



## Terms of Reference

### Joint Corridor Design Excellence Working Group (DXWG)

**Date:** January 24, 2022

#### Introduction

The Lakeshore East - Ontario Line Joint Corridor represents an expansion of service, and the requisite infrastructure, along existing rail corridor that runs through the Riverside and Leslieville neighbourhoods. The work in the Joint Corridor will result in changes to the existing character of both the rail viaduct and to adjacent lands.

The scope of the procurement packages includes significant measures to mitigate the impacts, both temporary and permanent, to the adjacent parks and neighbourhoods arising out of the reconstruction of the Joint Corridor. Metrolinx has been developing a range of design solutions to address these impacts. Our objective is for the affected neighbourhoods, and their parks, to be left in a better state than they are today.

The work Metrolinx is undertaking in the Joint Corridor will be delivered in three procurement packages:

#### **Package 1 - Early Works Phase 1 - Civil**

- Design-Bid-Build (DBB) procurement model
- 100% design package released for tender
- Scope items to be finalized prior to February 21, 2022

Scope:

- Scope includes construction of retaining walls, noise barriers, bridges, and trackwork
- The DXWG will review retaining wall and bridge abutment surface finishes, noise barrier specifications, and underpass lighting
- Determine extent of removals (existing retaining walls/infrastructure, etc.) along the existing parks/playgrounds to "build back better"

#### **Package 2 - Early Works Phase 2 - Landscape Design Implementation**

- Design-Bid-Build (DBB) procurement model
- 100% design package released for tender

Scope:

- The landscape design scope will include park remediation, underpass and streetscape enhancement, tree and vegetation strategies, embankments, terraces, park furniture

#### **Package 3 - Ontario Line (OL) North Contract**

- Public Private Partnership (P3) procurement model
- Output Specifications and Reference Concept Designs will be released for tender
- Scope includes the construction of the new stations at Queen Street and Gerrard

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## Leading with Design

At Metrolinx we understand that the construction of new transit can have both short- and long-term impacts on communities.

We also understand that stitching new transit infrastructure into the existing urban fabric is a complex task that benefits from insight provided by municipal staff and community groups who have extensive knowledge of the local area.

Our objective has been to apply principles of design excellence in the development of a series of creative solutions to the address challenge presented by the work being undertaken in the Joint Corridor through the Riverside and Leslieville neighbourhoods.

### 1.0 Purpose

The DXWG will provide a forum for discussion focused on design excellence outcomes for the work along the Lakeshore East - Ontario Line Joint Corridor through the Riverside and Leslieville neighbourhoods. The objective for this group is to work collaboratively with a goal of reaching a consensus on the preferred design solutions to be implemented through the project delivery process. The DXWG will provide recommendations to Metrolinx Senior Management.

### 2.0 Mandate

The DXWG will be a forum for discussions, workshops, and two-way communication between Metrolinx and key stakeholders related to the Lakeshore East - Ontario Line Joint Corridor project.

The DXWG will be comprised of:

- Project team\* members, including Metrolinx and the Ontario Line Technical Advisors (OLTA).
- Community representatives of area residents and businesses, including residents' groups/associations, tenant representatives, community groups, the BIA, and Elected Officials.

**\* Project Team**

Metrolinx - representatives from Sponsor, Design Division, Community Relations, and the Project Delivery Teams  
Ontario Line Technical Advisors - key subject matter experts from SvN and HDR

Meetings:

- An agenda will be shared in advance of each meeting.
- Each session will last approximately **two** hours.
- The format will be structured as a workshop to discuss ideas and proposals.
- Each of the three packages for the Joint Corridor will have a separate deadline for input into the tender documents.

*Note: the DXWG will meet online until further notice (based on public health recommendations).*

## 4.0 Responsibilities

Community representatives will participate in a series of workshops to explore optimal design excellence outcomes for the work being proposed as part of the Joint Corridor, especially as it relates to the adjacent neighbourhoods, parks, and properties. The DXWG will use the design principles and proposals developed to date by Metrolinx as their starting point for these workshops. At the conclusion of the workshop process, the DXWG will provide recommendations to Metrolinx regarding design proposals to mitigate impacts arising out of both the construction and increased service levels planned for the Joint Corridor.

The DXWG will not be responsible for making decisions regarding the project. This will be the responsibility of the project team.

### The Lakeshore East - Ontario Line Joint Corridor Project Team will:

- Facilitate design workshops.
- Provide accurate, understandable and timely information.
- Be open to feedback, consider the concepts developed in the workshops, and report back to the larger project team.
- Adhere to all aspects of the Terms of Reference and Code of Conduct.

### Community Representatives or Area Residents and Businesses will:

- Participate actively in regular meetings.
- Be a productive participant in design excellence workshops.
- Be open and receptive to ideas and provide constructive feedback in design reviews.
- Liaise and act as a representative of pre-identified organization/community/business or stakeholder group by providing feedback to the project team and formally communicating relevant information back to their respective groups.
- Adhere to all aspects of the Terms of Reference and Code of Conduct.

## 5.1 Selection Criteria

Metrolinx has consulted with the Elected Officials and City of Toronto staff to determine membership for the Joint Corridor Design Excellence Working Group (DXWG). Membership will be formed on a volunteer basis and no compensation will be provided. Community Participants should own, manage, rent, live or work in a property in proximity (500 meters) to the project area and/or represent a group of stakeholders near the project. They should also be willing to make a commitment of eight months.

## 5.2 Membership and Committee Structure

Chair	John Potter, Metrolinx
<b>Project Team</b>	<p><b>Metrolinx</b> - representatives from Sponsor, Community Relations, and the Project Delivery Teams</p> <p><b>Ontario Line Technical Advisors</b> - key subject matter experts from SvN and HDR</p>
<b>Elected Officials</b>	<p><b>City Councillors</b> (or their representative) whose ward contains the project zone (or their representative).</p> <p><b>MPP</b> (or their representative) will also be invited</p>
<b>City of Toronto</b>	<p><b>Staff:</b> key subject matter experts and/or stakeholders including, but not limited to, representatives from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parks, Forestry and Recreation</li> <li>• Urban Design</li> </ul>
<b>Community Participants</b>	<p>Representatives of the businesses most affected by the project will be invited to sit on the committee. Representatives of the resident or ratepayer associations, representatives of tenants, and community groups most affected by the project, will be invited to sit on the committee.</p>

## 6.0 Other

The Terms of Reference will be reviewed and updated as required to ensure that the committee mandate and membership remain current and appropriate.

Procedures for convening, scheduling and tracking meeting discussion will be reviewed at the first DXWG meeting on Monday, January 24, 2022.