

Metrolinx will be consulting the public at least twice during the TPAP process:

February 2020

This first round of consultation focuses on:

- The GO Expansion Update and the associated environmental studies and new infrastructure required;
- The Vegetation Removal and Compensation Program;
- Providing detailed information on the work Metrolinx has been doing to update our policies with respect to mitigating effects of GO Expansion; and
- Seeking feedback from local communities on the types of potential impacts and mitigation measures for Metrolinx to consider related to GO Expansion.

Early-Mid 2020 (exact timing to be confirmed in early 2020)

The second round of consultation will focus on:

- Demonstrating how feedback received during the first round of consultation has informed plans for the new infrastructure required;
- Presenting environmental studies findings, including updated noise, vibration, and air quality models;
- Sharing and seeking feedback on updated plans for the new infrastructure required to support GO Expansion, including strategies for mitigating local effects.

In addition to this Discussion Guide, six Info Sheets are also available that go into more detail on a number of key topics, including:

1. Benefits of GO Expansion
2. Heritage Conservation
3. Vegetation Removal and Compensation Program
4. Electromagnetic Fields/Electromagnetic Interference Effects & Mitigation
5. Grade Separations
6. New Approach to Construction Management

Join us at an open house near you.

Weeknights 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm, and weekends 11:30 am - 1:30 pm

Tue Feb 18, 2020

Markham Village Community Centre
6041 Highway 7
Markham, ON L3P 3A7

Wed Feb 19, 2020

South Shore Community Centre
205 Lakeshore Dr
Barrie, ON L4N 7Y9

Mon Feb 24, 2020

Aurora Community Centre
1 Community Centre Ln
Aurora, ON L4G 7B1

Mon Feb 24, 2020

Scarborough Civic Centre
150 Borough Dr
Toronto, ON M1P 4N7

Tue Feb 25, 2020

Evergreen Brick Works
550 Bayview Ave
Toronto, ON M4W 3X8

Wed Feb 26, 2020

Central Recreation Centre
519 Drury Ln
Burlington, ON L7R 2X3

Wed Feb 26, 2020

Metropolitan Centre
3840 Finch Ave E
Toronto, ON M1T 3T4

Thu Feb 27, 2020

George Brown College
80 Cooperage St
Toronto, ON M5A 0J3

Sat Feb 29, 2019

Vaughan City Hall
2141 Major Mackenzie Dr W
Vaughan, ON L6A 1T1

Sat Feb 29, 2019

Abilities Centre
55 Gordon St
Whitby, ON L1N 0J2

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Planning for New Rail Infrastructure System-Wide Public Consultation Round 1

February 2020

Our Region is Growing, and so is GO Rail

Expanding public transit is consistently one of the top public policy priorities in the Greater Golden Horseshoe. Our region will continue to grow, and we need a commuter rail service that can move more people. This GO Expansion Update builds on our previous (and ongoing) public consultation efforts on various projects and initiatives.

Metrolinx is the provincial agency responsible for delivering GO Rail service. We're responsible for over 400 km of railway connecting communities across the region. With major investment in GO Rail infrastructure, Metrolinx will be quadrupling GO Rail service and nearly doubling GO Rail ridership. By 2055, annual ridership will exceed 200 million, compared to 105 million without GO Expansion.



GO Expansion - Big Benefits and Local Changes

There are significant benefits to GO Expansion, including more convenience (as we move from a peak-only railway to a two-way all-day service), reduced congestion (145,000 car trips per day will shift to rail), better connections between people and jobs (45% of all jobs in the region will be accessible by transit from a GO Rail station), and more access to over 4,000 cultural, education, and social service facilities that will be readily accessible with two-way all-day GO Rail service.

As we work to deliver these benefits, Metrolinx understands that GO Expansion will bring other changes - sometimes significant changes - to the communities living closest to the GO Rail corridors. For example, communities will be able to hear trains more frequently and see more trains at road crossings. Electrification infrastructure will be coming to the GO Rail network, and vegetation will be cleared to ensure the increased service operates safely. Many communities will also be hosting new train layover facilities and grade separations. Through consultation with local communities, we are committed to working with you to plan for these changes.

This Discussion Guide provides an overview of what will be happening during the first of two rounds of dedicated network-wide consultation and outreach efforts focused on GO Expansion. It includes a list and map of this work (see pages 2 and 3), the purpose and focus of both rounds of consultation (see page 4), and the schedule for our upcoming Round One public consultation meetings (see page 4). For more information, go to MetrolinxEngage.com.

Transit Project Assessment Process (TPAP)

All new transit infrastructure as part of GO Expansion is being assessed through the Provincial Transit Project Assessment Process, either through new Environmental Assessments or through Addenda to previously completed and approved Environmental Assessments.

Metrolinx continues to work with local communities to understand the effects of the infrastructure needed to support GO Expansion and how to best mitigate these impacts. Your input will be captured in the Environmental Project Report and will be considered as part of the respective TPAPs and Addenda under *Ontario Regulation 231/08 - Transit Projects and Metrolinx Undertakings*.

Metrolinx is also completing system-wide studies to assess noise, vibration and air quality, as well as an update to the vegetation removal and compensation program.

Public-Private Partnership (P3)

Metrolinx is using a new project delivery model to implement GO Expansion, known as the Public-Private Partnership model. This new model transfers design and delivery responsibilities to private sector partners (referred to as "Project Co"). While a private partner will operate GO Rail under the Expansion program, Metrolinx will remain the owner of the system and will continue to be publicly accountable for its performance, revenue risks, customer service experience, coordination with other public agencies, and decisions on service planning and fares.

Please review the new proposed infrastructure shown on the map below and identify the areas of most interest to you. The back page of this Discussion Guide includes a list of upcoming consultation meetings where we will be discussing and seeking feedback on this new proposed infrastructure and the system-wide studies.

Map of GO Expansion Projects

The map and list below identify the new infrastructure and projects being planned as part of GO Expansion. This infrastructure includes new track and facilities (such as layover facilities, storage yards, etc.) throughout the network and a number of grade separations (places where the rail network is separated from the road network or other rail lines).

New Track and Facilities TPAP:

- A1** New Beach Layover by Burlington GO
- A2** Track Upgrades by Oakville GO
- A3** Track Upgrade by Long Branch GO
- A4** New Turnback Track by Eglinton GO
- A5** Track Upgrades by Whitby GO
- A6** New Third Track, Thickson Rd Bridge Expansion, and New Track and Island Platform at Oshawa GO
- A7** New Track by Allandale GO
- A8** New Track by York University GO
- A9** Track Upgrades, Electrification of Rail Corridor from Union Station to Pottery Rd, and New Don Valley Layover
- A10** New Passing Track, New Side Platform at Mount Joy GO
- A11** New Track, New Island Platform, and New Unionville Equipment Storage Yard by Unionville GO

Stouffville Grade Separations TPAP:

- B1** Denison St, Road Underpass
- B2** Kennedy Rd, Road Underpass
- B3** Passmore Ave, Road Underpass
- B4** McNicoll Ave, Road Underpass
- B5** Huntingwood Dr, Road Underpass
- B6** Havendale Rd, Road Closure with Multi-use Crossing
- B7** Progress Ave, Road Overpass

Scarborough Junction Grade Separations TPAP:

- C1** Potential Scarborough GO Relocation
- C2** Rail Bridge Widening at St. Clair Ave E
- C3** Stouffville Line Rail-Rail Grade Separation
- C4** Danforth Rd, Road Overpass
- C5** Corvette Park Multi-Use Crossing

Network Wide Structures Project:

- D1** Wellington St, Road Underpass
- D2** McNaughton Rd, Road Overpass

System-Wide Projects:

- Noise and Vibration Assessment Update
- Air Quality Assessment Update
- Vegetation Removal and Compensation Program Update

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