

## Notice of Commencement

# GO Expansion Program - Transit Project Assessment Process

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. There are a number of Metrolinx projects currently underway or planned along several GO rail corridors that are associated with the GO Expansion Program and support Metrolinx’s goal of transforming the GO Rail Network into a comprehensive regional rapid transit network. The GO Expansion Program is intended to support the planning, design and construction of new infrastructure within existing GO rail corridors and includes consideration of the need for new structures or facilities (such as grade separations and layover sites), track work and electrification systems. To this end, Metrolinx is proposing new infrastructure that involves carrying out three (3) Transit Project Assessment Processes (TPAPs) as prescribed in *Ontario Regulation 231/08, Transit Projects and Metrolinx Undertakings* (Transit Projects Regulation).

### The TPAPs

Metrolinx has identified various infrastructure requirements to achieve GO Expansion service level targets across the GO Rail Network. Proposed infrastructure includes new/upgraded tracks, new layover and storage facilities, grade separations, pedestrian crossings, and new switches. The infrastructure requirements are being planned as three separate transit TPAPs and are described below:

#### New Track & Facilities TPAP:

To support GO Expansion and increased service along the Lakeshore West, Kitchener, Barrie, Stouffville, Lakeshore East, and Richmond Hill corridors, the following rail infrastructure is proposed (see Figure 1):

- Four (4) new rail layover/storage facilities needed to facilitate train storage and maintenance:
  - Don Valley Layover Facility, in the City of Toronto;
  - Unionville Storage Yard, in the City of Markham;
  - Walkers Line Layover Facility, in the City of Burlington; and
  - Beach Layover Facility, in the City of Burlington.
- Three (3) new GO Station platforms at:
  - Oshawa GO Station;
  - Mount Joy GO Station; and
  - Unionville GO Station.
- Thickson Road bridge expansion, in the Town of Whitby;
- Electrification of a portion of the Richmond Hill rail corridor (along Bala Subdivision, north to Pottery Road), in the City of Toronto;
- New or upgraded tracks; and
- New switches along six (6) rail corridors (not shown on key map):
  - 60 proposed switches Lakeshore West Corridor
  - 21 proposed switches Kitchener Corridor
  - 32 proposed switches Barrie Corridor
  - 3 proposed switches Richmond Hill Corridor
  - 10 proposed switches Stouffville Corridor
  - 23 proposed switches Lakeshore East Corridor
  - *Detailed mapping of proposed switch locations is available on the website.*

For additional information on New Track and Facilities, please visit:  
[Metrolinxengage.com/goexpansion/NewTracks&Facilities](http://Metrolinxengage.com/goexpansion/NewTracks&Facilities)

#### Stouffville Rail Corridor Grade Separations TPAP:

To support GO Expansion and increased service along the Stouffville Corridor, the following modifications are proposed (see Figure 2):

- Road-rail grade separations at Denison Street and Kennedy Road in the City of Markham;

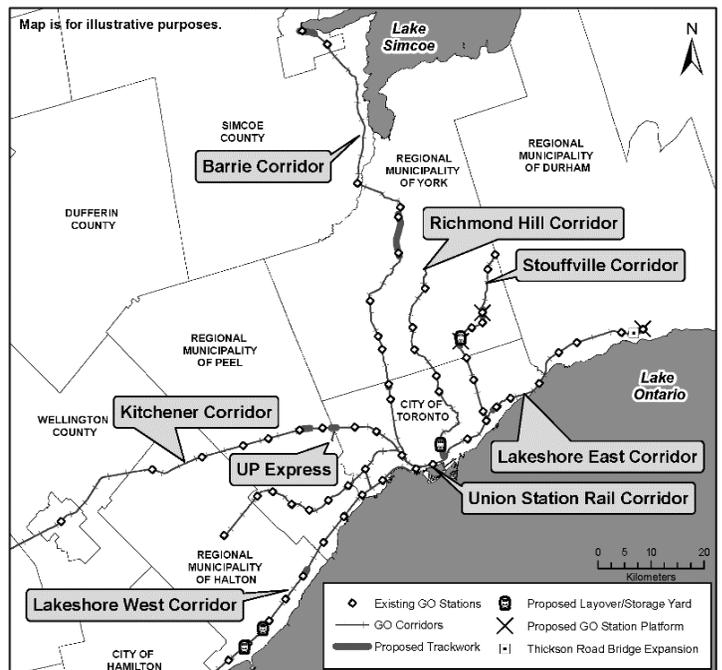


FIGURE 1 NEW TRACK & FACILITIES TPAP KEY MAP

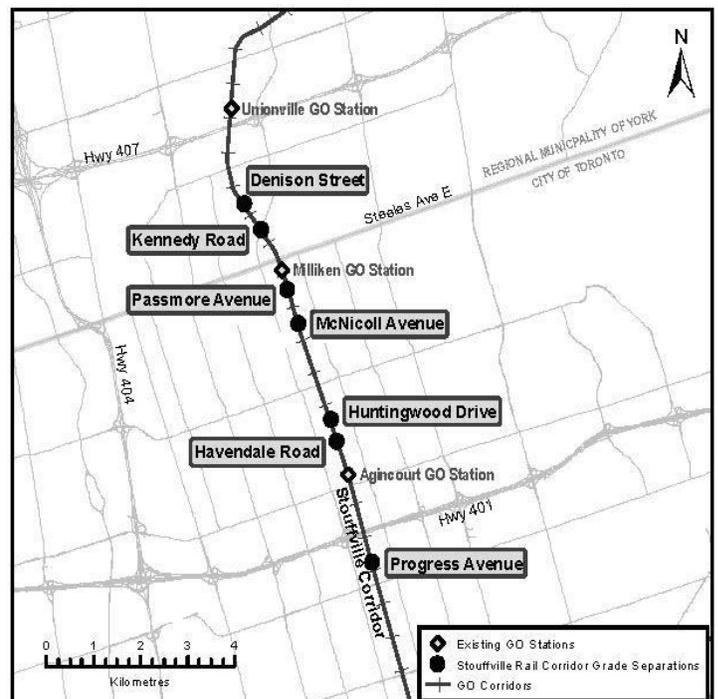


FIGURE 2 STOUFFVILLE RAIL CORRIDOR GRADE SEPARATIONS TPAP KEY MAP

- Road-rail grade separations at Passmore Avenue, McNicoll Avenue, Huntingwood Drive and Progress Avenue in the City of Toronto; and
- Road closure with a grade-separated multi-use crossing at Havendale Road in the City of Toronto.

For additional information on Stouffville Rail Corridor Grade Separations, please visit:

[Metrolinxengage.com/goexpansion/StouffvilleRailCorridor](https://metrolinxengage.com/goexpansion/StouffvilleRailCorridor)

### Scarborough Junction Grade Separation TPAP:

To support GO Expansion and increased service along the Stouffville and Lakeshore East Corridors, a new rail-rail grade separation is proposed at Scarborough Junction in the City of Toronto. Supporting modifications include (see Figure 3):

- New rail-rail separation through a tunnel traveling under the Lakeshore East (LSE) Rail Corridor to accommodate the new second track on the Stouffville Rail Corridor;
- Modification or relocation of the Scarborough GO Station building;
- Expanded rail bridge at St. Clair Avenue East;
- Layover area for train storage (Midland Layover);
- Depressed rail under road grade separation at Danforth Road;
- Depressed rail corridor from St. Clair Avenue East Bridge to Corvette Park; and
- Multi-use crossing to replace the existing at-grade crossing at Corvette Park.

For additional information on Scarborough Junction Grade Separation, please visit:

[Metrolinxengage.com/goexpansion/ScarboroughJunction](https://metrolinxengage.com/goexpansion/ScarboroughJunction)

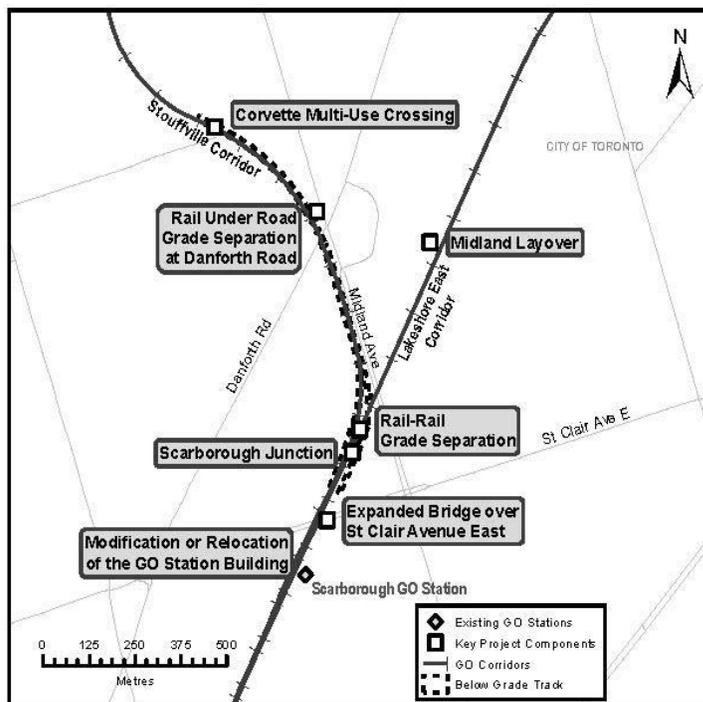


FIGURE 3 SCARBOROUGH JUNCTION GRADE SEPARATION TPAP KEY MAP

### The Process

A Transit Project Assessment Process (TPAP) is a focused impact assessment created specifically for transit projects. The process involves a pre-planning/consultation phase followed by a regulated up to 120-day phase that starts with the Notice of Commencement and ends with the Notice of Completion. The process includes consultation, an assessment of positive and negative impacts, an assessment of measures to mitigate negative impacts and documentation in an Environmental Project Report (EPR). The EPR is made available for a 30 day public and agency review at the Notice of Completion and is followed by a 35-day Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks review.

### Consultation

We thank everyone for their feedback to date. Two public open houses have already been held during the pre-planning phase of these TPAPs, including public meetings in February 2020 and a virtual open house in August 2020. As Metrolinx formally commences the three (3) TPAPs, we will continue to get your feedback through a third public virtual open house to be held in the Fall of 2020, To stay informed please visit:

[Metrolinxengage.com/goexpansion/oncorridor](https://metrolinxengage.com/goexpansion/oncorridor)

We encourage the public, government agencies, Indigenous communities and other interested parties to actively participate in the TPAPs by visiting the TPAP websites outlined above or contact Metrolinx directly with comments or questions (as outlined below).

### Provide Feedback

If you would like to be added to our regional mailing list, submit a comment or question, or receive additional information related to the TPAPs, please call 416-202-0888 or contact the regional address relevant to where your area of interest is located: [TorontoEast@metrolinx.com](mailto:TorontoEast@metrolinx.com) (East of Don River); [TorontoWest@metrolinx.com](mailto:TorontoWest@metrolinx.com) (West of Don River); [HaltonRegion@metrolinx.com](mailto:HaltonRegion@metrolinx.com); [DurhamRegion@metrolinx.com](mailto:DurhamRegion@metrolinx.com); [YorkRegion@metrolinx.com](mailto:YorkRegion@metrolinx.com); [Peel@metrolinx.com](mailto:Peel@metrolinx.com); or [SimcoeCounty@metrolinx.com](mailto:SimcoeCounty@metrolinx.com).

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 or the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, Freedom of Information and Privacy Coordinator at 416-314-4075.

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](https://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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