

Ontario Line

Queen Station

Construction Liaison Committee

November 12, 2024

 METROLINX



Agenda

Welcome (15 minutes)

- Introductions
- Land Acknowledgement
- Safety Moment
- Actions Items

Presentation (30 minutes)

- York Street Track Construction Update
- OTG Construction Update

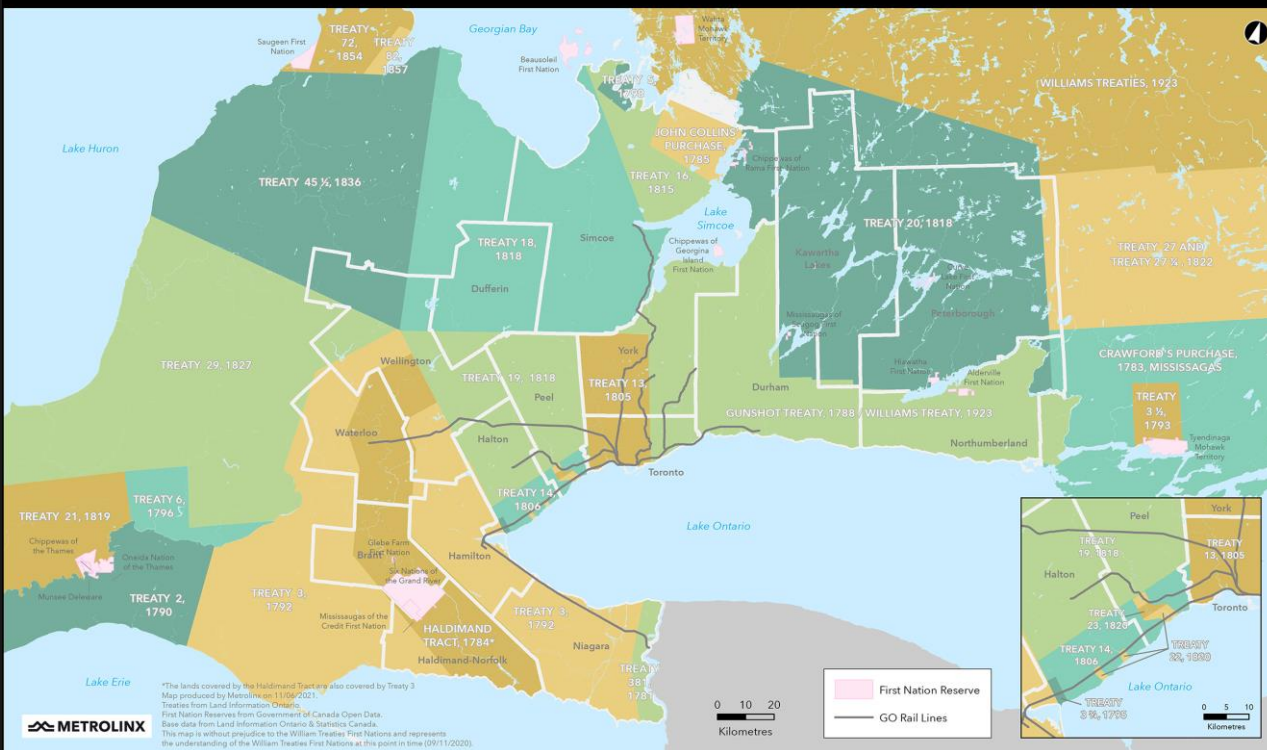
Discussion (15 minutes)

- Community Engagement
- CPTED update
- Terms of Reference update



LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Treaties and Reserves in the Greater Golden Horseshoe



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 Anishnabeg, 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 - COMMUNITY SAFETY AROUND CONSTRUCTION

As the work continues to deliver the Ontario Line, numerous safety protocols for trucks have been implemented across the various work sites to keep pedestrians, cyclists and vehicles safe:

- Traffic control flag persons are present at construction vehicle entry and exit points (gates) to give verbal and hand signals to approaching & exiting trucks.
- Constant communication with other traffic control persons using radio, coordinating vehicle movements.
- Speed limit signs (10km/hr) that are posted and displayed at gates.
- Ongoing briefing with delivery truck companies to follow site safety requirements when entering and exiting.
- **As a pedestrian or cyclist, be aware of vehicles and look both ways.**



Traffic control person aiding pedestrians

OCTOBER CLC ACTION ITEMS - COMPLETED

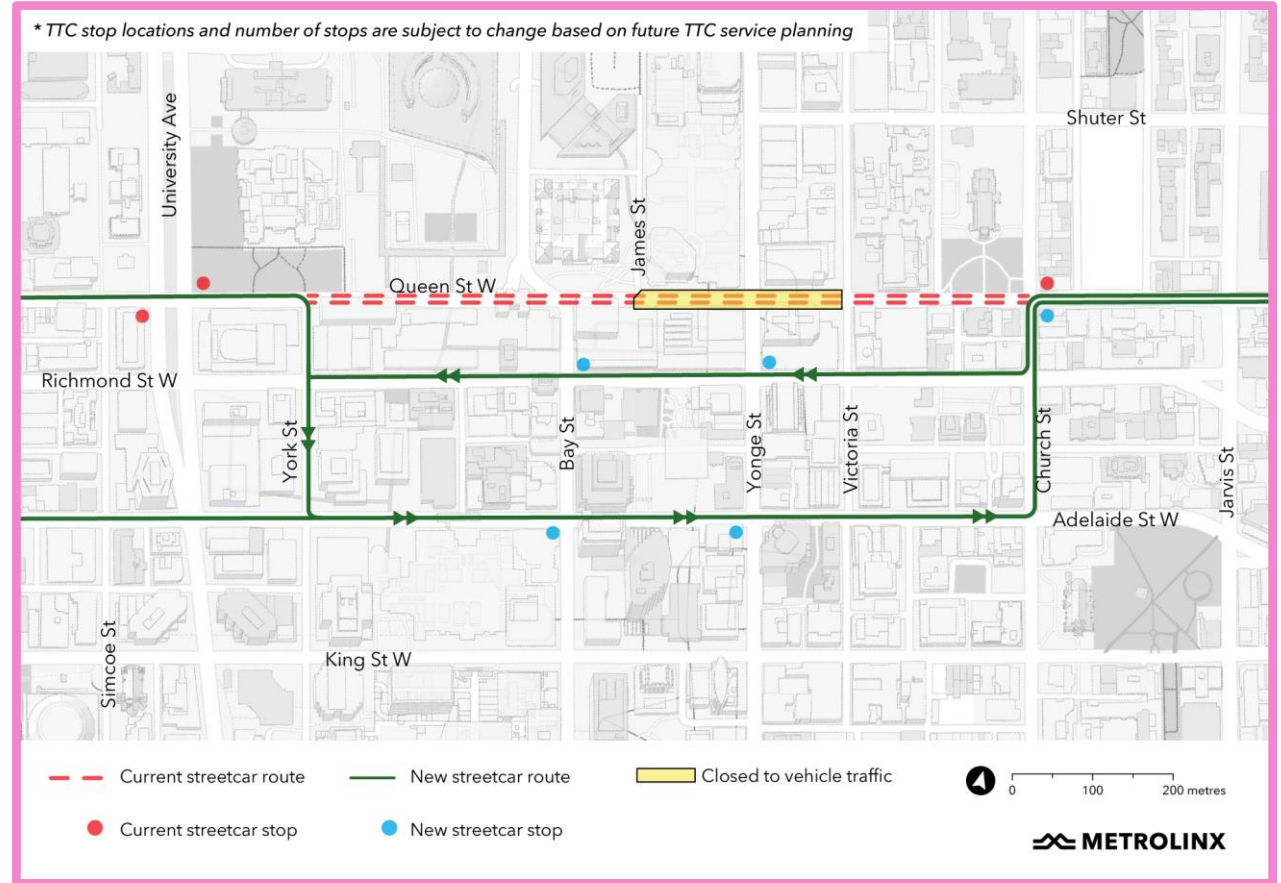
#	ACTION ITEM	RESPONSE	STATUS
1	OTG to share photo example of marketing signage installed on hoarding to provide some context.	Examples of signage are included in today's presentation.	Completed
2	Metrolinx to update Downtown Yonge BIA on opportunities to reposition traffic signs, once feedback is received from the City.	<p>City has given OTG permission to bolt signs into the sidewalk (completed).</p> <p>Metrolinx/OTG currently determining feasibility of placing traffic signs on light poles, etc. More information to be shared as available.</p>	Ongoing

York Street Trackwork



Update: York Street Track Installation

- The 501 Queen streetcar diversion is now complete. Streetcar service went into operation on **Sunday, November 10**.
- Metrolinx worked in partnership with TTC and the City of Toronto to build the new tracks, allowing for a short streetcar diversion around Ontario Line construction at Queen and Yonge streets.
- The 501/301 Queen streetcar will operate along Queen St., diverting east via Adelaide St. and west via Richmond St., and connecting to Queen at Church St. and York St
- The new tracks also create additional streetcar diversion options in the downtown core for things like emergencies, events such as TIFF and planned streetcar infrastructure work.
- To read TTC's news release, click [here](#)



Advanced Works

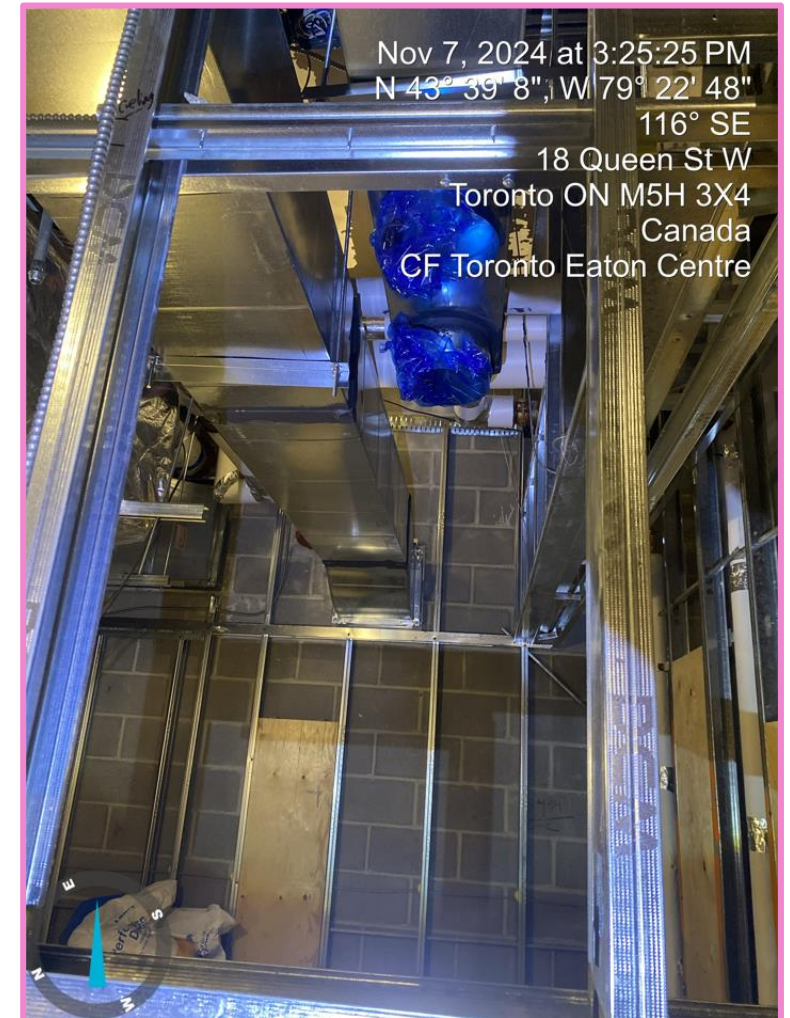


Artist's rendering – subject to change

Advanced Utility Works & HBC Basement Modifications Update

On-going Works

- Toronto Hydro cable relocation works between Bay St. and Yonge St., remains ongoing.
- Hudson's Bay below ground works - expected completion is January 2025.



Mechanical Works in the Basement

OTG Construction Update



Toronto Remembers



September 1, 1939
Germany invades Poland, marking the start of the Second World War in Europe

September 10, 1939
Canada officially enters the Second World War

July 10, 1943
Allied forces come ashore in Sicily, Italy



September 3, 1939
Britain enters the Second World War and the Battle of the Atlantic begins

August 19, 1942
Canadians take part in the Dieppe Raid on the French coast



June 6, 1944
Operation Overlord: Allied forces land on the beaches of Normandy, France



May 8, 1945
V-E Day: The war in Europe ends

August 15, 1945
V-J Day: The war in the Pacific ends





Work progress at the West site - November 2024

Update on current work

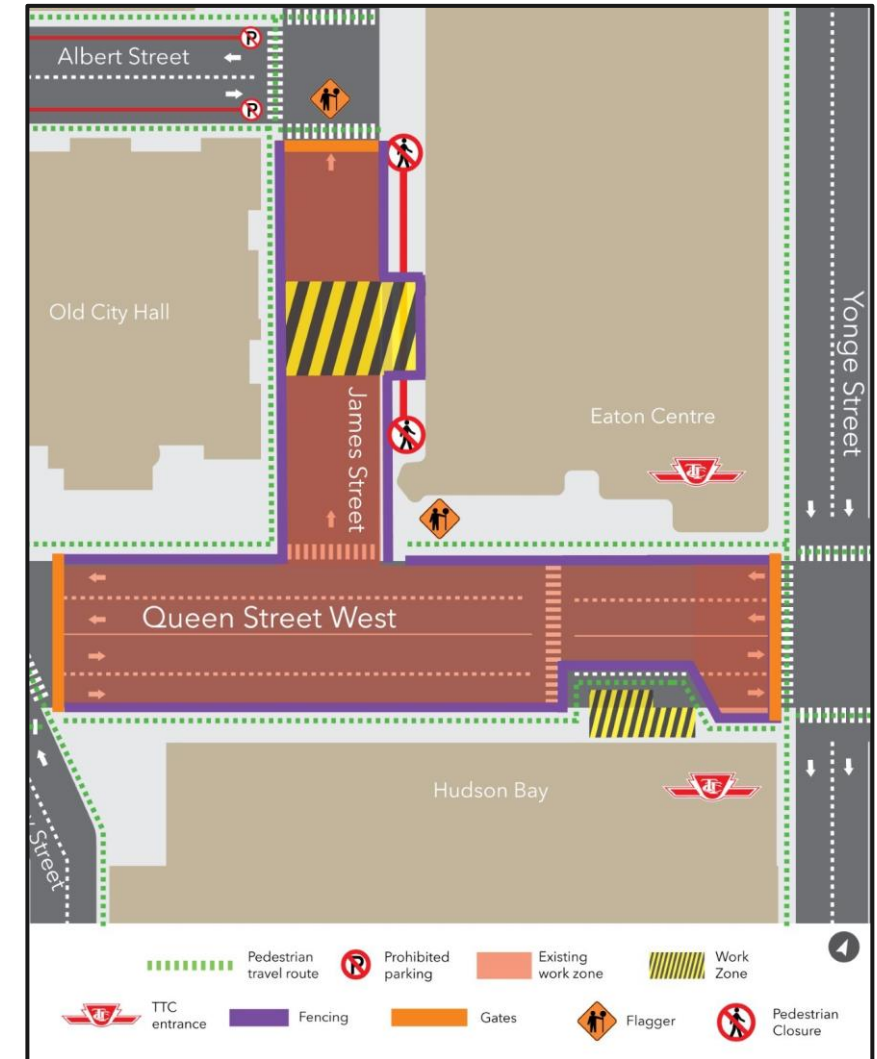
- Pile drilling work continues on both the east and the west sites. In the east, crews are working near 1 Queen Street East, and in the West, they are working on James Street.
- Hours of work are weekdays 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Weekend and overnight hours are expected in the next phase of work; updates on expected timing will be shared as available.
- Geotechnical investigations to locate and monitor utilities continue, including works on Queen Street East, Victoria Street, Bond Street and Berti Street.
- Site preparations for future works, including delivery of materials and equipment is ongoing. Toronto Hydro cable pulling work is now completed.
- Duct bank work on the south side of Queen Street West near the TTC / Hudson's Bay is postponed; updates will be shared as work resumes.



Piling Machine at the West site - November 2024

Upcoming work: Sidewalk closure on James Street

- **Safety is the top priority at all Ontario Line sites.**
- To conduct utilities work, crews require access to the East sidewalk on James Street overnight, starting November 14th. The work is expected to take approximately 3 weeks to complete.
- Work will take place overnight from 10:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. **The James Street East sidewalk will be closed during this work; Pedestrian access will re-open daily.**
- Work zone will be securely enclosed with fast fencing and pedestrians detoured around the site.
- Signage is in development and will be installed to direct pedestrians through the area.



Upcoming work: Future Queen Station

Occasional Overnight water shutdowns impacting 1 and 2 Queen Street East

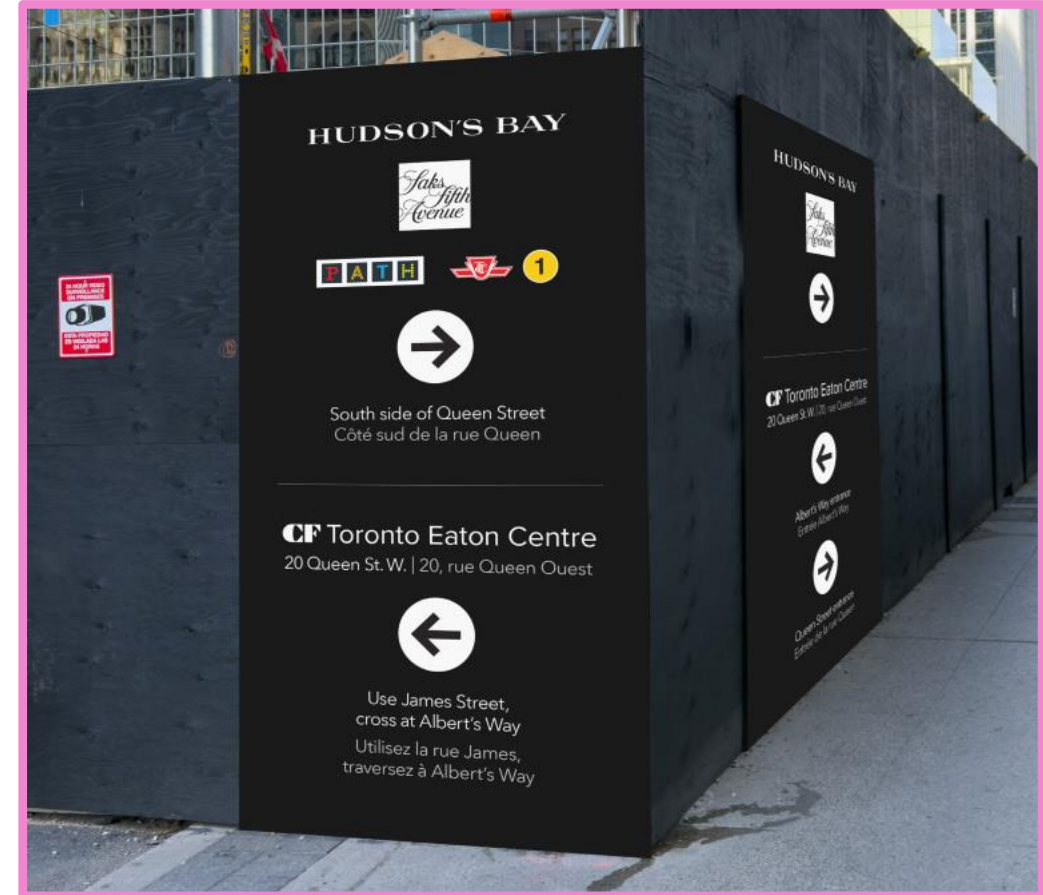
- To facilitate construction of the new Ontario Line subway station at Queen, crews must shift the location of the existing water services lines which conflict with the building footprint of the future station.
- Starting on November 22, 2024, intermittent nighttime work will occur between 10:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m.
- Full service will be restored daily during daytime hours to ensure minimal disruption.
- Specific dates and times of required shutdowns will be communicated and coordinated to impacted buildings during this work period.
- Work plans will be discussed with stakeholders during regular touchpoints.
- Note: There will also be an extension of the sidewalk closure area at 1 Queen Street East. More information will be shared as soon as available.



Aerial view of the future Queen station - November 2024

Signage, Wayfinding and Marketing Update

- **Work to design new wayfinding signage around the Queen site is complete.**
- Wayfinding signs are currently in production and will be installed tonight at 10:00 p.m.
- Metrolinx worked closely with adjacent stakeholders on wording and design for this phase of the signage project.
- Wayfinding signs are being produced on a mix of anti-graffiti-coated dibond panels that will be installed on plywood hoarding and anti-graffiti-coated coroplast panels on fast fencing.
- Additional marketing signage will be designed and installed throughout the project. More details will be shared as available and confirmed.



**Mock-up of updated wayfinding. Signs will differ based on location around the work zone.*

Queen Station 2024 - 2025 Construction Look-Ahead*

Construction milestones to move the Ontario Line subway forward

Time	Activity	Details & Purpose
Fall 2024	TTC Feeder Cable Removal	Remove and relocate TTC electrical cables near Queen station; work is required to safely protect existing utility infrastructure
	Site preparation	Site preparations for future works, including site set up, delivery of materials and equipment
	Utilities investigations and monitoring	Geotechnical investigations to locate and monitor utilities
	Utilities Work - James Street	Utilities work on James Street; to be conducted overnight
	Utilities work - East site	Utilities work in East site to enable future station construction
	Wayfinding signage	Installation of new wayfinding signage (West site)
Fall-Winter 2025	Piling work	Expectation of work during weekends and overnight

Discussion

Community Engagement

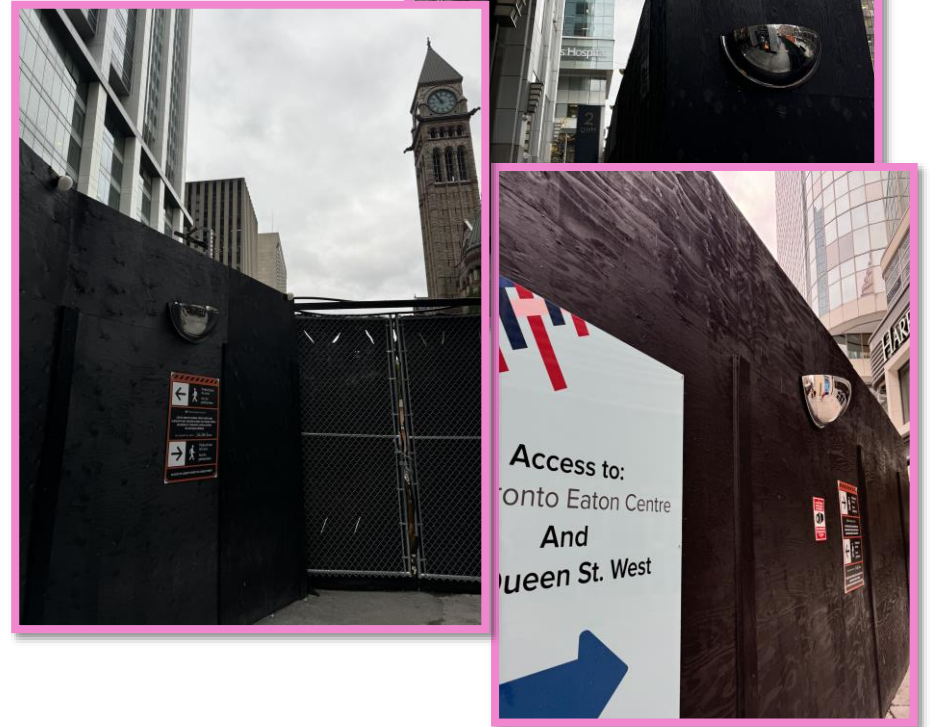
COMMUNITY POLICING THROUGH ENVIRONMENTAL DESIGN (CPTED)

- On October 22, 2024, OTG and Metrolinx participated in a CPTED walk with Constable Anthony Lamanna from 51 Division
- Constable Lamanna commended area for cleanliness and good hoarding, noting lack of graffiti.
- He recommended the installation of concave mirrors near the subway entrance at 2 Queen (completed) and James Street and Queen Street (completed).
- He recommended CCTV camera installation on James Street, as well as CCTV camera installation at Yonge and Queen near south side subway entrance.

Next Steps:

- Constable to return to site to conduct light readings (to ensure appropriate illumination). Conversations with TPS to continue.

*Concave mirrors
installed along
Queen Street*



CLC TERMS OF REFERENCE (TOR) EXCERPTS

Purpose

- The CLC is a forum for all participants to engage, listen and participate in open, transparent, collaborative, and respectful conversations regarding the construction of the Ontario Line.
- The CLC is an advisory body, not a decision-making body.

CLC Membership

- CLC community members include residents, business improvement area (BIA) representatives, resident associations, business owners or community groups who reside or work in the neighbourhood and who have a direct interest in the project or are most impacted by the project.
- Metrolinx selects CLC members at its discretion to ensure appropriate representation from the community. CLC meetings are not open to individuals, groups or associations that are not confirmed members. Meeting invitations are not to be shared beyond confirmed CLC members.

CLC Scope

- Metrolinx makes decisions about the project, such as its design, route, construction method, construction sequencing, and the location of station(s) and essential transit infrastructure, which are outside the scope of the CLC.
- Discussions at CLCs, however, may touch upon these and other topics related to the Ontario Line to facilitate inclusive and meaningful two-way communication and information sharing and allow impacted communities to provide feedback to Metrolinx on community concerns and proposals.

CLC TERMS OF REFERENCE (TOR) EXCERPTS CONTINUED

Membership Roles and Responsibilities

- The CLC is a collaborative forum between the various stakeholders involved in the construction of the Ontario Line, including Metrolinx, the contractor, the local community, and the City of Toronto.
- The CLC provides a platform for these groups to work together to discuss project details, issues/concerns for resolution and to facilitate communication, collaboration and engagement among these stakeholders throughout the construction period.
- The committee will be chaired by a Metrolinx representative, who is responsible for ensuring meetings start and end on time, are conducted in an orderly manner, follow the agenda, and facilitate discussions that encourage diverse opinions and collaborative problem-solving.

Meeting Format

- The CLC will meet monthly or bi-monthly where established. CLC dates will be set at least six months in advance. CLCs can be virtual, in-person, or hybrid in format.
- Meetings will run for approximately 60 minutes, depending on the agenda items.
- CLC meeting agendas will be established with input from CLC members.

The complete CLC Terms of Reference will be posted and available online.

Keeping You Informed

Metrolinx will keep the community, residents and businesses informed by providing project updates, seeking input and feedback, while addressing questions and concerns effectively and quickly.

Next CLC meeting: December 10, 2024 (online). This will be our last meeting for 2024, with meetings to resume in February 2025.

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Appendix



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BANK OF MONTREAL

Michael's Hospital

Artist's rendering – subject to change



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