

Thorncliffe Park Construction Liaison Committee (CLC) MEETING SUMMARY

July 31, 2025

6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Microsoft Teams

ATTENDEES:

Community Representatives

- Jason Ash (Friends of Thorncliffe Park)
- Ahmad El Sarraff (A77)
- Karma Lharmo (TNO)
- Lynn McGregor (Leaside Green)
- Lisa Rodopoulos (1 Leaside Park Drive)
- Marilyn Wade (Milespost Place)
- Najia Zewari (Women's Cycling Network)

- Ajeena Ambili
- Abigail Atmadja
- Stephanie Bell
- David Wills

Connect 6

- Rob Granatstein

Leaside Valley Builders

- Andreas Pandikiu

Elected Officials/Staff

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

Metrolinx

- Rubab Abid
- Dami Adebayo
- Jean Baik
- Robert Chisholm
- Jim Cumming
- Prabir Das
- Franca DiGiovanni
- Vincent Domey
- Michael Endrizzi
- Easton Gordon
- Alexandra Grgas Sorge
- David King
- Brian Mitchell
- John Potter
- Phil Rodriques
- Ligia Saatgian
- Stephanie Teodoridis

City of Toronto

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

Trillium Guideway Partners

- Abdulrahman Abu-Salhieh

OVERVIEW:

On July 31, 2025, **Metrolinx** convened the July 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).

Metrolinx announced completion of the gas main relocation on Overlea Boulevard, marking a major milestone in the advanced works phase. The presentation other ongoing and planned utility relocations along Overlea Boulevard and Beth Neilson Drive. A presentation on the final phase of advanced works before guideway construction, highlighted planned traffic configurations.

The meeting provided updates on upcoming guideway construction and shared a graphic rendering of a key section, which community members requested at a previous meeting. Metrolinx presented construction progress at the West Don Crossing and Beth Neilson underpass, along with a visual representation of the West Don area within E.T. Seton Park. In addition, updates were provided on ongoing construction activities at the Operations, Maintenance and Storage Facility, Beth Neilson underpass, and West Don crossing.

Community questions and responses from the meeting are outlined below.

QUESTIONS:

- **How will graffiti be managed on piers for the elevated guideways?**
 - Metrolinx employs a proven, cost-effective graffiti management strategy developed over the past decade. Rather than aiming for full prevention, the focus is on efficient removal and visual consistency. Techniques include pigmented coatings that allow for easy overpainting, as used on the Davenport Diamond and the joint corridor section of the Ontario Line. These coatings ensure a uniform appearance and are already in use on retaining walls in Riverside and Leslieville. Ontario Line station walls will receive transparent protective coatings where possible, while elevated guideway piers will be treated with pigmented finishes. This approach aligns with practices used by the City of Toronto and other municipalities.
- **What is the status of a community suggestion for a basketball court in the public space created by the guideways?**
 - There is currently no confirmed plan to build a basketball court under the elevated guideways. While a potential site near the east end of the guideway on Overlea Boulevard (near Costco) was explored by landscape designers, final decisions on the layout of the public space are yet to be made. Discussions about public realm features remain preliminary due to ongoing negotiations over land ownership beneath and around the guideways.
- **Will community art be incorporated into the public realm spaces created by the guideways?**

- The space beneath the guideway will primarily serve as pedestrian clearways, linking roads to new building facades and retail areas. Warm-toned, human-scale lighting will enhance comfort and safety. While Metrolinx cannot fund or maintain public art, it can support community-led mural initiatives by providing suitable surfaces in collaboration with BIAs, nonprofits, or local groups.
- **What are the plans for emergency vehicle access through Overlea Boulevard during construction?**
 - Starting next week, a temporary lane reduction (one lane each direction) will be in effect for approximately eight weeks, ending in late September. Emergency services have been notified of this change in road configuration. In addition, bus lay-bys where possible will provide some space for vehicles in clearing paths for emergency responders. On-site crews with radios are instructed to support traffic coordination during emergencies.
- **Follow-up question: How will this affect access to and from intersections along Overlea Boulevard?**
 - All intersections, including Leaside Park Drive, are being rebuilt as part of the project, which may cause congestion and restrictions. Contractors are aware of Leaside Park Drive being the only access point for certain residents and will aim to keep both turning lanes open as much as possible.
- **How will Metrolinx monitor vibration from construction?**
 - Metrolinx contractors are currently contacting property owners for permission to install vibration monitoring equipment on their property. Monitoring devices will be installed in a variety of locations, including inside buildings and in-ground, depending on site requirements. Installing monitors in buildings closest to construction is the current priority for the contractor.

ACTION ITEMS:

- There were no new action items from this meeting.