#### **Hurontario LRT**

# **Construction Liaison Committee Update**

# Mississauga South | August 2021

Thank you for being part of the Hurontario LRT Construction Liaison Committee. We will be providing our CLC members with a digital update this month.

Our next update will be scheduled for September 2021.

### ONGOING CONSTRUCTION:

## **Geotechnical Borehole Investigations**

The drilling of boreholes for geotechnical investigations continues in various locations between Park Street and the QEW. Geotechnical tests identify the type of soil which helps with design of LRT foundation. These investigations gather data on the ground conditions specific to the area and helps to inform the site-specific construction methodology and advance the design process, prior to construction taking place.

#### **Median Removals**

Median removals are taking place along Hurontario Street within the QEW right of way. This is expected to begin towards the end of this month. This includes paving and reinstatement of the roadway to prepare for upcoming utility and road widening works set to begin later this year.

### **Utilities, Roadways and Temporary Bus Platforms**

Utility works are currently ongoing to install new watermain, storm and sanitary systems along the east side of Hurontario Street, from north of Park Street to north of Inglewood Drive.



To accommodate this work, active lanes of traffic have shifted to the west side of Hurontario while utility works are completed on the east side of the road. One lane of traffic in each direction (north and south) are being maintained during construction.

To minimize disruption to transit users, temporary fencing and bus platforms have been installed between Eaglewood to Pinetree Way.

So far, there have been two closures of Eaglewood Boulevard at Hurontario Street, as well as temporary nightly closures of Hurontario Street, from just north of Inglewood Drive to Mineola Road. This was done to safely complete utility relocations that cross the street. We anticipate that there will be an additional closure of Eaglewood Boulevard at Hurontario Street for approximately one week to relocate the electrical utilities at the crossing in late September, pending permits and approvals. We will provide updates to the

community as the dates are confirmed.

As the works progress north along the east side of Hurontario Street, there will be temporary closures to driveways at some adjacent properties. We have recently completed the crossing at the south driveway to the Inglewood Plaza and a temporary partial closure to the north driveway at the plaza is expected to be completed by the third week in August.

Please note that only one driveway will be impacted at a time, and we are working with property and business owners to minimize the impact.



We encourage motorists to plan for delays, enter properties by turning right in and exit properties by turning right out. We also encourage motorists not to use private laneways and plaza parking lots as detour routes.

## **Tree Protections, Trimming and Removals**

To accommodate utility works, landscaping and the future traffic configuration, most trees along the boulevard and within the project's right of way will be removed.

Every reasonable attempt has been made to protect the trees as well as to reduce the need for tree removals from private lands. To minimize the impacts of construction on the natural environment, Mobilinx has begun to fence off trees that have been identified by an arborist for protection.

The tree protection and removal requirements for the project have been developed by a certified arborist in consultation with the City of Mississauga (Forestry), and Metrolinx.

As tree trimming and removals begin along the corridor, the community can expect to see removals occurring outside of the construction zone. These trees have been identified for removal by the arborist as the root system has grown far enough into the project's right of way that construction will negatively impact the trees health.

We continue to work with private property owners, meeting them onsite or in virtual meetings to ensure any questions or concerns they may have are addressed. Where permission to enter the private property has been granted, Mobilinx has begun to install protections around identified trees and will begin trimming and removals in the next few weeks.

Where permission has not been granted, Mobilinx will install tree protections within the municipal right-of-way and trim the portions of trees that encroach onto the public boulevard. Neither Mobilinx or Metrolinx will enter private lands without signed permission from the property owner.

### **Mary Fix Creek**

Rehabilitation of Mary Fix Creek is steadily progressing. Construction is now underway to build new, higher floodwalls on the north and south side of the channel. During this work, a large silver pipe and sand bags are used to divert creek water to the north side of the channel. Once

complete the configuration will flip to the south side in order to pour the channel on the north side.



Improved structural supports are now in place for the west parking lot bridge. Crews will then begin building the west bridge abutments, followed by the driving surface. Completion of the west bridge is anticipated by Spring 2022.

#### **Port Credit GO Station**

In the south parking lot, excavation and shoring work continues to the platform level of the future station. With the mud slab complete, crews continue to pour concrete to form the launch slab, which will serve as a flat surface to construct and push a large pre-cast box under the Lakeshore West tracks. Once in place, this box will form the underpass that the light rail vehicles will travel through.



Crews continue installing tiebacks for structural supports at the eastern portion of the parking lot where the LRT station will be built. Tiebacks are required to provide added lateral support on the outer shoring walls of the excavated area, to progress deeper with excavation.

This is done while crews continue to dig down to the level where the station will be built.

#### Safety

We're fast approaching back to school time again, however with major construction for the HuLRT project well underway, the way residents travelled to school may have changed over the months. We recommend allowing for extra time to account for any detours or lane reductions in place. We also urge those to walk or drive the route ahead of time to get used to any changes in place. Please follow all signage and approach construction and school zones with caution. In addition to these, please see other safety tips below:



- 1. Avoid using cellphones and other distractions while driving.
- 2. Be mindful of speed limits, especially in school zones.
- 3. Never assume a driver sees you, make eye contact with drivers as they approach to make sure you are seen. Also watch for cars entering or exiting driveways surrounding construction areas.
- 4. Watch for pedestrians, especially where there may be obstructions due to construction.
- 5. Always stop for school busses that are loading or unloading children.
- 6. Don't take shortcuts. You may be redirected around construction areas, so pay attention to the signs and only cross the street at proper crosswalks and intersections.

We would appreciate any amplification of this safety message across your own media channels.

### **COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT:**

Our Community Canvass started at the beginning of August, giving us a chance to touch base with residents and businesses along the corridor to find out how we can support throughout construction and what they are most excited about as the Hurontario LRT project progresses!





So far, canvassers were able to knock on over 3200 doors, engaging with residents and businesses along the entire stretch of the corridor.

Metrolinx Community Engagement team was out at the Classic Car Show in Port Credit letting attendees know about the overnight road closure and answering questions about the Hurontario LRT

construction in the area.

As construction progresses, we'll be putting up "Shop Local" signage along Hurontario Street in addition to our directional signage and open for business signage.

Our Peel Community Relations team will continue to help residents and businesses virtually, but if you would like an in-person appointment, let us know via email at <a href="Meel@metrolinx.com">Peel@metrolinx.com</a>. For more updates and information on this project, and to get the latest news on what's happening in Peel, subscribe to our newsletter: <a href="https://www.metrolinx.com/hurontariolrt">www.metrolinx.com/hurontariolrt</a>









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