

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Metrolinx acknowledges that we connect communities by building and operating transit within the traditional lands of the Anishinaabe, the Haudenosaunee and the Wendat peoples, for whom these lands continue to have great importance.

Treaties between First Nations and governments cover these lands, and the promises contained in these Treaties remain relevant to this day.

Metrolinx and its employees are committed to understanding the history of these lands and the continued impacts of colonization and take responsibility for actions to advance reconciliation.

Metrolinx will continue to seek the knowledge, expertise and experience of Indigenous partners and commits to doing business in a manner that is built on a foundation of trust, respect, and collaboration.





Riverside-Leslieville Neighbourhood

Community Meeting

May 6, 2026

Safety Moment: Cyclist Safety Awareness

Background

- Warmer weather brings increased cycling activity
- More shared road use between vehicles, cyclists, and pedestrians
- Changing traffic patterns and visibility conditions
- Higher risk of near-misses and collisions

Key Risks

- Blind spots when passing or turning
- Right-turn conflicts at intersections
- “Dooring” from parked vehicles
- Cyclists navigating around construction zones
- Reduced visibility in early morning or evening work hours

Safety Reminder

- Stay alert and actively scan for cyclists at all times
- Check mirrors and perform shoulder checks before turning or changing lanes
- Yield to cyclists and respect bike lanes
- Look before opening vehicle doors (use the “Dutch Reach”)
- Maintain safe passing distance (minimum 1 metre where possible)
- Be mindful of cyclists near work zones and temporary detours



Agenda

1. Welcome

- Comments from Metrolinx
- Comments from Elected Officials
- How will the evening work?
- Guidelines

2. Introductions

3. Overview

- The Ontario Line
- Leslieville Station
- Early works at the Queen St bridge

4. Queen St sidewalk impacts

- Site layout and constraints
- East-facing view of the Final Station
- Elevated Guideway Construction
- Queen St existing sidewalk closure

5. Construction Activities

- Leslieville Station Construction Sequence
- East-facing view of the Final Station
- Timelines and Start of Key Activities
- Summary of Construction Activities and Impacts
- Construction Impact Management Tools
- Construction Activities by year
- Equipment you'll see during piling work

6. Questions

7. Discussion

8. Next steps

Welcome: How will the evening work?



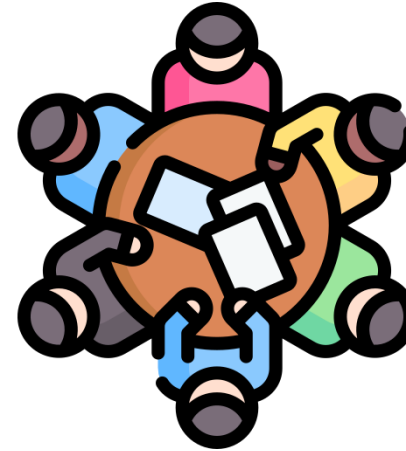
Information

We'll share info to help you understand upcoming construction activities, community impacts and possible mitigations



Questions

We'll listen to your questions and answer them in the meeting or through a written response following the meeting



Discussion

Then we want to hear from you.

We'll discuss what you heard in small table groups, and you'll be able to report back to the entire room



Closing the loop

Your ideas will inform our approaches and mitigations.

Afterwards, we'll determine what is possible or not.

Through a written summary after the meeting, we'll share what we can and cannot implement.

Guidelines

We want to create space for everyone to share their feedback, ask questions and hear from us.

To help with that, we ask you to please:

- Treat the presenters and participants with respect and understanding.
- Acknowledge and appreciate the diversity of individuals and their situations.
- Refrain from supporting or engaging in any form of discriminatory behaviour.

During this meeting, we ask you to please:

- Participate in the discussion where you can and also allow space for others to contribute.
- Engage in the conversation in the way(s) that feel most comfortable for you and allow others to do the same.
- Help us stay focused on the discussion, which will help us stay on time. We may gently redirect conversations and questions as necessary.

Our commitments to you - we will:

- Answer your questions, responding in the meeting or afterwards in the meeting summary.
- Document questions, feedback and our responses in the meeting summary.

Introductions: Trillium Guideway Partners

Trillium Guideway Partners (TGP) is at the forefront of delivering the Ontario Line Elevated Guideway and Stations. The TGP team includes:



Acciona Infrastructure Canada Inc.



Amico Major Projects Inc.



Design Team: WSP Canada Inc.

The Team Tonight

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Overview

The Ontario Line

The Ontario Line will run from Exhibition Place, through downtown, all the way to Line 5 Eglinton at Don Mills Road. The 15.6-kilometre line will run on a mix of tunneled, above ground and elevated tracks.

The Elevated Guideway and Stations contract includes:

- Three kilometres of an elevated guideway (bridge structure)
- Five elevated stations (Leslieville, Gerrard, Thorncliffe Park, Flemington Park, Don Valley)
- One emergency exit building (Millwood)



Leslieville Station



Leslieville station will bring subway service directly to the Riverside and Leslieville communities.

The station serves 9,500 people living within walking distance and accommodate 4,000 peak-hour riders. It provides access to nearly 6,900 jobs in the surrounding area.

Early Works at the Queen St Bridge

Completed Works

- Leslieville Station will be integrated into the rail corridor next to where GO and VIA rail trains run.
- The existing rail lines had to be moved to make room for Leslieville Station.
- This work will also improve GO service by adding tracks and upgraded the nearly 100-year-old bridges.
- To achieve this while keeping trains running, crews worked on one half of the bridge at a time. Rail lines were moved to the west side of the Queen bridge, while the now empty east side of the bridge was demolished and rebuilt.
- The rail lines were then moved to the east side, onto the new bridge. The west side was then demolished to make room for Leslieville Station.



Installing the first girder for the new Queen Bridge



Upcoming Works

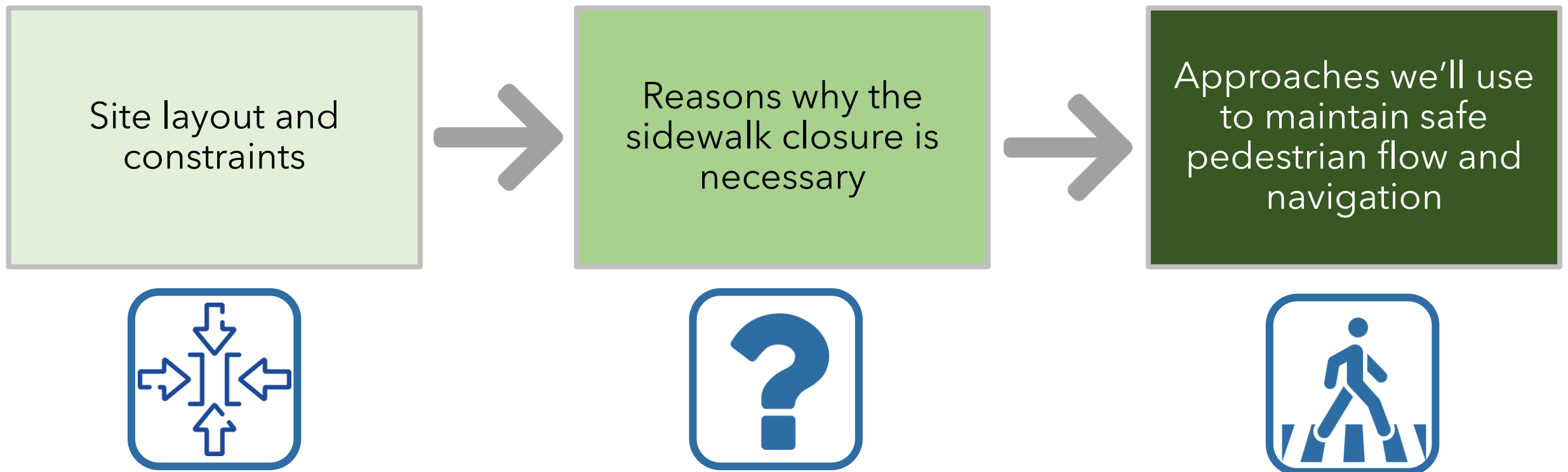
- In August, Fibre Optic Cable casing will be installed at the Queen St bridge.
- Details of the requirements of the installation are being finalized but it is anticipated that either one full weekend closure or five consecutive overnight full closures of Queen St will be necessary.
- TTC bus service will replace streetcars and diversions will be in place. Metrolinx will provide advance notice to the community once details are finalized.

Queen St Sidewalk Impacts

Queen St Sidewalk Impacts

Tonight, we will discuss sidewalk impacts on the north side of Queen Street East between De Grassi and McGee.

We'll talk about:



We'll also cover other construction works and impacts

Site Layout and Constraints



- The station sites (north and south headhouses) are very constrained (Rail corridor, Queen Street, Degraffi Street and Strange Street)
- Beginning in mid-2026, major work such as piling, and pier construction will occur, followed by guideway structure installation.
- Cranes, drilling rigs, and falsework for overhead construction require space for safe operation, including overhead lifting and material movement.
- To maintain a safe separation between pedestrians and active construction work, temporary closure of the existing north sidewalk will be required.
- For much of the construction, a temporary sidewalk will be created in the westbound curb lane to alleviate some of the impacts.
- For a period of time a full closure of the north sidewalk is required.

East-Facing View of the Final Station

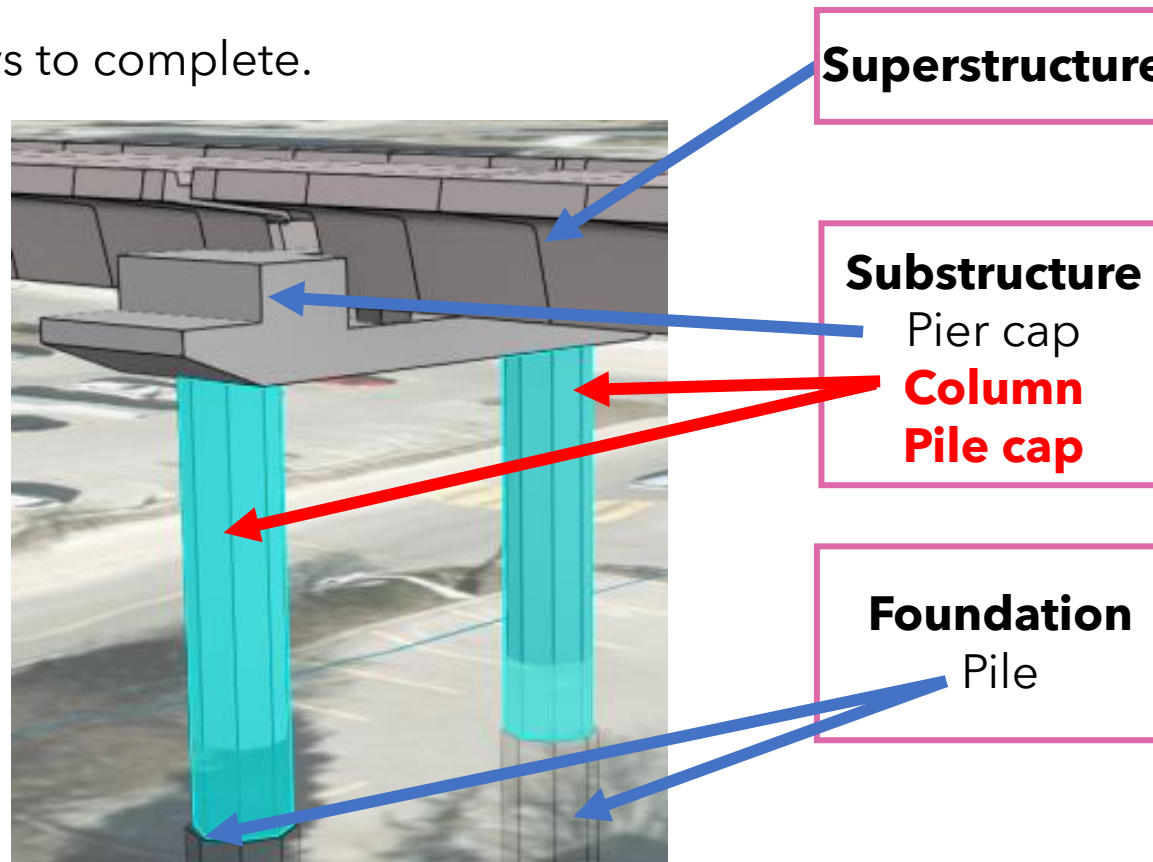


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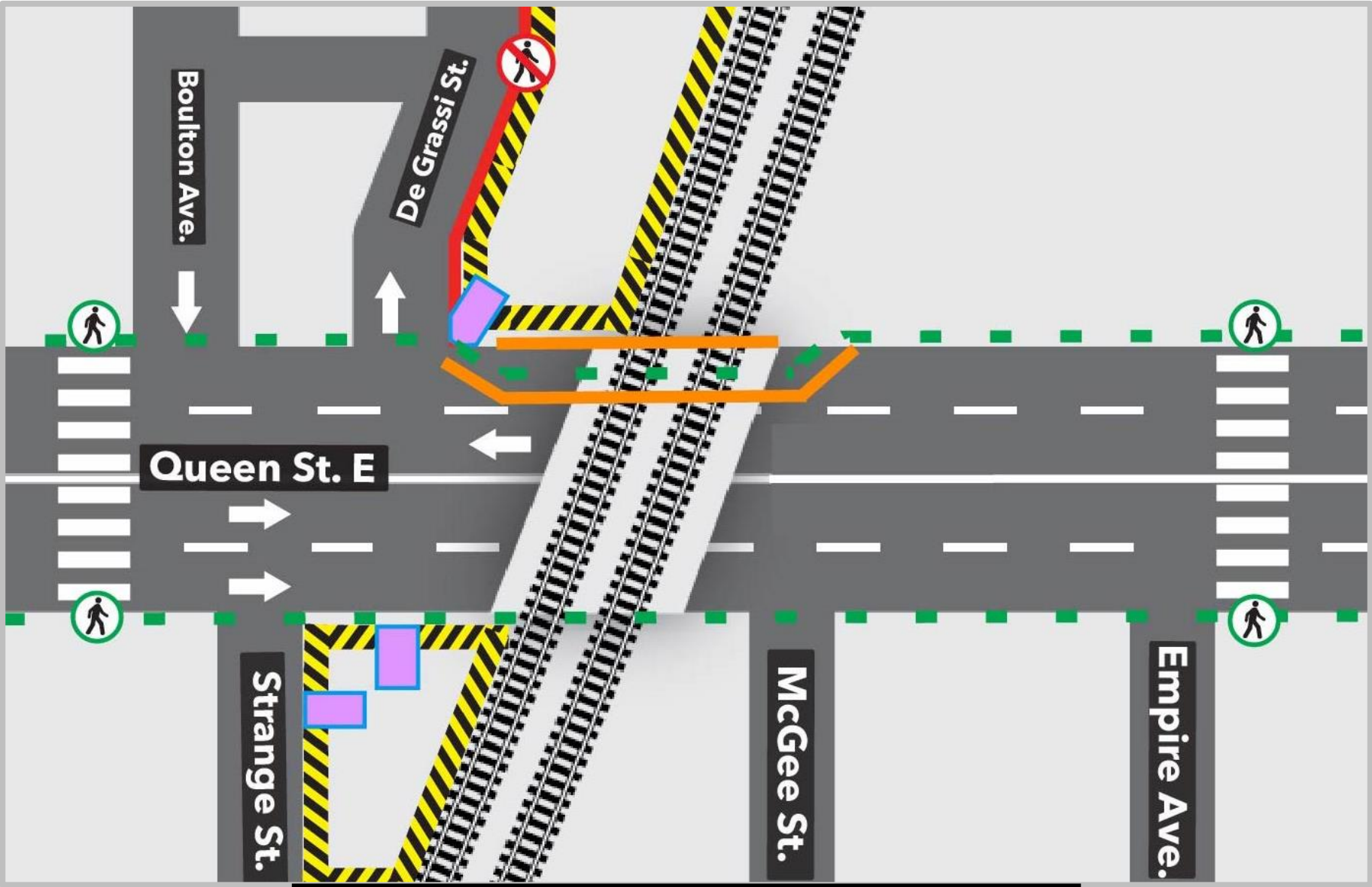
Elevated Guideway Construction: Substructure Work

Substructure is comprised of the pier cap, column and pile cap that supports the weight of the guideway (superstructure) and transfers the weight to the pile foundation.

- Crews will construct concrete pile caps, columns and pier caps that are reinforced with steel rebar.
- The sequence of the pier column construction is:
 1. Forming
 2. Installing rebar cage
 3. Pouring concrete
 4. Curing and stripping
- Each pier column requires ten days to complete.



Queen St Existing Sidewalk Closure: Adjustments to Traffic Staging



Traffic Staging adjusted to create a temporary sidewalk realignment into the curb lane.

Construction Activities

Leslieville Station Construction Sequence



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Timeline and Start of Key Activities

2026

Early Works

- Site preparation
- Utility relocations
- Deep foundation work

2027

Structural Works

- Pier construction
- Superstructure works
- Overhead and crane activity

2028

Station Build-Out

- Steel structure installation
- Station construction
- Architectural & systems work

2029

Finishing Works

- Façade installation
- Final fit-out
- Site restoration

Summary of Construction Activities and Impacts

Year	Construction Activity	Pedestrian and Traffic Impacts	Mitigations
2026	- Site preparation - Deep foundation work (piling) - Mobilization of equipment and work zone	- Queen St north sidewalk closed - Westbound traffic curb-lane closed - Strange Street and De Grassi Street East sidewalks closed (continued from previous works)	- Temporary north curb-lane sidewalk created - Flaggers guide pedestrians past construction gate during work hours
		De Grassi St and Strange St street parking removed	- Parking spaces relocated to 12 Saulter Street parking lot - Accessible parking maintained for Fontbonne
Early 2027	Pier construction and foundations		
Late 2027 (5 months to up to 7 months)	- Superstructure works (including directly over Queen St) - Installation of structural elements (steel, girders) - Crane operations and overhead works	Queen St north sidewalk and temporary north curb-lane sidewalk are both closed	- South sidewalk on Queen St E remains open - Pedestrians will use the crosswalks located at Woodgreen Place and Empire Street to access the south sidewalk
		Both traffic curb lanes closed	One traffic lane in each direction will be maintained
		TTC Overhead Catenary System (OCS) removed	501 and 503 Queen TTC Streetcar routes replaced with buses
		Nighttime full closure of De Grassi St & Strange St between 11pm and 5am	Signage and notification

Summary of Construction Activities and Impacts (Cont.)

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2028	- Superstructure and station build-out - Installation of station façade and architectural elements - Mechanical, electrical, and plumbing works - Interior and finishing works begin	- Queen St north sidewalk closed - Westbound traffic curb-lane closed	- Temporary north curb-lane sidewalk in place - Flaggers guide pedestrians past construction gate during work hours - South sidewalk maintained - One west-bound lane and two east-bound lanes maintained on Queen St E
2029	- Final façade installation - Site restoration - Removal of construction staging	Following structural steel installation, Queen St north sidewalk re-opened with intermittent closures during crane lift or overhead work	- Flaggers guide pedestrians past construction gate during work hours - During intermittent closures the temporary curb-lane sidewalk will be available - South sidewalk maintained

Construction Impact Management Tools



Noise Attenuating Hoarding
8ft noise attenuating hoarding on top of 2ft concrete barriers will be installed around the work site to minimize noise and dust.



Noise and Vibration Monitors
Monitoring noise and vibration levels to ensure acceptable levels are maintained.



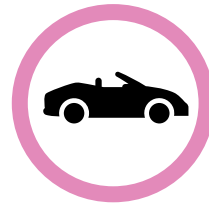
Broadband Backup Alarms
Construction vehicles are equipped with broadband backup alarms.



Dust Mitigations
Using dust screens, water misting, and street sweeping to help control dust and keep nearby roads clean.



Site Maintenance
Keeping the site clean and tidy. Equipment maintenance to reduce noise and vibration.



Wayfinding Signage, Flaggers & Paid Duty Officers
In place to safely guide traffic and pedestrians, maintain access, and minimize disruptions.



Advance Notice
Advance notice of construction to provide the opportunity to ask questions and plan for the work.

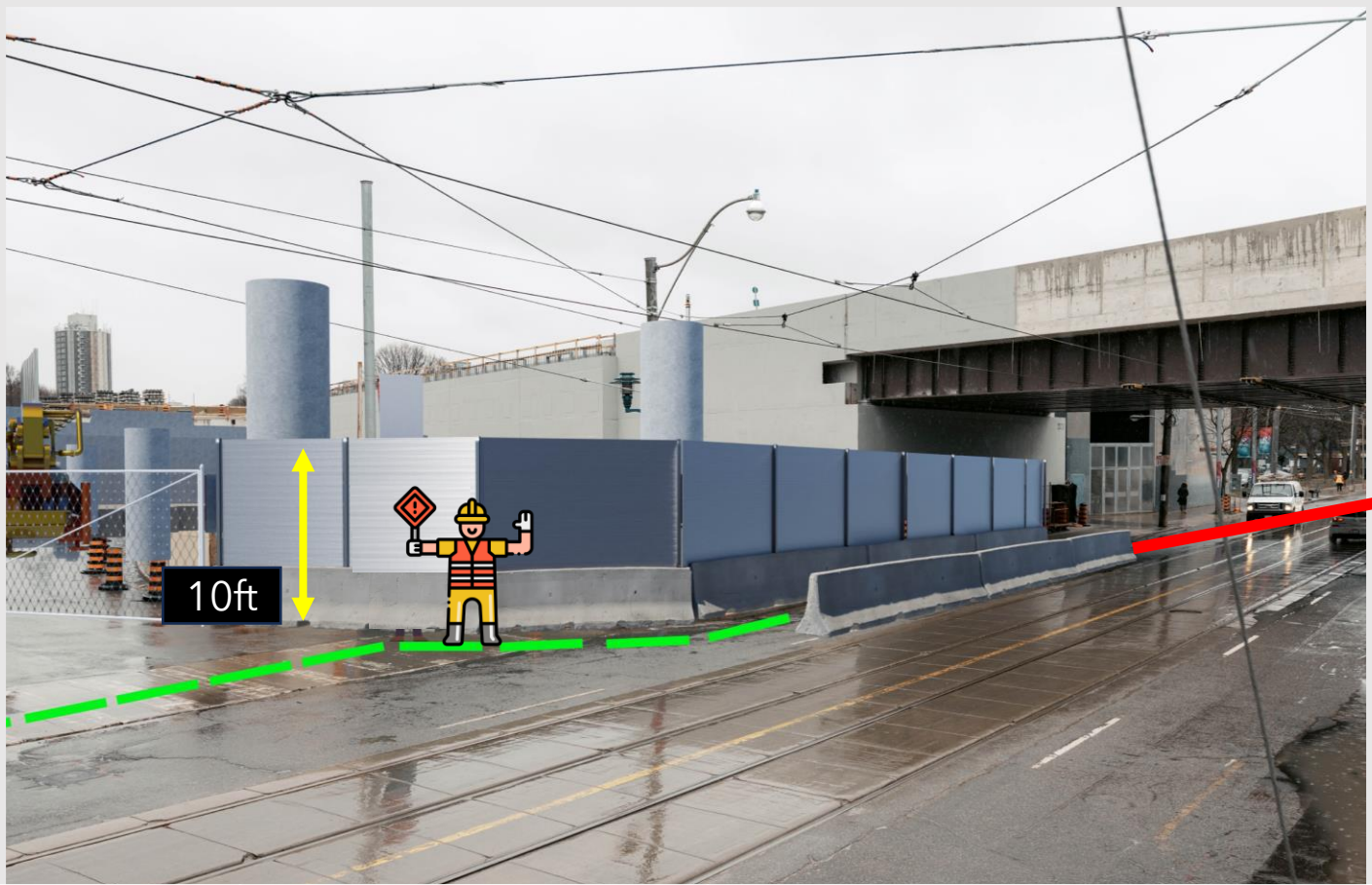


Good Neighbour Approach
Project staff are considerate of the community during construction (e.g. No idling vehicles or revving).



Complaint Resolution
Follow up and action complaints quickly.

Construction Activities: 2026 and Early 2027

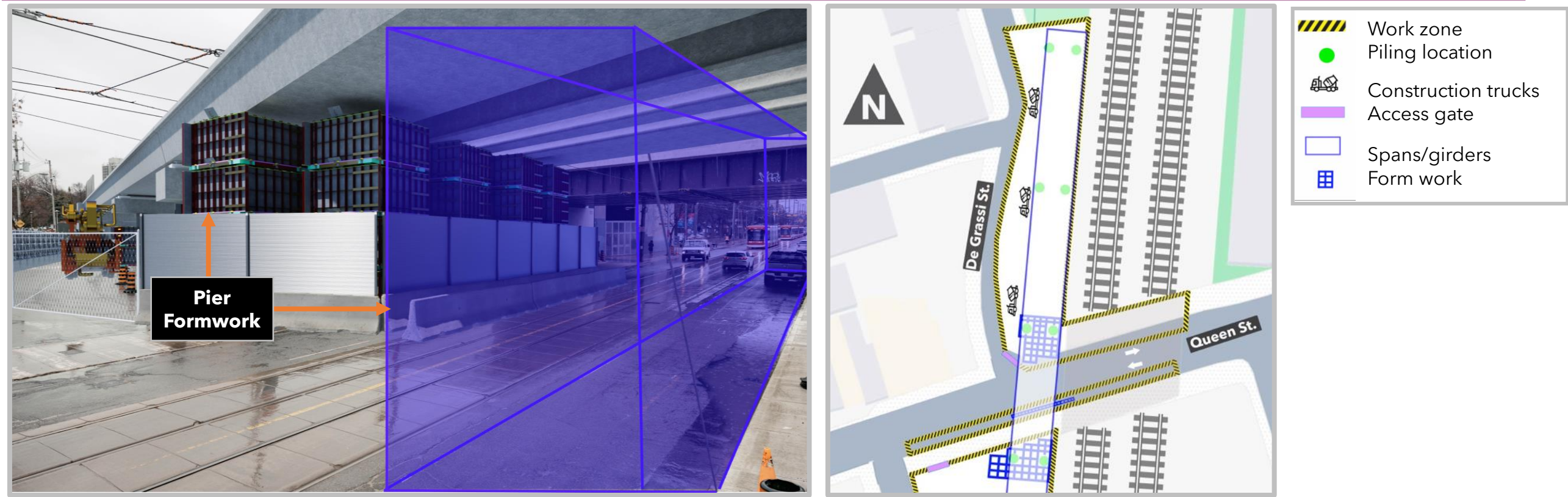


Concrete barriers delineating pedestrian walkway

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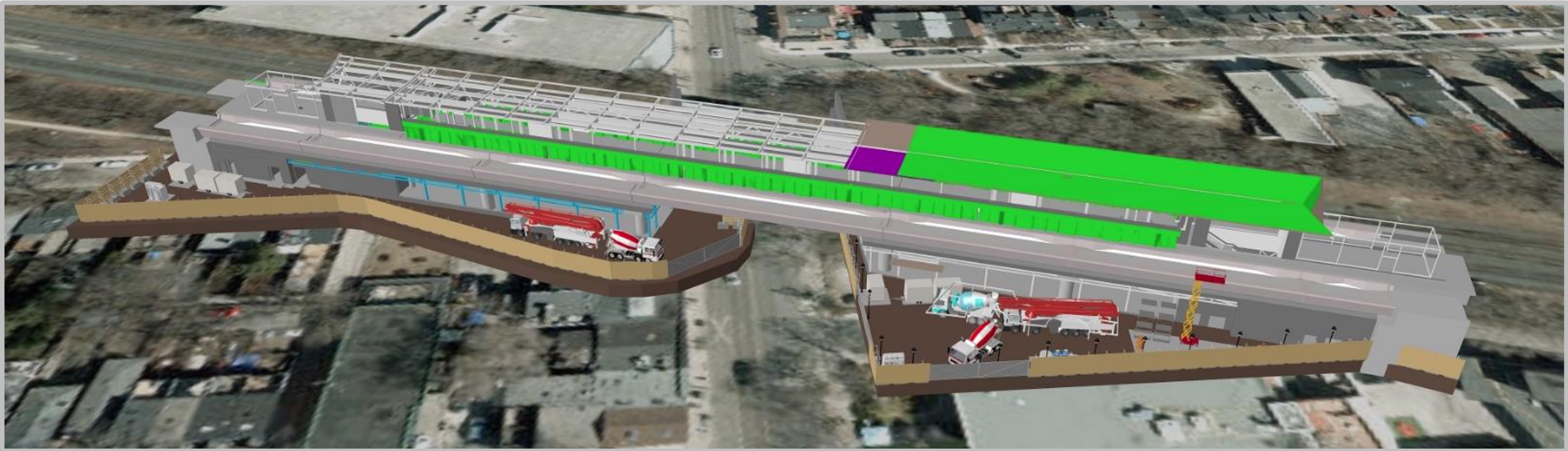
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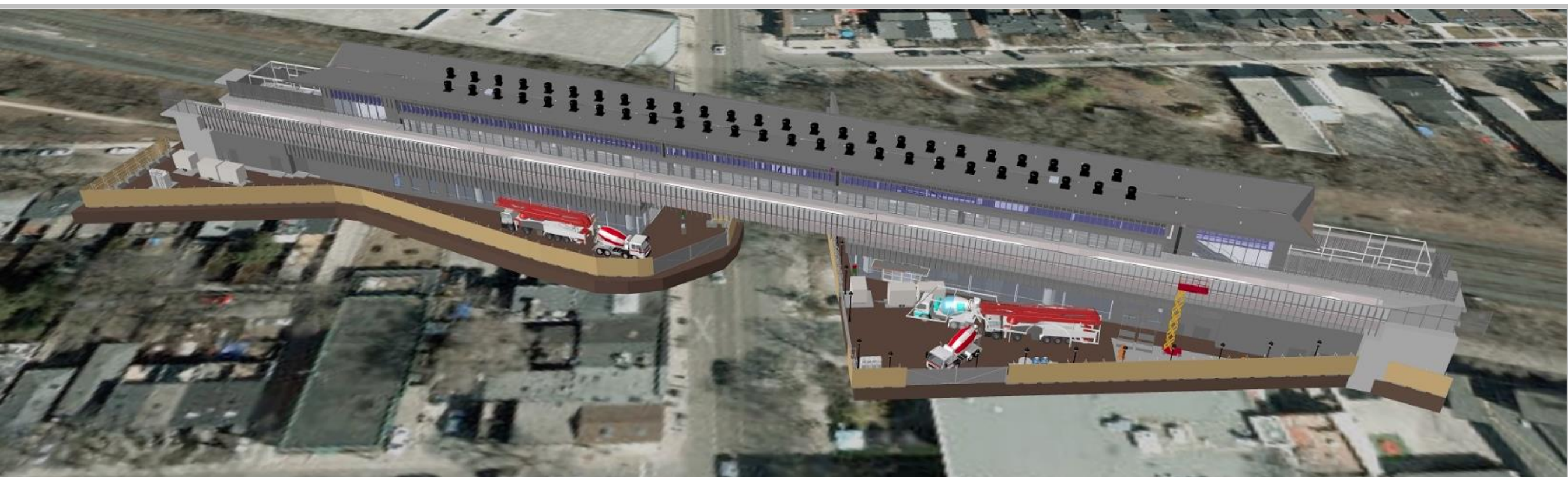
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Equipment You'll See During Piling Work



Excavators are large, powerful machines used to tear down large sections of structures, including concrete and steel.



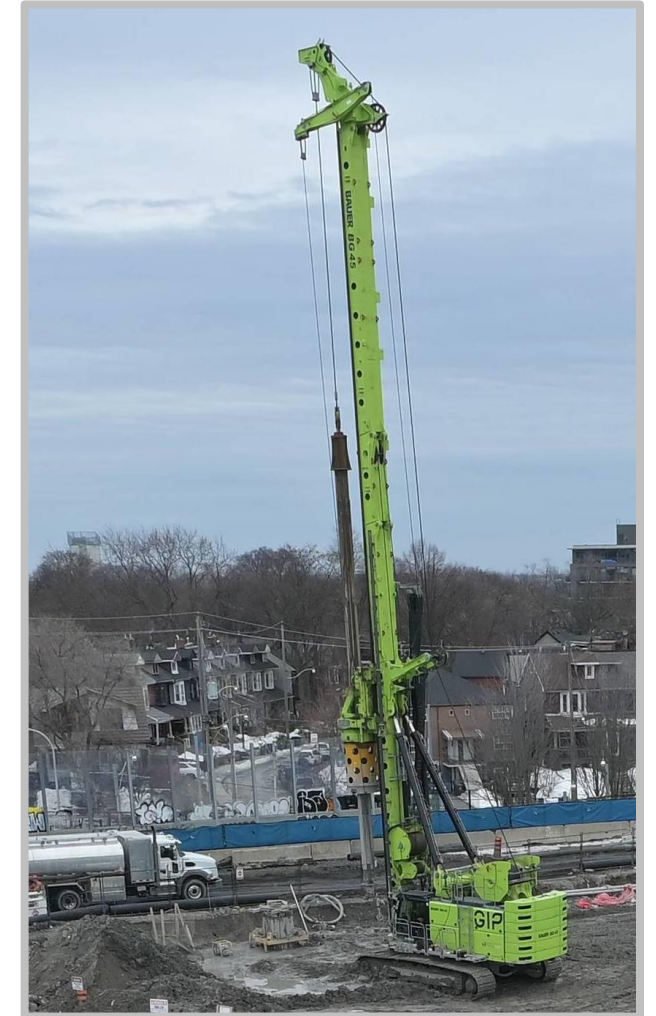
Temporarily stationed on-site during equipment assembly/disassembly, **mobile cranes** lift and move heavy materials, such as steel beam and concrete segments.



Vacuum Trucks remove dust, debris, and slurry from the work site through powerful suction systems.



Concrete and Pump Trucks deliver and distribute concrete to hard-to-reach areas like deep foundational holes.



Drilling rigs bore deep holes into the ground for foundational supports.

Questions



Discussion



Your thoughts: Small discussion groups

The small group setting provides space for everyone to share their thoughts; for some people they may feel more comfortable in a smaller setting. This helps to create a more inclusive environment.

- **Facilitation:** A facilitator will ask a few open-ended questions. We will document your thoughts.
- **Spokesperson:** After the small group discussion, a resident will be asked to be a spokesperson for their group and to share a summary of the discussion with the rest of the room. In this way, the entire room can hear your group's thoughts and common themes.

Our questions

1. Do you have any additional questions that weren't answered in the general Q&A?
2. Are there any mitigations you would suggest to reduce the impact of the construction works?

Next Steps



Thank you for your participation and contributions to our meeting tonight.

- We will collate all the feedback and questions into a meeting summary
- Responses to the feedback and questions will be included in the meeting summary and will be shared with community members by email
- Metrolinx will update the community through future public notifications, engagement activities and at the local Construction Liaison Committee (CLC)

Stay Connected

The Ontario Line Community Engagement team wants to hear from you.

Call us at **416-202-5100**, email us at ontarioline@metrolinx.com and visit us at **770 Queen Street East!**

Appendix

Truck Safety Plan

Key considerations used for the selection of truck routes include, regulatory compliance, road suitability and traffic operations, community impacts and route flexibility.

When it is not feasible to conform completely to key considerations, mitigations reduce community disturbances. These mitigations include, traffic control measures, driver awareness and education, noise and emissions reduction, time of day restrictions, staging and holding areas, targeted enforcement.

For more information

Please visit: [Ontario Line Truck Safety Plan Overview](#) or scan the QR code

If you have any questions or concerns regarding truck routes, please call us at **416-202-5100** or email us at **ontarioline@metrolinx.com**

