

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

May 8th, 2025

Meeting Minutes

6:00 PM – 8:00 PM (Teams Meeting)

ATTENDEES**BIAs/Community Groups/Residents**

Shelley Kline - LSE CAC
Stephen Davies - LSE CAC
Tony Whitaker - LSE CAC
Kit Chapman - LSE CAC
Linda Sargent - LSE CAC
Brian Cunha - LSE CAC

Jennifer Lay - Riverside BIA
Christiane - Leslieville BIA

Elected Officials/Staff

Taamara Thanaraja - Councillor Fletcher's Office
Elliot VW - Councillor Fletcher's Office

City of Toronto

Michael Paolucci - Transit Expansion
Lais Siqueira Fabricio - Economic Development

Dufferin Construction Company/LURA

Michael Macaluso
Thomas Williams
Hasnaa Maher
Nico Zucco

Metrolinx

Alexandra Grgas-Sorge
Frankie Lam
John Potter
Katiana Moussa
Malcolm MacKay
Monika Blat
Nima Nouri
Mark Clancy
Phil Rodriques
Darren Cooney

OVERVIEW

The twenty-second Lakeshore East Joint Corridor CLC took place at 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. on May 8th, 2025, via Microsoft Teams. During this meeting, the discussion was focused on the station naming, completed works, an update on the bridges, and work within the rail corridor.

DISCUSSION**1. Station Naming**

- **Lakeshore East Community Advisory Committee (LSE CAC):** Can there be more transparency and a clear structure in place for the station naming process? Information such as the names being suggested, how they are being gathered, and how one is going to be selected are of interest to the community. A resident committee, including the BIA, should be formed and involved.
 - **Metrolinx (MX):** The station naming consultation only applies to four stations across the Ontario Line – King-Bathurst, Queen-Spadina, Corktown, and Riverside-Leslieville. For Riverside-Leslieville, MX is using a two-step

consultation process, including the Open House and this CLC, where the team has gathered name suggestions such as 'De Grassi'. The station design competition is a collaborative and co-development process with a shared outcome. However, the naming consultation is different, as the final decision lies with MX and the Province. A residents committee for the station naming process can't be formed, but this input is appreciated.

2. Construction Updates

- **Riverside BIA:** Can clarification be provided regarding the Queen sidewalk closure – the map legend is unclear.
 - **DCC:** The red line represents where the sidewalk will be closed for work, and the green line represents the detour for pedestrians. The legend mistakenly has these lines reversed. This will be fixed before being included in the notice to be issued ahead of the closure in July.
- **Riverside BIA:** Can confirmation be provided that no construction will impact the street festival taking place on June 7th or the Jazz Festival in early July?
 - **MX:** The team is aware of the two dates and will coordinate to avoid conflict.
- **LSE CAC:** What does the crosswalk on the full road closure on Queen Street East map refer to? Is a pedestrian crossing structure being built?
 - **Dufferin Construction Company (DCC):** The crosswalk at Empire Avenue and Queen Street East, in front of Jimmie Simpson Park, is an existing standard city crosswalk. It is highlighted in the road closure map because it is the nearest safe crossing for pedestrians to detour around the closure. There is no structure being built.
- **LSE CAC:** Why has the Queen and De Grassi access road moved further north than what was shown in the drawings on the notice?
 - **DCC:** The Queen and De Grassi access road had to be temporarily relocated because of excavation and shoring work taking place closer to Queen Street as part of excavation and secant piling activities. It will eventually move to the location that was shared previously by late June/early July. An update will be issued once confirmed.
- **LSE CAC:** What further mitigations are being taken to reduce dust during access road construction? Are all the mud mats installed?
 - **DCC:** The team is using water, street sweepers, and mud mats, which will be installed at Logan next week. The rest of the mud mats are already installed.
- **LSE CAC:** What construction activities are taking place at Jimmie Simpson Park?
 - **MX:** All works near Jimmie Simpson Park should be complete by the end of May. The team is currently awaiting the arrival of the panels, which should arrive the week of May 19th, to install the high security fencing, which will be completed by May 23rd. Then, the restoration work around Ray McLeary Park will take place.

3. Completed Action Items

- **LSE CAC - Item #1:** Can the committee receive a 3D visual of the access roads showing clear elevation drawings? It is hard to understand how vehicles will move through the space. If 3D is too complex, can a markup drone photo be provided?
 - **MX:** The team does not have the resources for 3D renders but can provide photo mock-ups and overlay elevation details. The team will follow up with visuals for the Degrossi and Strange access roads.
- **Riverside BIA - Item #4:** What does “negative growth of vegetation” refer to in regards to installing more lighting in Jimmie Simpson Park?
 - **MX:** Urban Forestry has made some changes to their guidelines, noting that an increase in lighting in parks and resulting light pollution has significant negative impacts on the life span of vegetation.
- **Riverside BIA - Item #6:** When will permanent lighting be installed at the Queen Bridge?
 - **DCC:** The team is ordering materials now. The installation is expected to take place this year. However, no definitive dates can be provided at this time.
- **Riverside BIA:** Will temporary lighting be installed after the Queen Bridge demolition?
 - **DCC:** The team can discuss this with MX, and more detailed timelines regarding temporary and permanent lighting at the bridge can be provided at the next CLC meeting.
- **Riverside BIA - Item #8:** Can the area around Queen be as clean as possible before the June 7th event?
 - **MX:** Yes, the area will be maintained, and activity can be moved away from the site as required on that day.

4. Q & A

- **LSE CAC:** The Plywood hoarding does not look good. Can the committee receive a more detailed cleaning and graffiti removal plan? Plain black paint is not visually appealing; there needs to be art or beautification.
 - **MX:** The graffiti plan is to clean the hoarding every three months, and immediately if any offensive language or symbols are used. Regarding the black paint, it is temporary since the T-wall blocks are arriving in June/July.
- **LSE CAC:** Was the tree that fell near Jimmy Simpson Park affected by construction or natural causes?
 - **MX:** The cause of the tree falling is still under investigation. Our initial inspection of the tree revealed that the trunk was hollowed out and beyond its lifespan. Many photos were taken and have been sent to DCC’s environmental specialist for further review. Because the tree fell onto Dundas St. W. early in the morning, the City had to quickly remove the tree to reopen the street. The trunk remains in place, and an arborist will be engaged if the environmental team believes it’s necessary for further inspection.

ACTION ITEMS

1. **Metrolinx** will clarify the timing and next steps and improve community communication about the station naming process.
2. **Metrolinx** will update the Queen sidewalk closure map with the corrected legend.
3. **Metrolinx** will provide mock-up visuals showing Degrassi and Strange Access Road alignment and elevation.
4. **Metrolinx** will provide a timeline for temporary and permanent lighting installation at the Queen Bridge.
5. **Metrolinx** to provide a more comprehensive graffiti removal plan at the next CLC meeting.
6. **Metrolinx** will send LSE CAC member information about the fallen tree by Dundas and Logan to concerned residents.