

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

November 21, 2024

Meeting Minutes

6:00 PM – 7:30 PM (Teams Meeting)

ATTENDEES**Elected Officials/Staff**

Taamara Thanaraja (Councillor Fletcher's office)

BIAs/Community Groups/ResidentsShelley Kline - LES CAC
Kit Chapman - LSE CAC
Tony Whitaker - LSE CAC

Jennifer Lay - Riverside BIA

City of TorontoAstro Man - Transportation Services
Julia Murnaghan - Transit Expansion Division
Michael Paolucci - Transit Expansion Division**Dufferin Construction Company/LURA**Ryan Lazzarato
Hasnaa Maher
Geoffrey Mosher
Nico Zucco**Metrolinx**Alexandra Grgas-Sorge
Frankie Lam
Mohamed Ibrahim
Katiana Moussa
John Potter
Malcolm MacKay
Mark Clancy**OVERVIEW**

The eighteenth Lakeshore East Joint Corridor CLC took place at 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. on November 21, 2024, via Microsoft Teams. During this meeting, the discussion was focused on completed works, an update on the bridges, and work within the rail corridor.

DISCUSSION**1. Construction Updates**

- In-Corridor Work Update:
 - **Lakeshore East Community Advisory Committee (LSE CAC):** There was a loud sawing noise around 5:30 a.m. this morning, lasting approximately 25 minutes. What was this noise, and why was it happening?
 - **Metrolinx (MX):** The noise might not be in the scope of this work. Tree removal activity is scheduled to start no earlier than 7:00 a.m. Metrolinx and Dufferin Construction Company (DCC) will investigate the source of the noise and if it was related to tree removals.
- Retaining Wall and Noise Barrier Construction Update:

- **Riverside BIA:** There is concern regarding the piling work during December - the busiest shopping season. Is it possible to shift the work to January or avoid work during evenings and weekends?
 - **MX:** The team can explore shifting the schedule to minimize community impact. Piling work is currently not planned to take place on weekends, regardless.
- Riverside-Leslieville Station - Upcoming Piling Work
 - **LSE CAC:** Will new noise mitigation measures be implemented for the upcoming piling work? Will businesses in the area be notified and communicated with about this work?
 - **MX:** The contractor is currently exploring additional noise mitigation measures, such as temporary noise barriers near the drill rig, at an approximate height of five (5) meters. Additionally, regular updates have been and will continue to be provided to businesses in the area, including Fontbonne, to inform them of the construction impacts.
- Access Road Construction
 - **LSE CAC:** The access roads will impact nearby homes and businesses, particularly associated with noise, air quality, and light pollution. Will there be hoarding, noise barriers, and light screens? How will this look from a street view perspective? Are residents and businesses being approached about mitigations?
 - **MX:** There will be hoarding (temporary concrete barriers delineating traffic) on the access road on Degrassi Street. Dust mitigation, including regular watering, sweeping, and cleaning, will also be implemented. The access road will also be paved. Noise and vibration monitors will be installed on Degrassi Street and Bonjour Brioche prior to road construction. Noise monitors will also be installed on the Strange Street access road. Regarding timing, the work will likely take approximately one (1) week per access road. Additionally, MX started conducting briefings with impacted local businesses about four (4) weeks ago and will continue to do so regarding updates on timelines as they become available.
 - **Riverdale BIA:** What are the sidewalk impacts during the access road construction?
 - **MX:** The access road on Strange Street is contained within the Fontbonne parking lot, therefore, no impacts on the street or sidewalk are anticipated while this work takes place.
 - **LSE CAC:** What noise, vibration, and air quality monitoring will take place on the Dundas, Logan, and Gerrard access roads?

- **MX:** Metrolinx and the contractor have been working with noise and vibration specialists to identify the properties to be monitored and working on installing monitors at these locations.
- **LSE CAC:** Will the residents at McCleary Towers be consulted before the road construction?
 - **MX:** There will be a briefing with the residents early in the new year to inform them of upcoming activities before they begin. MX has been in constant communication with the residents of McCleary Towers, providing them with regular updates.

2. Completed Action Items - October

- **LSE CAC Item Number 2:** What is this item regarding?
 - **MX:** This item was regarding a comment made at the last CLC meeting directed at the Pape and Danforth project. Our team forwarded the comment to the appropriate team, closing this action item.
- **LSE CAC Item Number 4:** What are the timelines and number of track installations? When will they be electrified?
 - **MX:** The two (2) GO tracks will be operational by 2026, with a third GO track added later. Two (2) Ontario Line tracks will be installed by 2029, with testing and commissioning taking an additional two (2) years after 2029. Electrification of the GO tracks is part of another contract.
- **LSE CAC Additional Item:** Can a look-ahead showcasing long-term track milestones be added to the appendix?
 - **MX:** Yes, this can be arranged.

3. Pending Action Items

- **LSE CAC Item Number 1:** When will the attendance of the heritage subject matter expert take place? Also, who will the experts be?
 - **MX:** This will take place during the December or January CLC meeting. The experts are going to be Metrolinx heritage specialists.
- **LSE CAC Item Number 2:** Can the Pape-Riverdale and Lakeshore East Joint Corridor CLC meetings be combined?
 - **MX:** A meeting can be scheduled tomorrow to discuss this suggestion.
- **Riverside BIA Item Number 3:** Who is responsible for monitoring graffiti and addressing hateful content? The wooden hoarding under the Queen Street Bridge is marked with hateful graffiti.
 - **MX:** A graffiti management plan is in place post-construction. Dufferin Construction Company (DCC) addresses graffiti removal currently, however, there are budgetary constraints when graffiti is committed frequently. Hateful graffiti will be prioritized for immediate removal.

- **LSE CAC:** The budget should be reviewed to ensure the prompt removal of graffiti. The graffiti at the LCBO parking lot has been there for approximately three (3) months.
- **MX:** DCC is looking to put up a non-climbable security fence before removing the graffiti at the LCBO parking lot, to ensure that no vandalism occurs after the graffiti removal and fence installation is complete.
- **LSE CAC Additional Item:** Can confirmation of meeting dates for Q1 2025 be released?
 - **MX:** Yes, these dates will be provided in the next few weeks.

4. Complaints and Issues Tracker

- **LSE CAC Item #1:** Complaints have been made regarding work occurring before or after they are scheduled; therefore, have notices clarifying these work hours been issued?
 - **MX:** Timing has been clearly outlined in the weekly notices. They can be reworded for clarity.
- **LSE CAC Item #4:** Can the general locations of complaints be provided to better understand if noise monitors are located near the area and if any mitigations are in place? If MX is quoting the zone of influence map when responding to complaints, can this be presented to the CLC membership?
 - **MX:** The zone of influence map changes based on the work being done and where the complaint is coming from. The community engagement team asks noise and vibration specialists to analyze the complaint to discover its relation to the work taking place at that time and whether or not it was in the zone of influence for that work. This process is explained in detail, followed by an offer for mitigations to the individual who issued the complaint. Moving forward, the resolutions in the complaints tracker will provide more detail on the actions taken and responses provided to the residents.
- **LSE CAC Item #3:** Tree trimming was done this morning, and old branches were left at the end of First Avenue. Can they be removed?
 - **MX:** Yes, they can be removed early next week.
- **LSE CAC Additional Item:** Can the wording used in notices be improved to ensure clarity and specificity? Currently they feel vague and general, especially when referring to a broader date range.
 - **MX:** Yes, MX can explore improving the communication and language used in notices.
- **LSE CAC Additional Item:** There is inadequate traffic signage for the Dundas Bridge closure.
 - **MX:** MX will work with DCC to ensure proper signage.

ACTION ITEMS

1. **Metrolinx** and the Contractor will investigate and identify the source of the early morning sawing noise and ensure it does not reoccur.
2. **Metrolinx** will explore shifting the schedule of the retaining wall and noise barrier construction to avoid community and business disruptions during the busy holiday shopping season.
3. **Metrolinx** will explain what barriers will be in place when the access roads are being built.
4. **Metrolinx** will inquire with the GO expansion team to gain clarity on electrification timelines.
5. **Metrolinx** will include a look-ahead graphic showcasing long-term track milestones in the appendix of the CLC deck.
6. **Metrolinx** will discuss the suggestion to combine the Pape-Riverdale and Lakeshore East Joint Corridor CLCs at a meeting with LSE CAC member.
7. **Metrolinx** will address the hateful graffiti on the wooden hoarding under the Queen Street Bridge.
8. **Metrolinx** will confirm and release the meeting dates for Q1 2025
9. **Metrolinx** will explore rewording notices to ensure clarity.
10. **Metrolinx** will explore presenting the complaints and issues tracker differently to better reflect the nature of the complaint, the response given, and actions taken.
11. **Metrolinx** will provide a map of the zone of influence at the next CLC meeting.
12. **Metrolinx** will remove old branches left at the end of First Avenue.
13. **Metrolinx** will ensure that the Dundas Street closure signage is clear and visible.