

Notice of Publication of Final Corktown Station Early Works Report Ontario Line Project

The Project

The Ontario Line will bring 15.6 kilometres of new subway service to Toronto, making it faster and easier for people to get where they need to be each day. The line will stretch across the city, from the Ontario Science Centre in the northeast to Exhibition/Ontario Place in the southwest. The Ontario Line will have 15 new stations, including six interchange stations, connections to three GO train lines, two existing subway lines, the new Eglinton Crosstown LRT, and streetcar lines at 10 stations. The project will feature a combination of tunneled, surface and elevated segments, and will be completely separated from traffic to provide fast and reliable service.

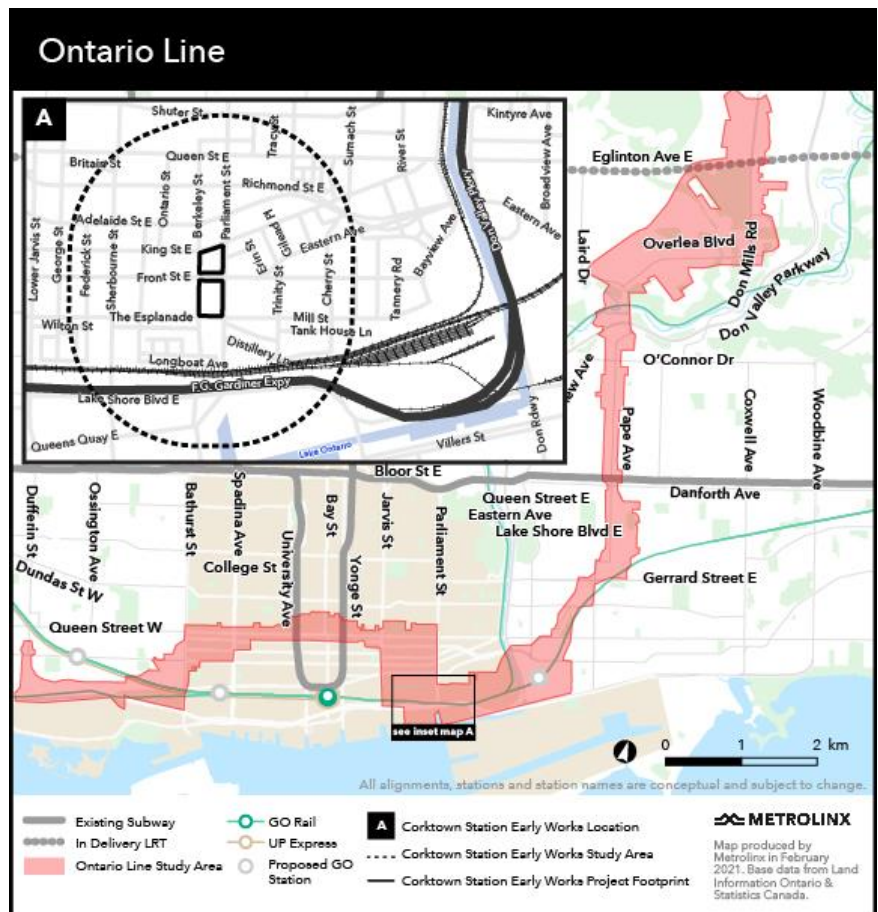
Corktown Station Early Works

Corktown Station early works include demolition of existing buildings, removal of other structures and asphalt where required, decommissioning of utilities, and soil removal and/or remediation where required. These early works are being advanced to prepare the site for future construction staging and laydown to support tunneling and below ground construction activities, and work associated with the future Corktown Station.

The First Parliament site, located within the Corktown Station early works project footprint, is a known archaeological site which requires additional archaeological studies ahead of any ground disturbance activities. Artifacts from Indigenous Nations, remains of Upper Canada's First and Second Parliament Buildings and the Home District Gaol (Jail), and remnants of early Toronto industry may be found here. Metrolinx is eager to unlock the potential of the site and work with the City of Toronto, Indigenous Nations and the community to identify opportunities for commemoration. Initial archaeological and environmental investigations are underway.

Environmental impacts of Corktown Station early works are being assessed in accordance with Ontario Regulation 341/20: Ontario Line Project (O. Reg. 341/20), under the *Environmental Assessment Act*. In accordance with Section 8 of O. Reg. 341/20, Metrolinx prepared the Draft Corktown Station Early Works Report that was available for public review from May 12, 2021 to June 11, 2021.

The Draft Corktown Station Early Works Report outlined the purpose of the Corktown Station early works, a description of local environmental conditions, potential impacts, proposed mitigation measures and a consultation record.



Public comments received throughout the comment period for the Draft Corktown Station Early Works Report were recorded and have been incorporated into the Final Corktown Station Early Works Report.

The Final Early Works Report and Minister's Review Process

Metrolinx established an issues resolution process to attempt to resolve concerns raised during the review of the Draft Corktown Station Early Works Report. In accordance with Section 11 of O. Reg. 341/20, Metrolinx updated the Draft Corktown Station Early Works Report and published the Final Corktown Station Early Works Report to include a description of the issues resolution process, any concerns raised during the review period, what Metrolinx did to address these concerns, and impacts to the early works implementation timeline as a result of addressing concerns. Effective **July 15, 2021** the Final Corktown Station Early Works Report will be available on the project webpage (www.metrolinx.com/ontarioline). Within 35 days after receipt of the Notice of Final Corktown Station Early Works Report, the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks may issue a notice to Metrolinx imposing conditions related to the early works. The Minister may also choose to inform Metrolinx that no notice will be issued. The Minister may issue a notice only if:

- The Minister is of the opinion that the way in which Metrolinx has addressed a concern raised in the issues resolution process would cause unreasonable delay to the implementation of the early works and the conditions in the Minister's notice change the way in which the concern is addressed in the final Early Works Report without causing unreasonable delay to the implementation of the early works; or
- The Minister is of the opinion that the early works may have an adverse impact on the existing Aboriginal or treaty rights of the Indigenous peoples within Canada, and the conditions may prevent, mitigate, or remedy the adverse impact.

Once the Minister gives Notice, confirms that no notice will be given, or the 35-day Minister's review period is complete, Metrolinx will proceed with the early works as described in the Final Corktown Station Early Works Report, subject to any conditions imposed by the Minister.

To obtain an electronic copy of the Final Corktown Station Early Works Report, please contact the project email listed below.

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