx usually notes that dates may be impacted by external factors and will include on notices moving forward that start times may shift due to weather conditions.

## 6. Construction Update

- **In-corridor work: Retaining Wall Construction Update:**
  - **LSE CAC:** Regarding the retaining wall construction, has the work been pushed from October to November? Will the noise walls be installed in November?
  - **Dufferin Construction Company (DCC):** The east/south-side noise walls from Dundas to Eastern should be complete in October, and the noise walls from Dundas to beyond Logan will be complete later, such as in November or December.
- **In-corridor work: Access Roads:**
  - **LSE CAC:** Can a better ground-level render be shown for the new access roads on the west side? It is important to show people where these roads are cutting through the areas into the corridor and how the fencing will be laid out.
  - **MX:** There is a map indicating exactly where the access road is, but not the wall itself. This can be added as an action item.
  - **LSE CAC:** Regarding access road #12 (south of 444 Logan), can the staging area be moved? Is there an opportunity to further discuss this?
  - **MX:** This access road was chosen because space is needed. The access road is also being used to reconstruct the bridge there, not only as a means to enter and exit the corridor. Therefore, this access road is set, but Metrolinx can work with DCC to minimize that footprint and maintain green space and trees.
  - **LSE CAC:** Is new access road #13 accurate? It is already an access road.
  - **MX:** Metrolinx will correct this error in the map.
  - **LSE CAC:** What will happen to the dog park on Carlaw and Gerrard?
  - **MX:** The temporary location of the Dog Off-Leash Area (DOLA) is set. The intent is not to take over the DOLA until the temporary DOLA is installed. In

terms of timelines, the early work was going to begin in September, however, this has been pushed back until December or January. Metrolinx will provide more information at the next CLC meeting.

- **City of Toronto:** The new location of the dog park is still under review and will be released to the public shortly.
- **LSE CAC:** Regarding the new access roads in November on Queen Street, Queen-facing hoarding should be coordinated now to ensure that it will look good for the holiday season. Metrolinx took more than 8 months on design for the hoarding behind Jimmie Simpson Splash pad, which wasn't ultimately installed.
- **MX:** Metrolinx will confirm hoarding and update the group.
- **LSE CAC:** The shift onto the west side will have larger impacts on BIA and local businesses. Can members receive more details regarding the expected work, access roads, movement, and mitigations for the next CLC meeting?
- **MX:** Metrolinx will update local businesses and the BIA about the west-side flip expected work and mitigations.
- **LSE CAC:** When will the full road closure notice be out?
- **MX:** The dates are not confirmed yet. However, the notice will be out at least two (2) weeks in advance of the closure.
- **LSE CAC:** Will there be no work during the December and January statutory holidays?
  - **MX/DCC:** Correct.

#### 7. **Eastern Avenue Bridge: East Harbour Transit Hub**

- **LSE CAC:** The CAC is waiting to hear about involvement from the community for East Harbour Group.
- **MX:** They have not started CLCs yet for East Harbour. Metrolinx will reach out to the leads to gain more information regarding timing and interest.

#### **ACTION ITEMS**

1. **Metrolinx** will discuss the complaint regarding the format and process of CLC summaries with LSE CAC offline.
2. **Metrolinx** to confirm the location of the hoarding on the west side of the corridor and update the group.
3. **Metrolinx** will coordinate with IO offline to inquire about their availability to attend future CLC meetings.
4. **Metrolinx** will organize a walk with T.W. and the project team to identify the trees being removed at the First Avenue condo development area, after the City comments on the arborist report are reviewed.

5. **Metrolinx** will update action item #6 in the July-May CLC Pending Action Items list to reflect that it is an ongoing item.
6. **Metrolinx** will address and respond to complaint #11 regarding street maintenance and cleaning on the north side of Queen Street, as well as the tagged fence filter cloth.
7. **Metrolinx** will address and resolve additional complaint raised regarding the tagging of the construction office on Degrassi Street, under the bridge on the north side of Queen Street.
8. **Metrolinx** will inform the community when start times are shifted and the contractor needs to shift to an earlier morning start time for safety purposes.
9. **Metrolinx** will explore possible renders or visual aids to showcase the access walls and fencing locations on the west-sides new access roads.
10. **Metrolinx** will correct the error in the access road map regarding access road #13.
11. **Metrolinx** will provide more information regarding the timelines associated with the temporary Dog Off-Leash Area (DOLA) at the next CLC meeting and where it is being relocated.
12. **Metrolinx** will confirm hoarding on Queen Street regarding the access roads and update the group.
13. **Metrolinx** will update local businesses and the BIA about the expected work and mitigations for the west-side flip.
14. **Metrolinx** to ensure that no work will occur during the December and January statutory holidays.
15. **Metrolinx** will communicate with East Harbour to gain more information regarding timing and interest in CLC participation and will update the group.
16. **Metrolinx** to add cross street locations to all noise/vibration complaints.