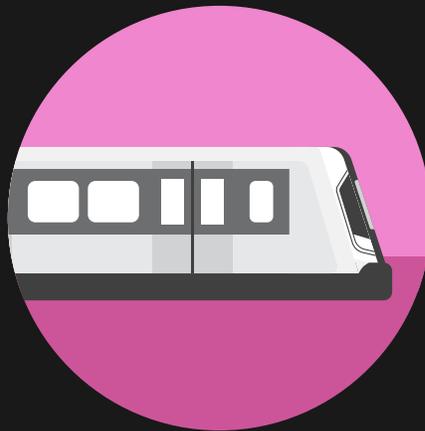


# Making Community Benefits & Supports Happen

A Year in Review: 2024-2025



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# Message from the CEO

As we advance a historic transit expansion for the region, Metrolinx remains focused not only on building infrastructure, but also on creating lasting, measurable benefits for the communities we serve. Our Community Benefits & Supports Program is grounded in a four-pillar strategy: employment opportunities, local business supports, community improvement supports, and public realm improvements. These pillars guide how we approach our work to ensure projects deliver value beyond transit, and that communities are meaningfully involved in shaping the outcomes that impact them directly.

Structured around the four pillars, the Community Benefits & Supports Program annual report is how we hold ourselves accountable. It's a report card on ourselves –measuring impact, identifying gaps, and ensuring transparency with our partners and the public. This year, we've gone a step further by presenting a more detailed view of how each pillar is being applied across our largest transit projects.

The results to date are encouraging. From developing pathways to apprenticeship on the Eglinton Crosstown LRT, to prioritizing local procurement on the Ontario Line, to the new Black Creek Ravine trail along the Finch West LRT alignment and tree giveaways on the Scarborough Subway Extension, the outcomes demonstrate how tangible benefits are being delivered on the ground. In 2024-25, 1,321 local residents were connected to employment opportunities through projects, local businesses and social enterprises received \$136 million in support and investment, and more communities are seeing themselves reflected in the decisions that impact their neighbourhoods.

This work doesn't happen in isolation. Across Rapid Transit, Subway, and GO Expansion projects, our teams are working in lockstep alongside contractors, municipalities, community leaders, workforce agencies, unions and local organizations to ensure that communities are actively involved in shaping how projects deliver value beyond transit. Together, we are building a stronger, more inclusive region, project by project, community by community.

Thank you for your continued trust, support and partnership as we work to deliver not only transit that moves people, but outcomes that move us all forward.



**Best regards,  
Michael Lindsay  
President and CEO, Metrolinx**

# Introduction

## Our Four-Pillar Approach

The Community Benefits & Supports Program works to ensure that each transit investment we make results in meaningful and measurable benefits for local communities and residents. Our work is guided by four strategic areas of focus which define our priorities and actions. These areas of focus form our four pillars; Employment Opportunities, Business Supports, Public Realm Improvements and Community Improvements.

### **Pillar 1: Employment Opportunities**

Pillar 1 represents our efforts to promote apprenticeship training and workforce development opportunities for local communities and equity seeking groups by including hiring targets and requirements for our contractors to have anti-racism, anti-discrimination and anti-harassment policies in place to support their workforce, help ensure a workplace culture that actively promotes equity, diversity and inclusion on Metrolinx projects across the Greater Golden Horseshoe (GGH).

- 10% of new hires by our contractors selfidentify as Black, Indigenous, or a Person of Colour (BIPOC)
- 10% of new hires by our contractors selfidentify as women
- 10% of skilled tradespeople hired by our contractors are in apprentice roles

### **Pillar 3: Public Realm Improvements**

Pillar 3 focuses on opportunities to enhance the local environment and community assets to ensure residents benefit from lasting improvements. We invite community feedback to inform this work through channels like surveys, design competitions, open houses and, Construction Liaison Committees (CLCs).

### **Pillar 2: Business Supports**

Pillar 2 focuses on building relationships with local businesses and Business Improvement Areas (BIAs) to support initiatives that attract customers, strengthen community vibrancy, and enhance activity and visibility for local enterprises. This pillar also focuses on initiatives that will support Metrolinx contractors in adopting leading practices in social procurement with a focus on purchasing from local suppliers and social enterprises aimed at creating social impact.

### **Pillar 4: Community Improvements**

Pillar 4 focuses on working with communities as a connector to the right decision-makers to make improvements to public spaces surrounding transit project construction, where no funding is available. We recognize that communities are often interested in opportunities that extend beyond our project's scope. By connecting them with the right partners, we can help communities maximize the benefits of new investments and infrastructure

# Year at a glance

The Year at a Glance highlights what happened on our projects between April 1, 2024 and March 31, 2025. Here's what we achieved during the 2024-2025 fiscal year:

**19%** of new hires by our contractors self-identify as women



**51** new apprentices were hired by contractors on projects



**23%** of new hires by our contractors self-identify as Black, Indigenous, or a Person of Colour (BIPOC)



**1321** Local people from areas near our transit projects were hired on our projects



**5,000+** job seekers attended employment events held by contractors



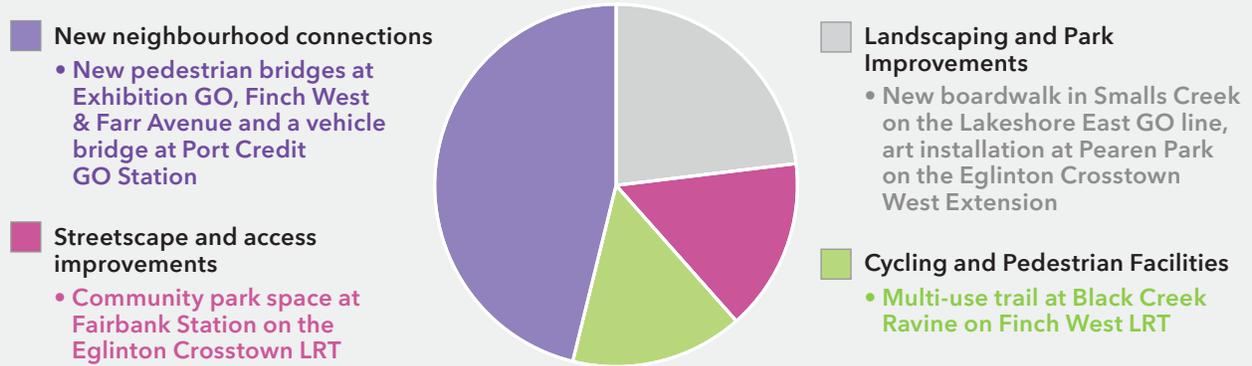
**52** business support initiatives were delivered across the region, including "Open for Business" and "Shop Local" campaigns, business profiles for local businesses, trade shows and BIA forums



**176** events were held to engage the community in project discussions at project Open Houses, Construction Liaison Committees, Pop-Ups and project workshops



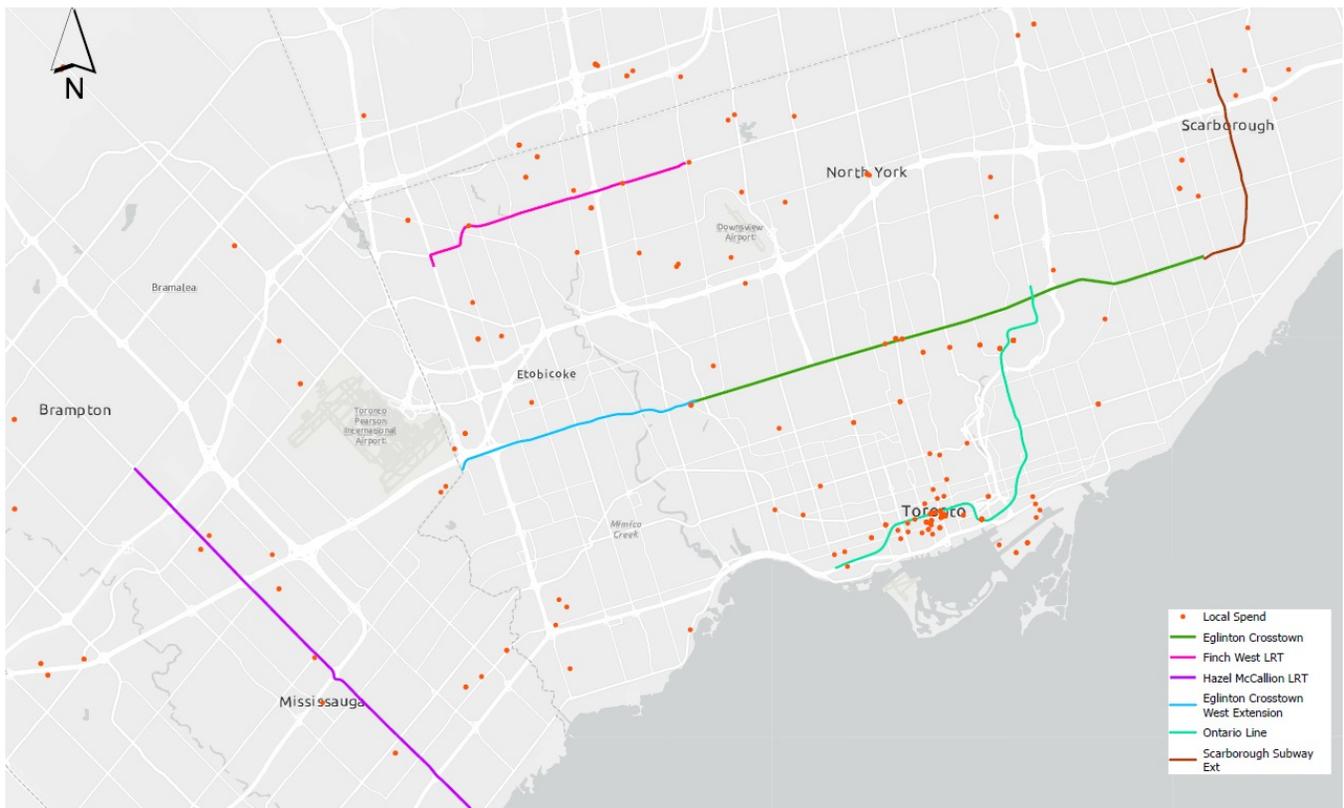
## 7 Public Realm Improvements were completed



**\$136M** invested in local business and social enterprises across **815** businesses that provide goods and services such as construction materials, print materials & notice delivery, signage, equipment, technical & professional services, and services that keep communities safe & clean during construction activities



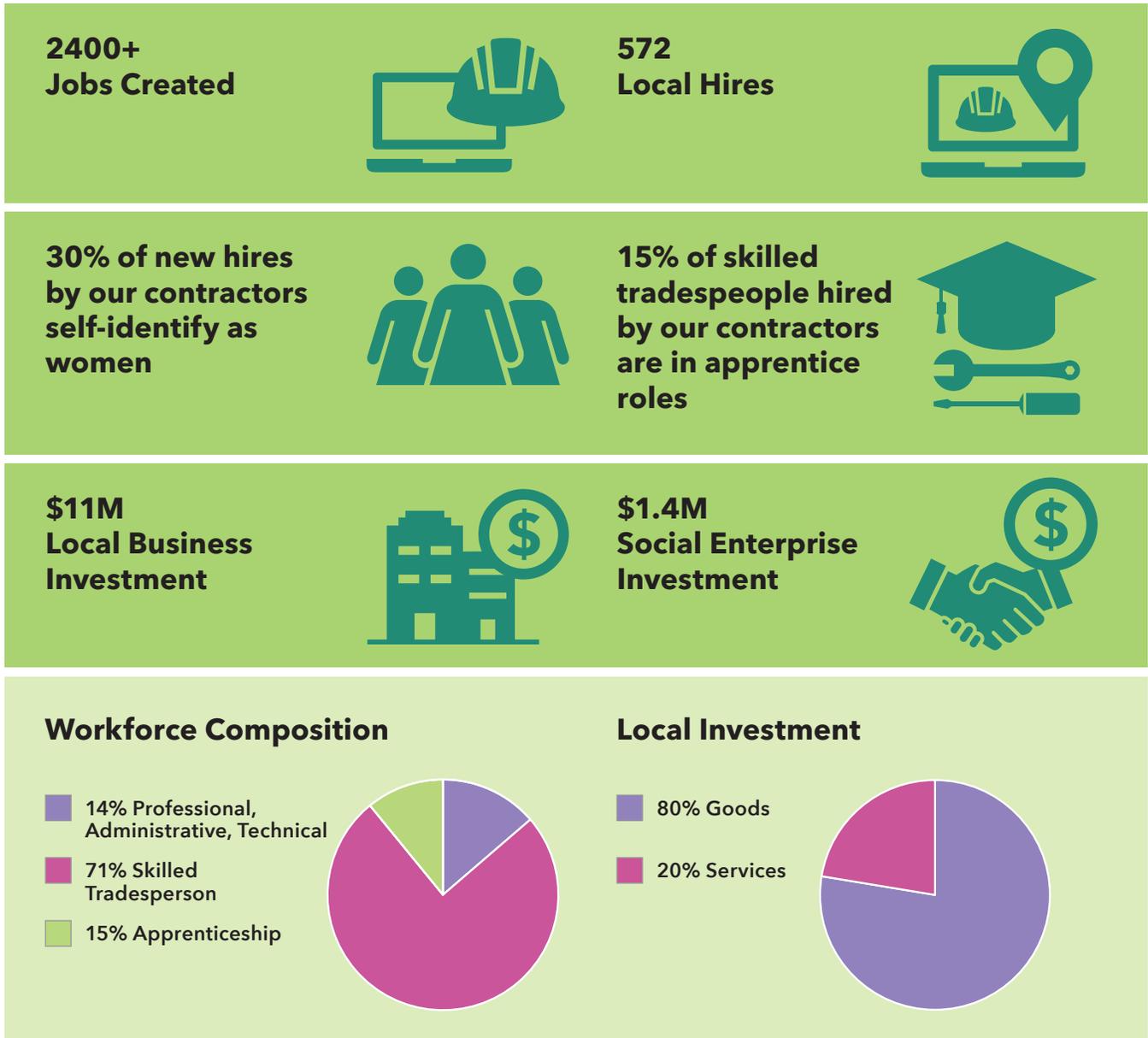
## Investment in Local Businesses and Social Enterprises



# Eglinton Crosstown LRT

## Employment Opportunities & Business Supports

The Eglinton Crosstown LRT project is the first large-scale infrastructure project with formalized community benefits commitments and was the original framework for the Community Benefits & Supports Program at Metrolinx. The numbers below represent the cumulative project outcomes & progress since the beginning of the project:



\*This project did not collect information on persons self-identifying as Black, Indigenous or a Person of Colour (BIPOC).

## Developing Pathways to Apprenticeship

Apprentices on the Eglinton Crosstown LRT have gained valuable experience through the Crosslinx Transit Solutions apprenticeship program and many have successfully secured full-time positions in the industry.

I studied architecture, then switched to construction project management. I got into the apprenticeship program (for tower crane operator) after waiting for about 3-4 years, and it was the best thing that happened to my career. As an apprentice, not everyone treats you well, but at Laird Station, people were super helpful, and one of the veterans took me under his wing big time. I got a lot of hours in, and because of the opportunities I had there, it gave me a huge advantage when it came time to get my license. **Cabi Nassif - Tower Crane Operator Local 793.**



I loved working on the project. The apprenticeship program was a great experience for someone coming into construction for the first time, especially being a woman. I came from working in an office, and I loved the respect I got on the job. It was the best experience, and I still talk about it. I started as a flagger (traffic control), and then worked with cranes, hoisting and rigging materials being lowered into shafts or onto roofs onsite. **Maria Potiriadis - LiUNA Local 506.**



The process of going through the apprenticeship steps has been a welcoming learning experience. I could not be the worker I am today without the guidance of my supervisors and the team I have at my back. The opportunities Crosslinx has provided have opened so many doors to me, and I am forever grateful for the things I've learned and the great people I've worked with. **Ashley Downey - Construction Craft Worker**



## Local Business Joint Committee

In 2022, Metrolinx and the City of Toronto partnered with the Toronto Association of BIAs and Eglinton BIA Alliance to establish a joint committee to continue to address the needs of local businesses. This joint group provided guidance on funding for the Ontario Government \$3-million pledge provided in early 2020 for additional marketing support and clean-up assistance for businesses on Eglinton Avenue during construction.

# Public Realm Improvements & Community Improvement Supports

## Crosstown Arts & Culture

Along the Eglinton Crosstown LRT route, art has been commissioned by local artists to enhance public spaces. Artwork ranges from mosaics and paintings to large-scale installations. Captured here is Pick-Up Sticks (Intersection Points) installed at Oakwood Station. According to the Ontario-based artist, Nicholas Pye, the piece not only recalls the intersection points on a public transportation map but also evokes the rich and diverse cultural mosaic that defines the character of Oakwood Village.



## Fairbank Station Plaza

An outdoor community plaza was created to enhance Fairbank Station. This space is designed not only to serve transit riders but also to be accessible to the entire community. In addition to the vibrant green space, the station includes indoor retail options at street level within the main entrance, along with dedicated bike parking facilities, making it a comprehensive hub for both transportation and community.



▲ Fairbank Station Plaza located at Dufferin Street and Eglinton Avenue West.

◀ Nicholas Pye mural "Pick Up Sticks" outside Oakwood Station.

## Wider Sidewalks at Yonge/Eglinton

As part of the Eglinton Crosstown LRT project, sidewalks at Yonge Street and Eglinton Avenue East were expanded from 2 meters to 3 meters wide. The wider walkway allows for easier navigation, encouraging more people to enjoy the newly designed streetscape, and creating a welcoming and safe environment for pedestrians.

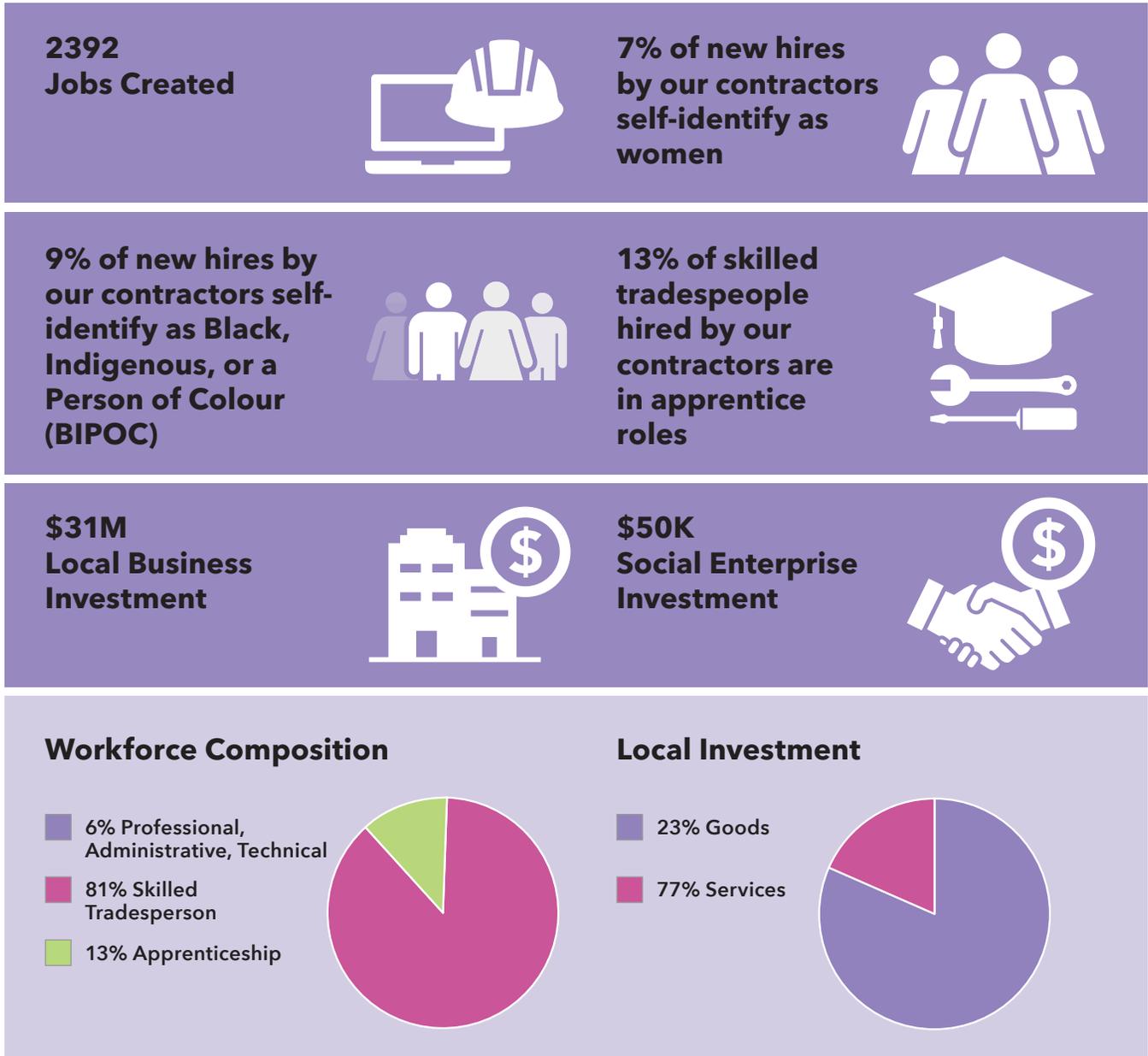
## West Guideway over Black Creek

Public realm improvements along the Eglinton Crosstown LRT also resulted in the development of a public plaza at street level beneath the West Guideway over Black Creek. The addition of this plaza adds vibrancy to the public realm for pedestrians and features art installations that enhance the community space.

# Finch West LRT

## Employment Opportunities & Business Supports

The numbers below represent the cumulative project outcomes & progress since the beginning of the project:



### Empowering Young Women Event

Mosaic Transit Group, a contractor on the Finch West LRT project, participated as a career mentor in the 'Empowering Young Women' event held at the Toronto Reference Library in March 2025. This one-of-a-kind event for high school students that self-identified as women provided a space to practice networking skills and gain insight into career pathways with career mentors from the project.

# Public Realm Improvements & Community Improvement Supports

## Farr Avenue Pedestrian Bridge

The Farr Avenue Pedestrian Bridge was updated as part of the Finch West LRT project in 2024. The bridge enhancement maintains a community connection and ensures pedestrian safety by providing a secure crossing over Finch Avenue West.



▲ Farr Avenue Pedestrian Bridge spanning across Finch Avenue West.

## Black Creek Ravine Multi-use Trail

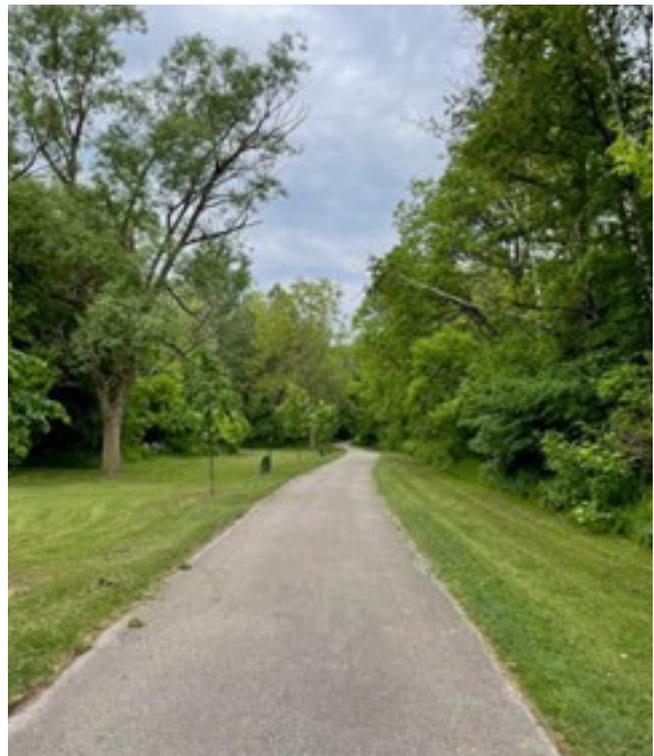
The Black Creek Ravine multi-use trail enhances access to the Humber River–Black Creek area by connecting the Black Creek Ravine to Finch Avenue at Sentinel Road. Work on this project to enhance and maintain the trail during construction was done in partnership with the City of Toronto.

## Jane and Finch Community Bike Repair workshop

Metrolinx partnered with Mosaic Transit Group, a project contractor, and CultureLink, a non-profit organization that offers free bike repair services to the Jane and Finch community, to host a Bike Repair workshop for 150 cyclists. At the event, lessons in bike repair and tune ups from CultureLink Bike Hub, as well as commuting and cycling information packages from Smart Commute were all provided free of charge.



▲ Event staff providing free bike repair services and information about the Finch West LRT project.



▲ Multi-use trail connecting Black Creek Ravine to Finch Avenue at Sentinel Road.

# Hazel McCallion LRT

## Employment Opportunities & Business Supports

The numbers below represent the cumulative project outcomes & progress since the beginning of the project:

**3426**  
Jobs Created



**616**  
Local Hires



**9%** of new hires  
by our contractors  
self-identify as  
women



**11%** of new hires  
by our contractors  
self-identify as  
Black, Indigenous,  
or a Person of  
Colour (BIPOC)



**15%** of skilled  
tradespeople hired  
by our contractors  
are  
in apprentice roles



**\$154M**  
Local Business  
Investment

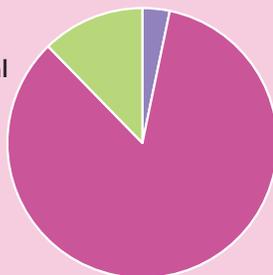


**\$1.5M** Social Enterprise Investment



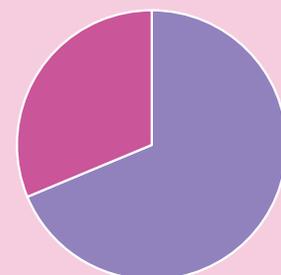
### Workforce Composition

- 4% Professional, Administrative, Technical
- 81% Skilled Tradesperson
- 15% Apprenticeship



### Local Investment

- 65% Goods
- 35% Services



## **Career Fairs**

The 2024 Career Fair Canada hiring event, held at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre, attracted a total of 4,000 attendees. Mobilinx, a contractor for the Hazel McCallion LRT project, connected job seekers to jobs on the project at this career fair. Mobilinx also attended the Canadian Immigrant Job Fair at the Living Arts Centre in Mississauga where they connected newcomers and job seekers to jobs and employment pathways on the project.

## **Speed Mentoring**

In partnership with ACCES Employment, Mobilinx hosted a Speed Mentoring event in Brampton for career exploration, networking and mentorship. This initiative emphasized employment opportunities by promoting apprenticeship training and workforce development in local communities, particularly for equity-seeking groups and those facing employment barriers.

Upon arriving in Canada, like most of us newcomers I faced the challenge of navigating a new job market, particularly within the human resources field. While I brought with me a strong background and relevant experience, joining the Human Resource cohort at ACCES Employment provided additional insight into Canadian workplace expectations and hiring practices. The program offered targeted support in areas such as resume refinement, interview preparation, and professional networking. Combined with personal initiative, adaptability, and commitment to continuous learning, this experience significantly enhanced my job search strategy. Within a few months, I successfully secured a role aligned with my HR background at Mobilinx. I take this opportunity to thank both Mobilinx and ACCES Employment.

**Deepa George - Human Resources Generalist.**



## **Develop, Assist, Mentor (DAM) Cooksville Youth Centre After School BBQ**

Metrolinx teamed up with Mobilinx to serve the community as part of the annual After School BBQ hosted by the Develop, Assist, Mentor (DAM) Cooksville Youth Centre. This organization plays a vital role in offering mentorship and support services to vulnerable youth in the Cooksville, Meadowvale, and Erin Mills areas. Produce for the BBQ was sourced from Isna Farms, a local business in Mississauga.

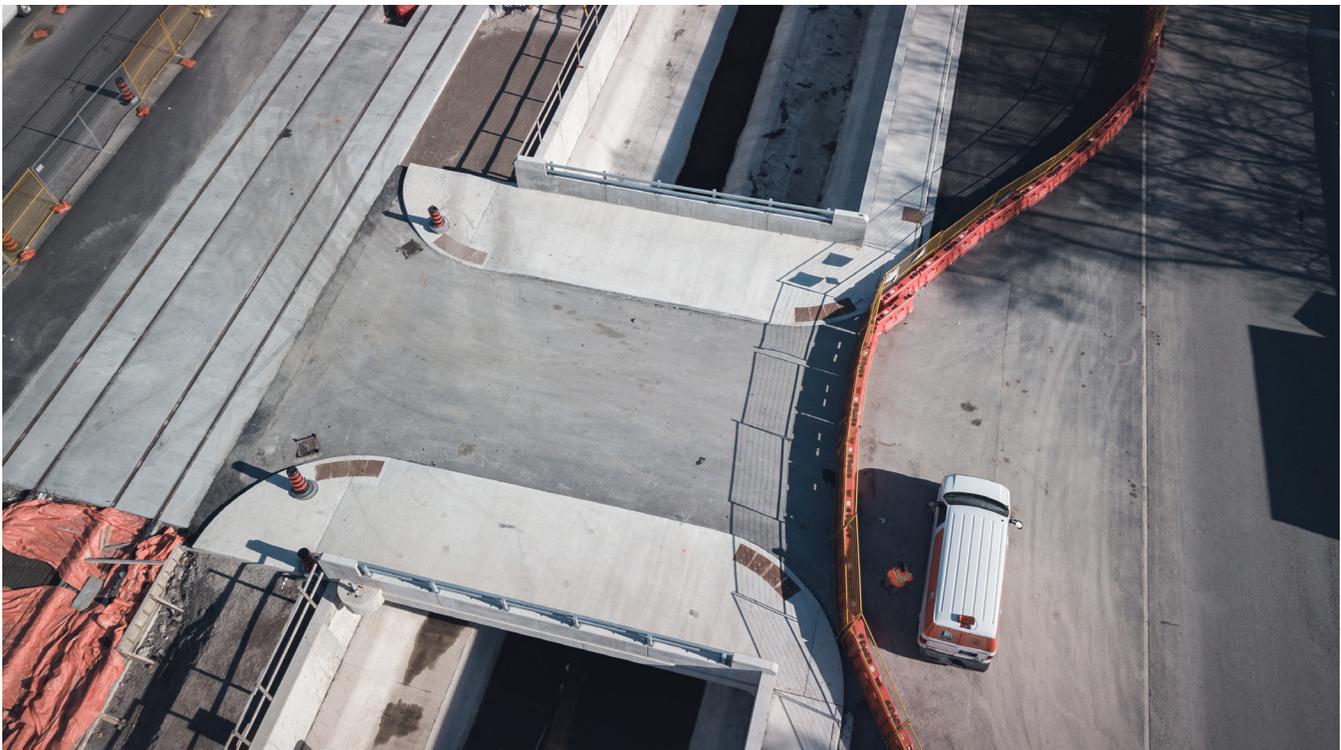
# Public Realm Improvements & Community Improvement Supports

## Eaglewood Bridge

The Eaglewood Bridge connects Eaglewood Boulevard to Oriole Avenue over Mary Fix Creek. Located near the Port Credit GO Station, the Eaglewood Bridge is designed to improve traffic flow and enhance connectivity in the area, facilitating better coordination with the LRT guideway along Hurontario Street. Metrolinx proudly hosted a vibrant community celebration to mark the grand opening of the Eaglewood Bridge. Signage for the celebration was provided by Print 2 GO, a local print shop, and refreshments were purchased from Cousin's Market, a cherished family-owned grocery store that has been serving the community since 1978.



▲A photo of the Metrolinx team at the Eaglewood Bridge opening celebration.

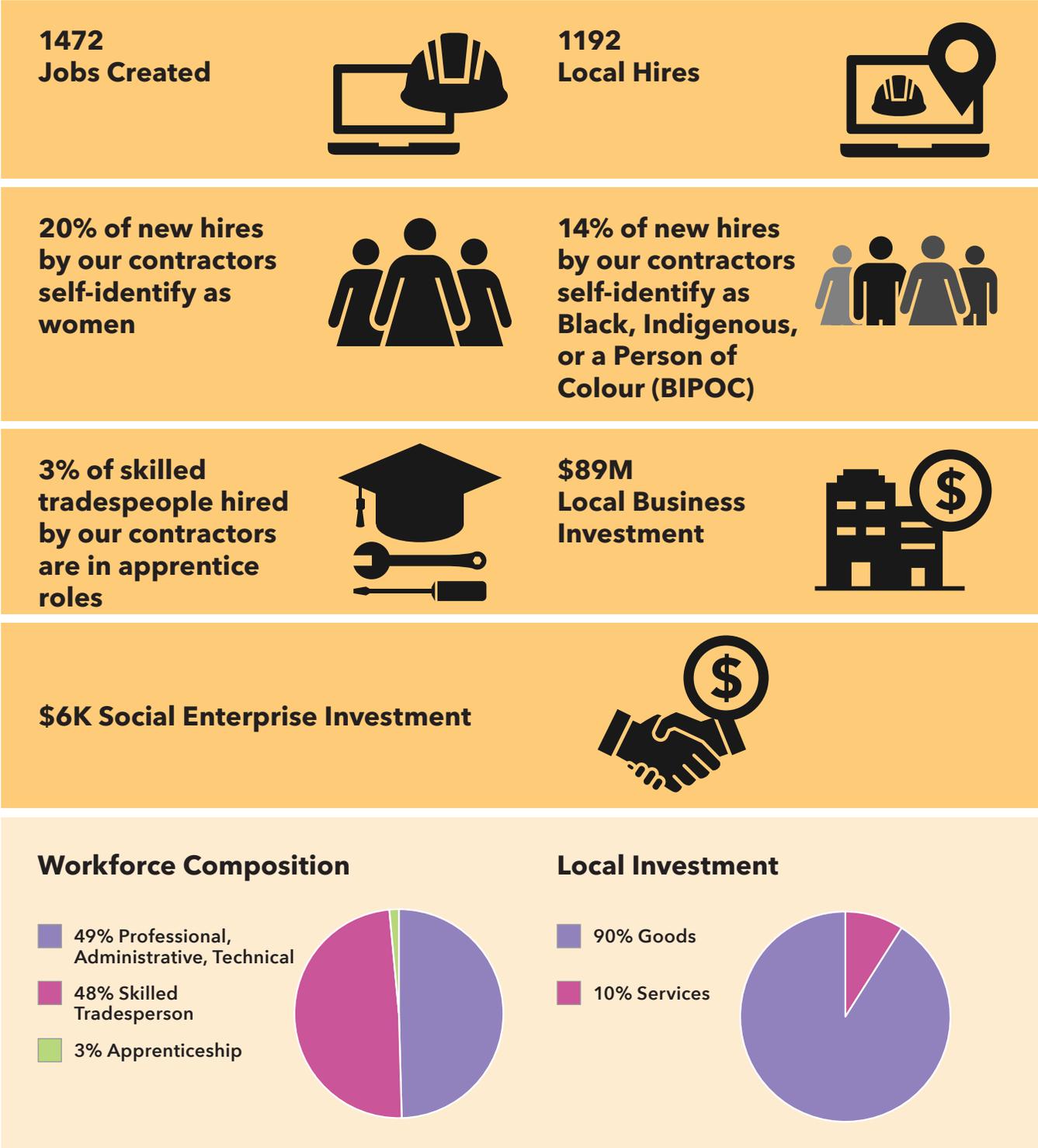


▲A drone shot of the work to help bring the new Eaglewood Bridge to life.

# Ontario Line

## Employment Opportunities & Business Supports

The numbers below represent the cumulative project outcomes & progress since the beginning of the project:



## Ontario Line Industry Expo

In May 2024, Ontario Transit Group, a contractor for the Ontario Line project, hosted the Ontario Line Industry Expo attracting over 1,000 attendees including job seekers, industry professionals, and transit enthusiasts eager to explore the Ontario Line project and local employment opportunities. More than 20 local businesses and organizations attended, including representatives of Local 793, and employment and training service providers like Miziwe Biik and ACCES Employment.

## Trillium Guideway Partners Hiring Event

In May 2025, Trillium Guideway Partners (TGP), a contractor for the Ontario Line project, participated in hiring events and job fairs in partnership with ACCES Employment. These employment events provided a direct connection for job seekers to employment opportunities on the Ontario Line project.

Attending the ACCES Employment fair was a pivotal moment in my career journey. The event began with an insightful project briefing that offered great clarity and boosted my confidence, making the interview process feel much more approachable. The fair gave me direct exposure to potential employers and played a key role in helping me secure my current role as a Utilities coordinator at TGP. The support and guidance I received during the fair were invaluable, and I now feel truly welcomed and excited to contribute and grow within such a dynamic and supportive team. I'm grateful for the opportunity and highly recommend this initiative to other job seekers. **Jenifar Selvaraj - Utilities Coordinator**



## Early Career Development Program

The Metrolinx Capital Projects Group Early Career Development Program is a structured employment initiative that provides recent engineering graduates with permanent job opportunities. The program incorporates mentorship, professional development and supports to help participants achieve their professional designations. 13 early career professionals have been hired on the Ontario Line project through this program.

## Local Hiring through CTMS Centracon

CTMS Centracon, a local contractor on the Ontario Line project prioritizes apprenticeships, local hiring and procurement. 30% of their Ontario Line workforce can walk or bike to job sites, and hardware for the project is purchased locally from Interline Hardware in Scarborough.

### Thorncliffe Park Women’s Committee

In celebration of Ramadan, Metrolinx partnered with local business Al-Mina Halal Meat and Grocery Shop, and the Thorncliffe Park Women’s Committee, a grassroots organization dedicated to cultivating inclusive spaces, to provide over 100 grocery packages to families and newcomers in the community.

### Pape Open Houses

The Pape North Connect team, a contractor on the Ontario Line project, hosted two project Open Houses in 2025. Bakery goods from Serano Bakery, a family run business on Pape Avenue, were available to the community at this event.



▲ Baked goods from Serano Bakery, a family run business on Pape Avenue.

### Open for Business Signage

“Open for Business” signage was installed along Danforth Avenue, just west of Eaton Avenue, showcasing ten local businesses to ensure patrons were aware that businesses remain open during construction.



▲ Open for Business signage installed along Danforth Avenue.

### Temporary Loading Zones

To ensure small businesses could still be serviced by couriers and delivery partners, Metrolinx worked with the City of Toronto to install a temporary loading zone near the future Pape Station during project construction in the area.



▲ Temporary Loading Zone signage.

## Local Procurement

Ontario Line project teams have prioritized local procurement by working with:

- EKHO Infrastructure Solutions, a Hamilton based company specializing in noise barriers and retaining walls
- Boom Imaging, a family-owned and operated graphics and communications firm based in Toronto that designs decals for LRT vehicles and construction hoarding
- CanGard Supplies in Burlington, which provides direct local deliveries to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and delivery times.



▲Construction hoarding signage near Osgoode Station.

## Public Realm Improvements & Community Improvement Supports

### Thornccliffe Park Resident Walks

Metrolinx hosted a two-hour restoration walk with residents from the Thornccliffe Park area, elected officials, and city staff to discuss project related restoration efforts in the Don Valley.



▲Metrolinx Staff and community members in the Don Valley

### Atlantic Avenue Pedestrian Bridge

In 2024, Metrolinx opened a new pedestrian bridge at the Exhibition GO station to provide additional access across the tracks between Atlantic Avenue and Exhibition Place. This new bridge makes it easier for people to access attractions in Liberty Village, the CNE grounds and more during construction of the Ontario Line.



▲New pedestrian bridge at Exhibition GO

# Eglinton Crosstown West Extension

## Employment Opportunities & Business Supports

The numbers below represent the cumulative project outcomes & progress since the beginning of the project:

**224  
Jobs Created**



**29  
Local Hires**



**16% of new hires  
by our contractors  
self-identify as  
women**



**26% of new hires  
by our contractors  
self-identify as  
Black, Indigenous,  
or a Person of  
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**24% of skilled  
tradespeople hired  
by our contractors  
are in apprentice  
roles**



**\$104K  
Local Business  
Investment**

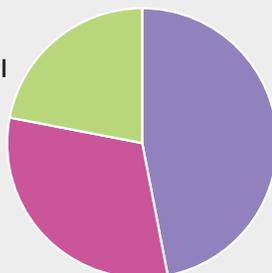


**\$15K Social Enterprise Investment**



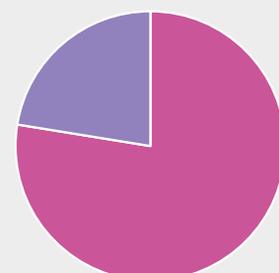
### Workforce Composition

- 45% Professional, Administrative, Technical
- 31% Skilled Tradesperson
- 24% Apprenticeship



### Local Investment

- 85% Goods
- 15% Services



### Community Food Drive

In April 2025 Metrolinx partnered with STRABAG, a contractor on the Eglinton Crosstown West Extension project, to organize a food drive and sorting event. Volunteers from the community collected and delivered donations to The Salvation Army York Community Church to support individuals facing food insecurity.

### Mount Dennis BIA Chalk My Walk

Mount Dennis BIA hosted their annual Chalk My Walk event aimed at facilitating engagement with local groups that support eco-initiatives and active transportation. STRABAG supplied concrete barriers and cones to establish a secure perimeter for the event.



▲ Children dance at the annual “Chalk My Walk” community gathering in Mount Dennis.

## Public Realm Improvements & Community Improvement Supports

### Design and Restoration Working Group

Metrolinx facilitated Design and Restoration Working Group meetings to identify opportunities for vegetation restoration along the project alignment. Metrolinx and contractor ARUP worked with the community to deliver a plan that integrated feedback from the local community, the City of Toronto, and Indigenous groups.

### Fergy Brown Park Tree Planting Event

The Fergy Brown Park community greenspace underwent vegetation removals to accommodate the ECWE elevated guideway, and was identified by the community as a priority park through the Design and Restoration Working Group. To renew the greenspace, Metrolinx partnered with the Toronto Region Conservation Authority (TRCA) to host a Tree Planting event where a total of 120 trees were planted. Wood from the trees removed in the area as part of the project was donated to Turtle Island Carers of Fire.



▲ Metrolinx and TRCA staff at a tree planting event in Fergy Brown Park.

### Art at Pearen Park

Metrolinx worked closely with the Mount Dennis BIA and two Indigenous artists to create a new art installation on the construction hoarding at Pearen Park. This work is a unique reflection of the community and is displayed at the tunneling site for the Eglinton Crosstown West Extension.



▲ Community artists installation on hoarding at Pearen Park.

# Scarborough Subway Extension

## Employment Opportunities & Business Supports

The numbers below represent the cumulative project outcomes & progress since the beginning of the project:

**635  
Jobs Created**



**58  
Local Hires**



**30% of new hires  
by our contractors  
self-identify as  
women**



**50% of new hires  
by our contractors  
self-identify as  
Black, Indigenous,  
or a Person of  
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**7% of skilled  
tradespeople hired  
by our contractors  
are in apprentice  
roles**



**\$29M  
Local Business  
Investment**

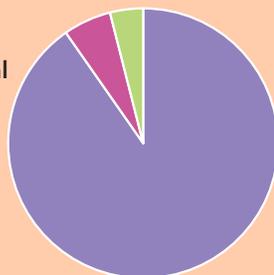


**\$46K Social Enterprise Investment**



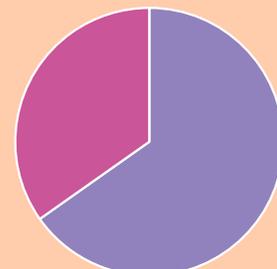
### Workforce Composition

- 72% Professional, Administrative, Technical
- 21% Skilled Tradesperson
- 7% Apprenticeship



### Local Investment

- 70% Goods
- 30% Services



### Open for Business Signage

Custom Open-for-Business signage was designed for businesses like the Scarborough Comic Room and Shiv Sewa Sangh Mandir & Cultural Center to ensure that local businesses remained visible and accessible to the community during construction.

### Islamic Foundation of Toronto (IFT) Iftar

In partnership with the Islamic Foundation of Toronto (IFT), Metrolinx staff proudly served Iftar to over 1,250 community residents. Products were sourced locally from The Honest Butcher, Chef’s Depot, and RNW.



▲ Open for Business signage for the Scarborough Comic Room and the Shiv Sewa Sangh Mandir & Cultural Centre.

## Public Realm Improvements & Community Improvement Supports

### Metrolinx Tree Giveaway

In June 2024, Metrolinx worked with the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA) and Kayanase Greenhouse to host a tree giveaway event at the Toronto Public Library - Bendale branch. Local residents were invited to engage with the project team and take home a free tree or shrub to plant and enhance the local landscape.

### Community Centre Access

To support construction of the Scarborough Subway Extension, the north parking lot at Don Montgomery Community Recreation Centre has been closed temporarily. Metrolinx worked with the community centre to maintain community access during the north parking lot closure by integrating a new pick-up/drop-off zone, automatic control gates, additional accessible spaces, and a reconfigured traffic flow in the south parking lot.



▲ Metrolinx staff at the tree giveaway at the Bendale Public Library.



▲ Map of parking lot closure at Don Montgomery Community Recreation Centre

# GO Expansion

Whether it's improving trails, building new pedestrian connections, or keeping streets clean during construction, GO Expansion projects are delivering public realm improvements across the region.

## **Kitchener 4th Track & the Realignment of the West Toronto Railpath**

As part of the GO Kitchener Line track construction, the West Toronto Railpath (WTRP) was redesigned to include new plantings, gardens, and seating areas to enhance the experience for trail users. To limit disruption for trail users, only select sections of the WTRP were closed during construction, ensuring the community could continue to access the path wherever possible. In June 2025, the section between Wallace Avenue and Ernest Avenue reopened, along with a new community park.

## **Drury Lane Pedestrian Bridge Taxi Initiative**

To support the community during the temporary closure of the pedestrian crossing at Drury Lane on the Lakeshore West Line in Burlington, Metrolinx launched a unique initiative to ensure that residents could still travel between the north and south sides of the GO Corridor. This initiative, the first of its kind at Metrolinx, provided residents with on demand taxi services, allowing people to travel free of charge from one zone to another while avoiding a detour of over 20 minutes.



▲ View of the rail tracks and GO train from the old Drury Lane pedestrian bridge.

## **Smalls Creek Connections**

A community working group of local residents, the City of Toronto, and Indigenous communities were engaged to provide input on the restoration plans and accessibility of paths impacted by construction in Smalls Creek on the Lakeshore East Line. A wooden boardwalk was constructed to provide a more accessible walking experience in Smalls Creek



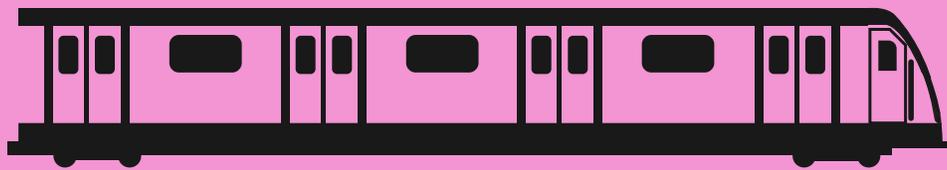
▲ Smalls Creek Boardwalk

## **Murray Road Dust Mitigation & Community Support Initiative**

In the Murray Road area near Downsview Park Station on the Barrie Line, Metrolinx implemented a proactive dust mitigation plan designed to keep the public realm clean. Regular street cleaning and dust suppression measures were deployed to keep the community clean, and residents received car wash coupons from nearby local business Crosstown Car Wash.

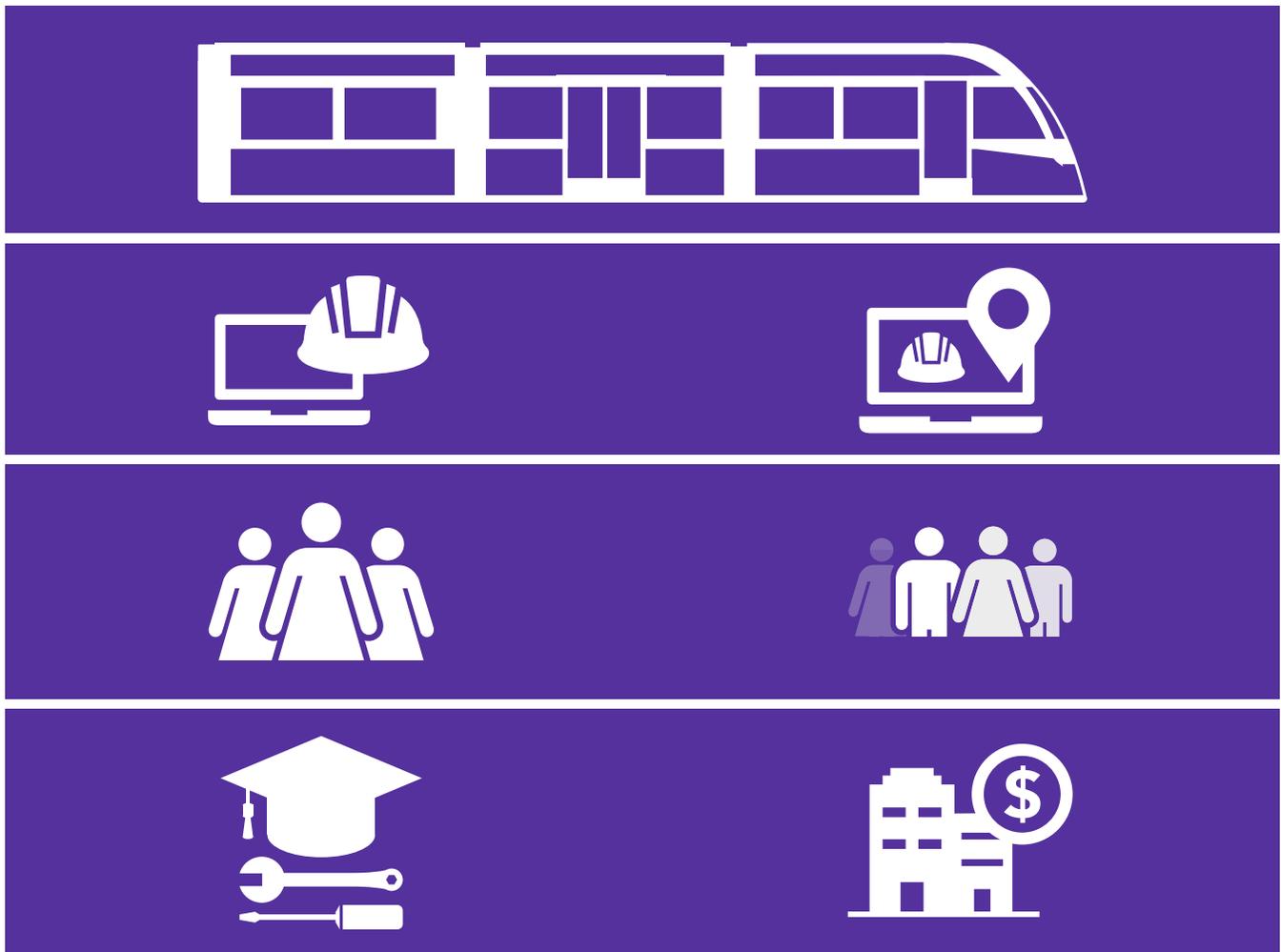
# Yonge North Subway Extension

The Yonge North Subway Extension will transform the commute in York Region, North York and beyond by extending TTC Line 1 subway service north from Finch Station to Vaughan, Markham and Richmond Hill. In 2024-25, the project took major steps forward with the awarding of a contract to build the tunnel the trains will travel through, as well as the start of the search for a partner to build the line's stations, rail tracks and associated systems. As the extension moves into major construction in the coming year, Metrolinx will work alongside our contractors and the community to embed the four pillars of the Community Benefits & Supports Program into the project and report the outcomes and progress in future reports.



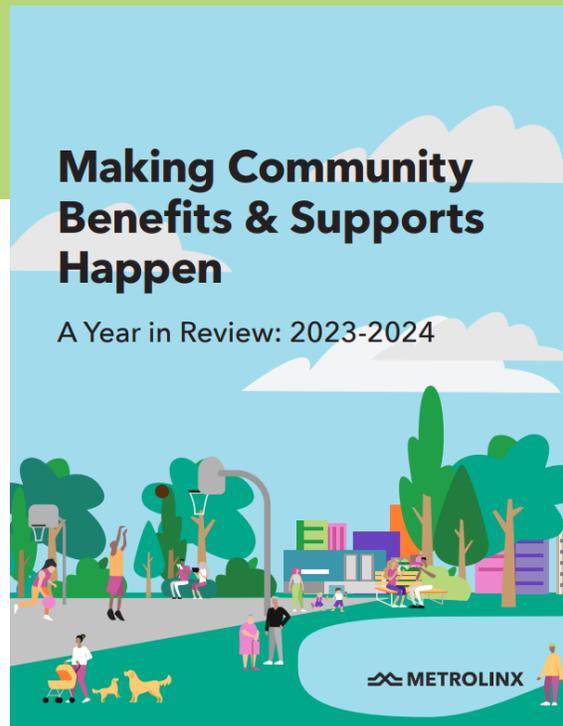
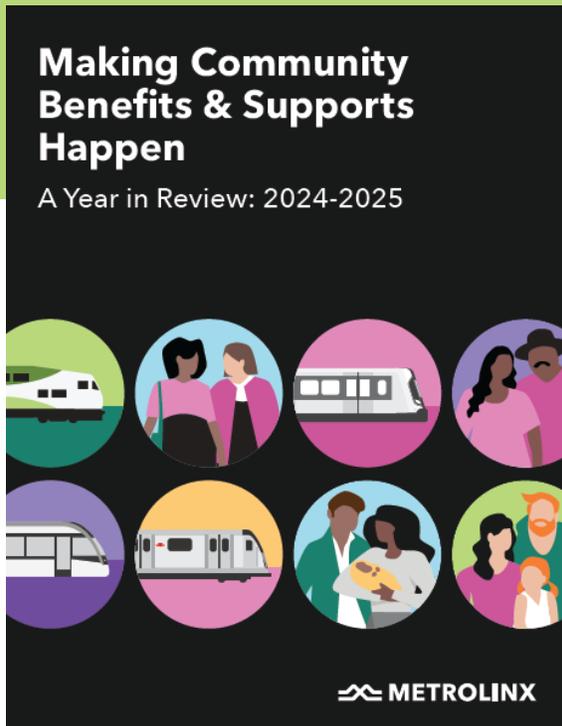
# Hamilton LRT

The Hamilton LRT project will bring fast, frequent light rail transit through Hamilton’s downtown core from Eastgate to McMaster and everywhere in between. Currently, shovels are in the ground and work is underway to clear the way for major civil and utility work. Following a Request for Qualifications (RFQ), four teams have been invited to submit proposals for civil work, including utility relocations, roads, structures, grade separations, bridges, sidewalks, and traffic control signals along the 14-kilometre route. Following the selection of the team, we will enter a development phase to progress designs and schedule, with major construction to follow. As we advance to this phase, Metrolinx will work with its project partner and communities to embed the four pillars of the Metrolinx Community Benefits & Supports Program into the project and report the outcomes and progress in future reports.



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