

GO Expansion

# Aurora GO Station & Yonge Street Bridge

## Construction Liaison Committee

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# LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Let us take a moment to acknowledge we are on lands that have been, and continue to be, home to many Indigenous Peoples including the Anishinaabeg, the Haudenosaunee and the Huron-Wendat peoples.

We are all Treaty people. Many of us have come here as settlers, as immigrants or involuntarily as part of the trans-Atlantic slave trade, in this generation, or generations past.

We acknowledge the historic and continued impacts of colonization and the need to work towards meaningful reconciliation with the original caretakers of this land.

We acknowledge that Metrolinx operates on territories and lands covered by many treaties that affirm and value the rights of Indigenous communities, Nations and Peoples.

We understand the importance of working towards reconciliation with the original caretakers of this land. At Metrolinx, we will conduct business in a manner that is built on a foundation of trust, respect and collaboration.



# Safety Moment

## What is Situational Awareness?

- Staying focused on what you are actively doing and engaged in while simultaneously being aware of what is happening in your surroundings.
- This can be applied to any aspect of your work and your personal life from the office to the field to at home.
- Help each other out; situational awareness is not just for you but also for others around you.
- Report hazards to promote safety and engage in **dialogue with colleagues about risks.**



**Observe/Be Vigilant** - What are the elements of what is happening around you? Look A.B.O.U.T (Above, Behind, Over, Under and Through), what can you smell, what can you hear?

**Comprehend** - How are you experiencing the elements?

**Anticipate** - What is likely to occur next based on your comprehension?

# Aurora GO Station Works





# Project Overview

We're making improvements at Aurora GO Station that will accommodate more service options and provide better customer access.

These improvements include:

- A **second track** to allow for the increase of two-way service at Aurora GO and along much of the Barrie Line
- A newly constructed **west platform** with barrier-free connections as well as south pedestrian tunnels
- An extension of the **south pedestrian tunnels** (that were previously built in anticipation of this work) to connect the new west platform to the existing east platform
- A newly constructed **passenger pick-up/drop-off area**
- A **new exit at Berczy Street** which will improve passenger access and flow of traffic
- Completed addition of **380 new overflow parking spaces at 9 Scanlon Court.**
- Installation of **edge tactile tile** for improved accessibility



The Aurora Train Station, around 1900, combined with what it looks like today. (Photo supplied by Aurora Museum & Archives (987.15.2) and On This Spot)

# Previous CLC Action Items

| Action                                     | Owner                           | Update  |
|--|---------------------------------|---|
| <b>Pedestrian safety and right of way</b>  | Metrolinx Community Engagement  | Pedestrian wayfinding will be in place on the East side of the station during construction. Access from the west will continue to be inaccessible while work is underway for the safety of customers. |
| <b>Aurora GO West Platform Renderings:</b> | Metrolinx Project Delivery Team | There are no renderings available at this time. If they become available in the future, they will be shared publicly.   |

# Current Activities

## Retaining wall work

- Three retaining walls are undergoing construction. These walls are in the corridor, north and south of the Station near Birch Crt. and Engelhard Dr.
- Activities include clearing and grubbing, caisson piling, ballast and concrete works, panel installation, backfilling, and vegetation removals (grassy areas, no trees).
- There will be no impacts on scheduled train service.

## West tunnel work

- Excavation for the west tunnel is ongoing until the end of August.
- There will be no impacts on scheduled train service.

## Overnight track work

- September 3-5, 2024 , 11:00pm - 6:30pm.
- Residents from 19 Birch to 65 Walton have been notified.
- Installation of joints on track will occur - consists of rail cutting.
- Sound monitoring technology will be used to ensure noise levels are kept within the municipal noise by-laws





# Current Activities Cont'd.

## Bus loop/East platform work

- Mobilization in progress for future works at the bus loop.
- Activities include set up of jersey barriers, chain-link fences and debris netting, and temporary signage installation.
- Electrical trenching work from parking garage to bus loop.
- This work will not impact any scheduled bus service.
- This work is needed to allow for electrical enhancements, provided space to connect to the future pedestrian tunnel, and to allow for upgrades to the passenger pick-up/drop off.

## East platform extension

- The east platform extension is planned to open in early September.
- This extension will allow customers to continue accessing the platform while Metrolinx works on the original portion of it.
- GO Transit service will not be impacted by this work.





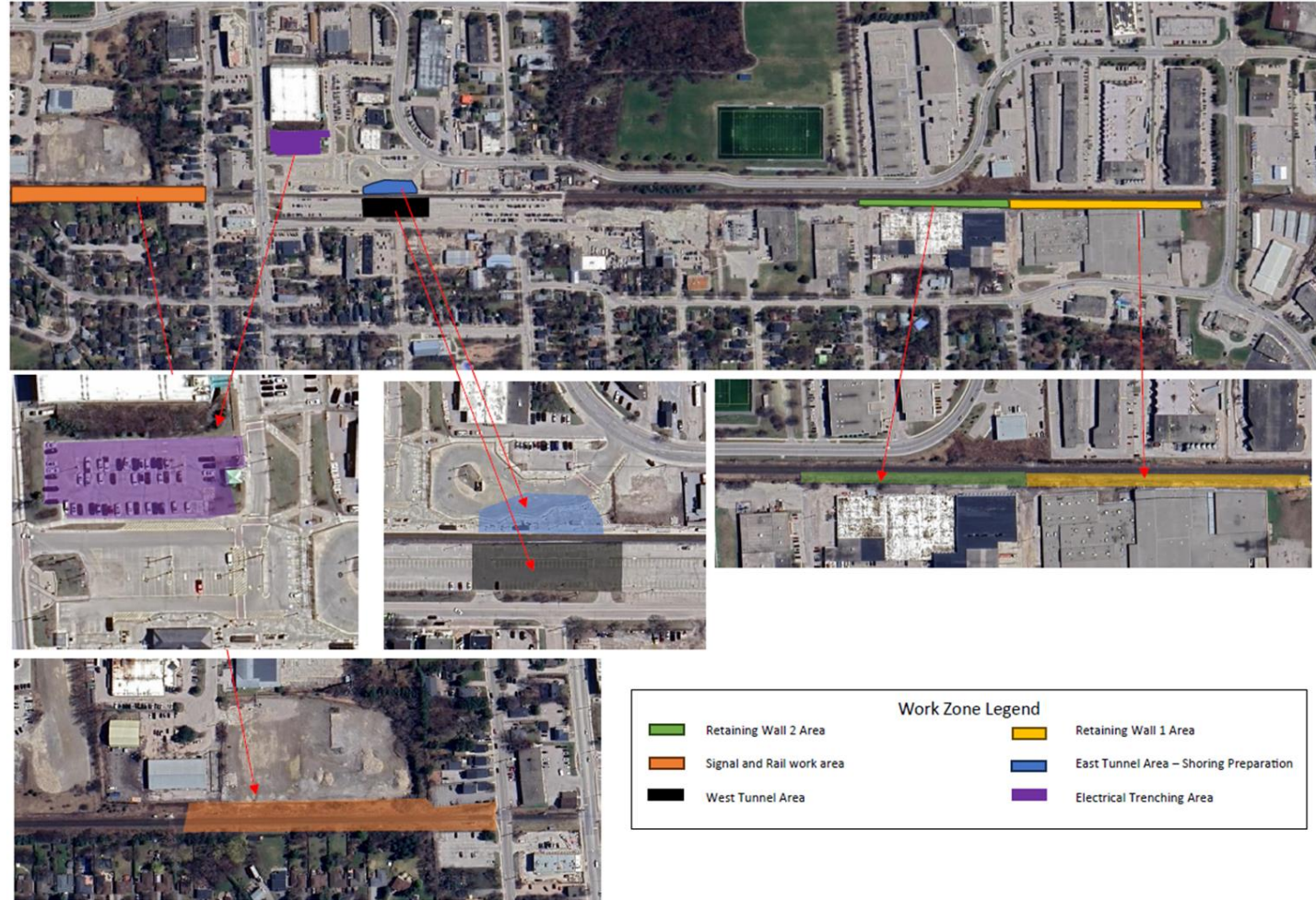
# Work Scheduled for Fall 2024

## September 2024

- Track work to install insulated joints.
- Drilling for pipe installation and utilities works.

## October 2024

- Relocation of one existing signal
- Installation of one new signal
- Installation of 3 new signal bungalows, which are structures that house the signals electrical materials
- As details are confirmed, community notices will be distributed to share work hours and information about any impacts.





# Upcoming & Future Work

## West platform works

- Construction of new station shelters, a mini-hub room, a new asphalt walkway, and a new mini-platform.
  - Once started, work will continue into next year.

## Preparation for East platform works

- Grascan will set up a work zone for the East platform work.
- Future East platform works include excavation and shoring.
  - This work will not begin until the East platform extension is operational and available for customer use.
  - The customer Pick Up/Drop Off zone will be impacted for up to 2 weeks. Mitigations will be in place and information will be shared with riders.

## Double Track

- Work to double track the corridor is currently scheduled to start in the fall of 2025.



# Being a Good Neighbour

- ✓ Monthly site audits completed by Community Engagement team
- ✓ Prioritizing disruptive work during the day where possible to minimize noise impacts on residents
- ✓ Zero complaints received concerning noise and vibration
- ✓ Zero noise and vibration exceedances recorded
- ✓ All construction notices delivered at least two weeks in advance





# Questions & Discussion

# Yonge Street Bridge Works





# Yonge Street Bridge

- Work on the Yonge Street Pedestrian Bridge is currently paused while Metrolinx conducts additional consultation with Indigenous Nations before proceeding with tree removals.
- Additionally, Metrolinx is working with the Town, Region and the Contractor to update design plans for the bridge work to reflect changes to other infrastructure projects in the area.
- Work is currently tracking to restart in the Spring of 2025.

# Next Steps

## Wellington Grade Separation

- A separate CLC meeting will be scheduled this fall to provide an update on the Wellington Grade Separation

## GO Expansion Update

- Community Engagement and the GO Expansion Sponsor's Office are planning to do council presentations in early 2025. We would be happy to bring a broader GO Expansion update to the CLC following the presentation to Aurora Town Council



# Contact Us

## Any unanswered questions?

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