

Notice of Environmental Project Report Addendum

GO Expansion Program - GO Rail Network Electrification

Transit Project Assessment Process

Metrolinx and Hydro One, as co-proponents, have completed an Addendum to the GO Rail Network Electrification Environmental Project Report (EPR) in accordance with *Ontario Regulation 231/08* for the GO Rail Network Electrification Project.

The Project

The population of the Greater Golden Horseshoe is increasing, and with it, traffic and transit congestion. Metrolinx is committed to improving the GO Rail Network to bring 15-minute, two-way electrified service to core parts of the rail network through the GO Expansion Program. Metrolinx has identified various infrastructure requirements to achieve GO Expansion service level targets across the GO Rail Network.

Since the completion of the 2017 GO Rail Network Electrification EPR, a Significant Addendum is now being undertaken to:

- Assess additional electrification infrastructure required for new tracks and layover facilities (which are being studied as part of separate Metrolinx undertakings called “New Track & Facilities TPAP” and “Scarborough Junction Grade Separations TPAP”) proposed across various portions of the GO Rail Network that were not previously examined as part of the 2017 EPR, including an assessment of any changes to the footprint of the 7-metre Overhead Contact System (OCS) Impact and Vegetation Clearance Zone;
- Assess additional infrastructure required within the Union Station Rail Corridor (USRC) and surrounding areas to address identified conflicts with Hydro One transmission infrastructure; and

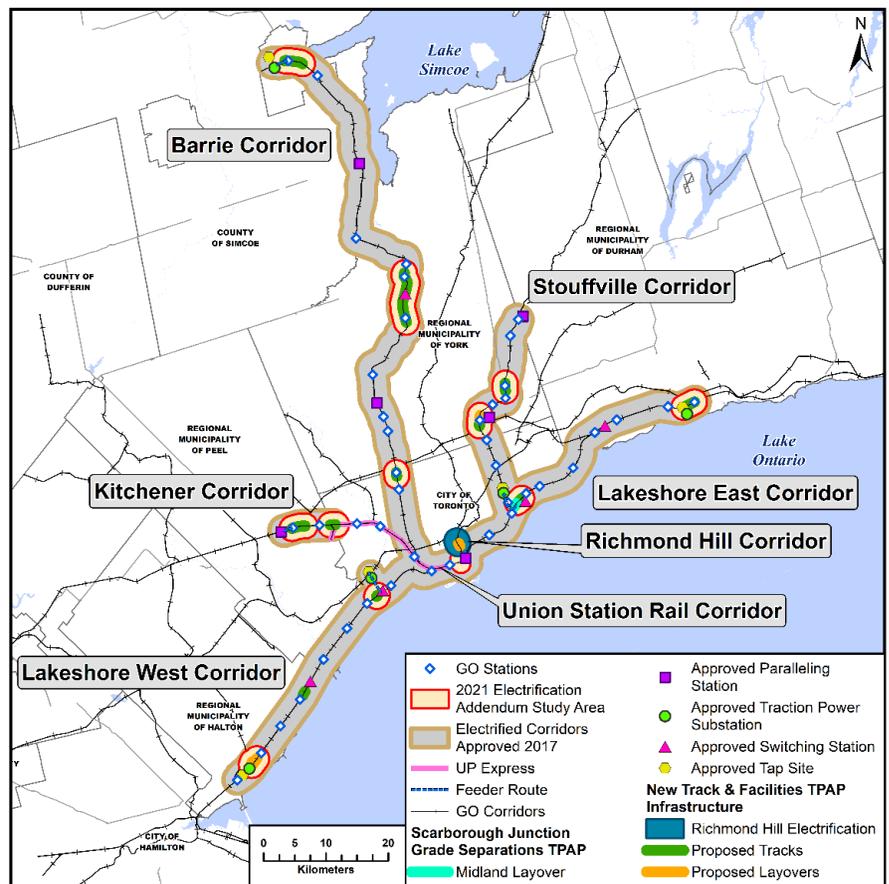


FIGURE 1: GO RAIL NETWORK ELECTRIFICATION KEY MAP

- Provide an updated assessment of noise, vibration and air quality associated with increased service levels across six Metrolinx-owned rail corridors.

To support GO Expansion and increased service along the Union Station, Lakeshore West, Kitchener, Barrie, Stouffville, and Lakeshore East Rail Corridors, the study area (see Figure 1) for the GO Rail Network Electrification Addendum includes:

- Union Station Rail Corridor (USRC) – From UP Express Union Station to Don Yard Layover
- Lakeshore West Corridor – From immediately west of Bathurst Street (Mile 1.20) to Burlington
- Kitchener Corridor – From UP Express Spur (at Highway 427) to Bramalea
- Barrie Corridor – From Parkdale Junction (off Kitchener Corridor) to Allandale Waterfront GO Station
- Stouffville Corridor – From Scarborough Junction (off Lakeshore East Corridor) to Lincolnville GO Station
- Lakeshore East Corridor – From Don Yard Layover to Oshawa GO Station

30-Day Public Review: February 23 to March 24, 2021

The environmental impact of the changes to the transit project was assessed and an EPR Addendum was prepared in accordance with the Transit Project Assessment Process (TPAP) as prescribed in *Ontario Regulation 231/08 - Transit Projects and Metrolinx Undertakings* (made under the *Environmental Assessment Act*). The EPR Addendum for the GO Rail Network Electrification Project is now available for a 30-day public review period starting February 23, 2021, on the project website at www.Metrolinxengage.com/goexpansion/GOElectrification

Interested persons are encouraged to review the document(s) and provide comments by March 24, 2021 to:

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Contact the regional address relevant to where your area of interest is located:

TorontoEast@metrolinx.com (East of Don River); TorontoWest@metrolinx.com (West of Don River);
HaltonRegion@metrolinx.com; DurhamRegion@metrolinx.com; YorkRegion@metrolinx.com;
Peel@metrolinx.com; or SimcoeCounty@metrolinx.com.

There are circumstances where the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks has the authority to require further consideration of the transit project or impose conditions on it. These include if the Minister is of the opinion that:

- The transit project may have a negative impact on a matter of provincial importance that relates to the natural environment or has cultural heritage value or interest; or
- The transit project may have a negative impact on a constitutionally protected Aboriginal or treaty right.

Before exercising the authority referred to above, the Minister is required to consider any written objections to the transit project that he or she may receive within 30 days of first publishing the Notice of EPR Addendum. If you have discussed your issues with the proponent(s) and you object to the project, you can provide a written submission to the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks by no later than March 24, 2021, to the email provided below. All submissions must clearly indicate that an objection is being submitted and describe any negative impacts to matters of provincial importance (natural/cultural environment) or Aboriginal rights.

Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks

Environmental Assessment Branch Attn:
Devon Wills, Project Officer
Tel: 416-270-4457 / toll-free: 1-800-461-6290
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Comments and information regarding this project are being collected to assist in meeting the requirements of the *Environmental Assessment Act*. All personal information included in a submission – such as name, address, telephone number and property location – is collected, maintained and disclosed by the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks for the purpose of transparency and consultation. The information is collected under the authority of the *Environmental Assessment Act* or is collected and maintained for the purpose of creating a record that is available to the general public as described in s. 37 of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*. Personal information you submit will become part of a public record that is available to the general public unless you request that your personal information remain confidential. For more information, please contact the Senior Privacy Officer for Metrolinx at 416-202-5941.

Metrolinx is working to provide residents and businesses in the Greater Golden Horseshoe with a transportation system that is modern, efficient and integrated. Find out more about Metrolinx's Regional Transportation Plan at www.metrolinx.com.

Pour plus de renseignements, veuillez composer le 416 874-5900 ou le 1 888 GET-ON-GO (438-6646).

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