Proposed Walkers Line Layover Facility - City of Burlington

Metrolinx is exploring an additional site further east along the Lakeshore West Corridor - the Walkers Line Layover Facility. Both the Beach and Walkers Line Layover sites serve a similar function by storing trains as part of meeting service level targets. Metrolinx will continue to consult with the public as we further refine the selection of layover facilities along the Lakeshore West Corridor.

The Walkers Line site on the Lakeshore West Corridor is required to meet increasing service levels by:
- Storing trains during the day and night.
- Reducing rail congestion on the Corridor.

Design Elements:
- Electrification infrastructure
- Storage of 9 GO Trains
- Spur track that can store a 7-car train
- Fleet Storage, Crew Services, and Staff Parking
- Connection to mainline track
- Staff entrance from Harvester Road

Surrounding Characteristics:
- Storage tracks will be located within Metrolinx rail right of way
- Additional property will be required for the new access road, crewing services, staff parking, etc.
- Surrounding land uses are primarily industrial
- Rail corridor passes over Shoreacres Creek
- Partially within the Conservation Halton regulated area

This site avoids removing an existing business, unlike the alternate Beach Layover option.
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Existing Site

Proposed Site
Note: conceptual design subject to further study
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Existing: view from Harvester Road
Proposed: view from Harvester Road
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| **Stormwater Management** | • The proposed Walkers Line Layover site is partially located within an area regulated by Conservation Halton. The site is also located within two sub-watersheds: Shoreacres Creek and Tuck Creek.  
  • The existing watercourse crossing will need to be extended to accommodate the new tracks.                                                                                                                                     | • Requirements for stormwater quantity and quality controls will be carefully reviewed and implemented.                                                                                                                                  
  • A Drainage and Stormwater Management Report; an Erosion and Sediment Control Plan; detailed drainage design drawings; and erosion and sediment control drawings will be prepared prior to construction. |
| **Hydro-geology**       | • There will be a minor increase in impervious area as a result of the layover being constructed.  
  • There may be a temporary lowering of the local groundwater table during construction due to dewatering excavations.  
  • Construction has the potential to expose contaminated materials and/or result in the spreading of contaminated materials.  
  • A Contamination Management Plan shall be developed upon the discovery of any contamination that is not addressed in the Soil and Excavated materials Management Plan. | • A Spill Contingency and Response Plan will be developed and put in place prior to construction.  
  • A Soil and Excavated Materials Management Plan will be developed for the handling, management and disposal of excess materials generated during construction. |
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| **Natural Environment**| • There is the potential for displacement and/or habitat loss of nesting/shelter habitat for urban tolerant birds and mammals.  
                          • Existing fish habitat will be permanently displaced by extending the watercourse crossing to accommodate new rail track.  
                          • There may be a temporary displacement of wildlife during construction due to vegetation clearing.                  | • Vegetation removal will occur outside the typical bird breeding period.  
                          • Metrolinx will continue coordinating with Conservation Halton and other stakeholders during future project stages to develop measures that will allow the work to proceed without adversely affecting the productive capacity of fish habitats.  
                          • Lighting will be limited to only what is required for safety and security.  
                          • Compensation for vegetation removal will be in accordance with the Metrolinx Vegetation Compensation Protocol, with consideration of larger trees and increased plantings to provide shade cover for the creek.  
                          • A Construction Monitoring Plan will be developed with site-specific mitigation measures and regularly monitored for effectiveness. |