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Thorncliffe Park Construction Liaison Committee (CLC) MEETING SUMMARY

June 26, 2025 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Microsoft Teams

ATTENDEES:

Community Representatives

- Jason Ash (Friends of Thorncliffe Park)
- Ahmad El Sarraff (A77)
- Geoff Kettel (Leaside Residents Association)
- Lisa Rodopoulos
- Vanessa Rose (Leaside Business Park)
- Shakhlo Sharipova (Thorncliffe Park Autism Support Network)
- Marilyn Wade (Milespost Place)
- Najia Zewari (Women's Cycling Network)

Elected Officials/Staff

- Erin McLean-Purdon (MPP Bowman)
- Farzana Rajwani (Councillor Chernos Lin)

City of Toronto

- Sheikh Alam
- Raymund Gonzales
- Mohammed Ibrahim
- Astro Man
- Katiana Moussa
- Julia Murnaghan
- Michael Paolucci

Navi Tathgar

<u>Trillium Guideway Partners</u>

- Abigail Atmadja
- Sherline Joe
- David Wills

Connect 6

• Rob Granatstein

<u>Leaside Valley Builders</u>

• Ghulam Muihuddin

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- Rubab Abid
- Dami Adebayo
- Saikat Basak
- Robert Chisholm
- Jim Cumming
- Franca DiGiovanni
- Vincent Domey
- Michael Endrizzi
- Easton Gordon
- David King
- John Potter
- Phil Rodrigues
- Ligia Saatgian
- Nagina Shahsamand

OVERVIEW:

On June 26, 2025, **Metrolinx** convened the Thorncliffe Park Construction Liaison Committee (CLC) consisting of local community members, offices of local elected officials, City of Toronto officials, and Metrolinx contractors actively constructing in the area, namely: **Trillium Guideway Partners** (TGP), **Connect 6** (C6), and **Leaside Valley Builders** (LVB).

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Metrolinx shared updates on ongoing third-party utility relocations along Overlea Boulevard and Beth Nealson Drive. Respective Metrolinx contractors highlighted construction progress on Ontario Line structures in and around the area, including the Operations, Maintenance and Storage Facility, Don Valley crossings, Beth Nealson underpass, and West Don crossing.

During the meeting, Metrolinx outlined upcoming roadscape improvements on Overlea Boulevard, explaining traffic impacts and mitigations. Contractors and Metrolinx staff also discussed construction-related concerns, focusing on truck safety and site safety measures.

Community questions and responses from the meeting are outlined below.

QUESTIONS:

- Do the truck safety plans prohibit vehicles from making certain intersections a no-right-turn-on-red?
 - Metrolinx is working to determine appropriate safety measures at certain intersections near construction zones. Safety measures for these areas include signage updates, signal adjustments and other interventions to improve pedestrian visibility and safety.
- Can Metrolinx share a visual rendering that shows where the elevated guideway will cross the Millwood Road and Overlea intersection?
 - Metrolinx will present a visual of the elevated guideway in this area at the next meeting.
- Are there safety campaigns to promote pedestrian and cycling safety?
 - Pedestrian and cyclist safety is a key part of the <u>truck safety plan</u>. Metrolinx is actively training truck drivers to be aware of vulnerable road users while supporting additional safety measures such as increased outreach to residents. Metrolinx Community Engagement has reached out to schools in the area and continues to engage residents through its community offices, construction notices and community events within the community to discuss safety.
- What is the access route into the Operations Maintenance and Storage Facility?
 - Motorist access for employees and visitors to the facility will be through a gate at Village Station Road, near the Esso gas station. A parking lot for employees is slightly north of the Beth Nealson underpass, that is connected by an approximately one-kilometre private road, travelling past the storage tracks, then loops behind the MSF and a bridge over Beth Nealson.
- Are bicycle lanes included as part of Ontario Line construction in Thorncliffe Park?

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- O Cycling infrastructure is being explored in coordination with the City of Toronto and may include dedicated cycle tracks along Overlea Boulevard-between Millwood Road and Thorncliffe Park Drive West-and through the Beth Nealson Underpass. In addition, a multi-use trail is under consideration along Don Mills Road as part of the Ontario Line project. For Beth Nealson Drive, cycle lanes will be included as part of the underpass.
- Follow up question: Can Metrolinx share renderings of all planned cycling infrastructure and pedestrian pathways as part of the Ontario Line?
 - Update provided through this meeting summary: Metrolinx is preparing for an open house in Thorncliffe Park in September to showcase updated renderings and details about Ontario Line construction. In addition, Metrolinx will continue to share renderings as they become available at committee meetings and on its website.
- Are there plans to demolish 16 Overlea Boulevard?
 - o There are no immediate plans to demolish 16 Overlea Boulevard as the building remains occupied and in use.

ACTION ITEMS:

- Metrolinx will contact committee members for a site visit to the West Don Crossing.
- Metrolinx to provide a rendering of the guideway close to the Overlea/Millwood Road intersection.