

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

January 16, 2025

Meeting Minutes

6:00 PM – 7:30 PM (Teams Meeting)

ATTENDEES**BIAs/Community Groups/Residents**

Shelley Kline - LSE CAC
Stephen Davies - LSE CAC
Tony Whitaker - LSE CAC
Jennifer Lay - Riverside BIA

Elected Officials/Staff

Nicholas Valverde - Councillor Fletcher's
Office

City of Toronto

Michael Paolucci - Transit Expansion
Terry Francoeur - Transportation Services
Nancy Aranha - Transit Expansion

Dufferin Construction Company/LURA

Michael Macaluso
Hasnaa Maher
Nico Zucco

Metrolinx

Alexandra Grgas-Sorge
Frankie Lam
Katiana Moussa
John Potter
Nima Nouri
Mark Clancy
Michael Endrizzi
Malcolm MacKay
James Murphy

OVERVIEW

The Lakeshore East Joint Corridor CLC took place at 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. on January 16, 2025, via Microsoft Teams. During this meeting, the discussion was focused on graffiti management, completed works, an update on the bridges, and work within the rail corridor.

DISCUSSION**1. Graffiti Management**

- **Lakeshore East Community Advisory Committee (LSE CAC):** How high is the temporary fencing?
 - **Metrolinx (MX):** The temporary fencing will be 2.4 meters and is not climbable. The first batch is currently being shipped. The second batch will be coming in approximately three months.
- **LSE CAC:** Will there be signage going up in the area to inform the community of the graffiti reporting process?
 - **MX:** A sign might cause unnecessary visual clutter in the area and can easily be vandalized. Messaging can be added to future project construction notices, including the 24/7 Ontario Line project number and email contacts.

- **LSE CAC:** Can lights be added behind Jimmy Simpson Park around the walls - this can also deter graffiti.
 - **MX:** Installing additional lights at Jimmy Simpson Park can be explored.
- **Riverside BIA:** Is there a map delineating where all the fencing will be? Also, what will be done along Queen Street, specifically at Queen and McGee, which has a higher traffic of people viewing the wall?
 - **MX:** The fencing will extend from Jimmy Simpson Park, by the recreational center, to the corner of Paisley and Booth. MX can work with the City of Toronto to see what works best there, as it's not all MX property. The idea is that this temporary fence will replace the existing fence running parallel to the wall until the landscaping design elements are implemented.
- **LSE CAC:** Firstly, is MX or the City of Toronto responsible for managing the bridges at Logan, Dundas, and Queen? Secondly, if the retaining and noise walls are installed this spring, will MX do landscaping during the summer of 2025 and then remove temporary security fences because the landscape will protect the wall from intruders? Lastly, after the Dufferin Construction Company (DCC) contract ends in December 2025, what will happen regarding the graffiti management process?
 - **MX:** Firstly, the new bridge abutments will have the same Sikagard coating on all accessible concrete surfaces. Regarding the management and ownership of the bridges, this will be taken back as an action item to confirm. Secondly, landscaping is currently targeted for Spring 2026, which will be under a different contract and contractor. It's in the design phase presently being reviewed by the City of Toronto. It will be a while before this is finalized and will eventually engage community members. In the interim, temporary fences will be used to protect these walls. Thirdly, when the DCC contract ends, it will be the responsibility of the next contractor to uphold the graffiti management plan. There may be a gap between contracts. However, the walls will never be left unattended.

2. Construction Updates

- In-Corridor Work:
 - **LSE CAC:** Regarding the retaining wall construction and noise barrier installation - on the north side in February 2025, where will the excavation for the retaining wall start?
 - **DCC:** The first work is adjacent to where Leslieville station will go—east toward the bridge. The excavation will be on and off from February 2025 until (likely) March 2025. Noise barriers will be up before the activity starts.
- Access Roads:

- **LSE CAC:** Regarding the De Grassi Street access road, will flaggers be present to ensure that traffic going in and out of the site is managed adequately?
 - **MX:** There will be five flaggers when trucks enter and exit the corridor.
 - **DCC:** Currently, during the sidewalk closure work, there are a few flagmen on-site - even when trucks are not entering and exiting the corridor.
- Construction Lookahead Winter - Summer 2025:
 - **Riverside BIA:** The BIA has scheduled Saturday, June 7th (full-day) for the annual summer festival (Riverside Eats and Beats). They are asking for there to be no construction during that time.

3. Pending Action Items

- **LSE CAC, Item Number 9:** Has the design for the temporary Dog Off-Leash Area (DOLA) been determined?
 - **MX:** MX is still working with the City of Toronto to finalize the licensing agreement and the temporary and permanent locations of the DOLA. The team will communicate this to the community when it has more information. The existing DOLA will not be removed until the temporary one is installed. Similarly, the temporary DOLA will remain in service until the permanent one is restored next to the new station.

4. Noise and Vibration Update - December 2024

- **LSE CAC:** Where are monitors going on the north side? The bump area between De Grassi and Wardell is closest to the walls. Will noise/vibration receptors be installed there?
 - **MX:** One is installed on a property at De Grassi, one on Bonjour Brioche, and one recently installed on Cummings and Wardell. MX is currently working with the owners on Wardell to get one installed as well. There were two phases of noise and vibration monitoring. The first phase was on the north side of the corridor. Phase two will begin after the major track closure in April 2025. Phase two will also have a noise and monitoring plan established by specialists. It will be taken back as an action item to provide the phase 2 noise and vibration monitoring plan for the next CLC meeting.
 - **LSE CAC:** It would be productive to have more residents in the area sign up to have these noise and vibration monitors installed in their homes, especially for heritage homes.
 - **MX:** If the CAC knows any residents interested in having monitors installed on their property, tell them to reach out to Ontario Line.

5. Discussion

- **LSE CAC:** What will take place during the major track closure north of the Dundas Bridge?
 - **MX:** The track flip started in November 2024. Over two weekends in March and April 2025, there will be a major track closure to flip the remaining tracks from the south side to the north side of the corridor between Dundas to Jones so work can begin.
- **LSE CAC:** Some residents are asking about the results of their individual Englobe report from 2023. What is the process for people on First Ave who had an inspection and photographs taken but didn't get a report?
 - **MX:** Please inform these residents to email the Ontario Line at ontarioline@metrolinx.com to receive their individual reports.
- **LSE CAC:** What is the plan and timeline expected for the expropriation and demolition at 497 Pape and 499 Pape?
 - **MX:** MX will forward this inquiry to the appropriate project team and inform the CAC member. (editor's note: the resident has contacted Metrolinx directly and a response will be provided to the resident)

ACTION ITEMS

1. **Metrolinx** will confirm the management and ownership of bridges at Logan, Dundas, and Queen.
2. **Metrolinx** will explore adding lights behind Jimmy Simpson Park to add visibility and deter graffiti.
3. **Metrolinx** will provide a map showing the extent of fencing.
4. **DCC** will ensure that construction does not impact the Riverside Eats and Beats Festival all day on Saturday, June 7, 2025.
5. **Metrolinx** will share the phase two noise and vibration monitoring plan at the next CLC meeting.
6. **Metrolinx** will inquire with the appropriate project team to clarify the timeline and plan for the expropriation and demolition of 497 and 499 Pape.