



The Georgetown South (GTS) Project will provide infrastructure improvements to meet existing GO Transit ridership demand and future growth. It will also accommodate the new Air Rail Link between Union Station and Pearson International Airport.

Construction of this project will begin in late 2010 and be completed in 2014.

What's New?

Strachan Community Office Now Open!

GO Transit is pleased to announce the opening of the Strachan Community Office at 901 King Street West. The Strachan Community Relations team is here to answer your questions about the project and receive feedback on the Georgetown South Project. We look forward to meeting you so please stop by.

Location: 901 King Street West (corner of King Street West and Strachan Avenue)

Telephone: 416-581-1300

Office Hours:

Monday, Wednesday–Friday: 8:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Tuesday: 10 a.m. – 8 p.m.

Since Our Last Update

Strachan Avenue Overpass

What are we doing?

The overpass will replace the existing Strachan Avenue railway level crossing with a bridge overpass. We are currently carrying out the detailed design for the project and have been working with several stakeholders to plan the relocation of the utilities in the corridor and coordinate the construction with other construction projects such as the Fort York Pedestrian Bridge, and future condo developments.

How will this impact you?

Construction is scheduled to begin January 2011 with enabling works and utility relocation. Major construction will start in the summer of 2011.

Mark Your Calendars!

Strachan Avenue Overpass Community Design Review

Join us to review the proposed design concept for the Strachan Avenue Overpass. Project team members will be on hand to answer your questions and get your feedback on the design.

Location: Harbourfront Community Centre
627 Queen's Quay West

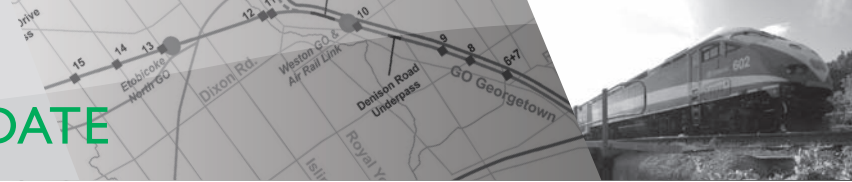
Date: Tuesday, October 26

Time: 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Formal Presentation: 7:00 – 7:30 p.m.

Feedback Workshops: 7:30 – 8:30 p.m.





East Corridor Bridges

What are we doing?

The 5 bridges along the eastern part of the Georgetown Corridor – Queen Street, Brock Avenue, Lansdowne Avenue, Bloor Street and Dupont Street – will be widened by the addition of spans to accommodate more tracks.

How will this impact you?

The contractors will start setting up in November 2010 with construction starting on the Lansdowne Avenue and Dupont Avenue bridges in December 2010. Widening of the other bridges will begin in January 2011. Work is being scheduled at different times to help minimize potential traffic disruptions.

West Toronto Diamond

What are we doing?

The current piling contract finished at the beginning of October and the intersection at Old Weston Road and Junction Road has been re-opened. The next phase of the project will be the Pile Validation Contract, also known as the “Drill and Fill.” This work is expected to begin in November 2010 and will involve auguring out the soil from the piles and interlocks, and filling them with concrete and water sealing materials. We also anticipate that some damaged piles will need to be replaced during this phase.

How will this impact you?

Regular updates will be provided as the work gets underway, including information on future temporary road closures or restrictions required to complete the work safely.

You Asked, We Answered

Q: How does GO Transit plan to minimize the impact of increased noise and vibration?

A: The Environmental Assessments outlined where sound barriers (noise walls) should be constructed as well as locations with potential for vibration concerns. We are in the process of determining the specific types and locations of sound barriers as well as mitigation measures for vibration impacts to properties located adjacent to the corridor. We will be presenting our preliminary findings at our Strachan Avenue and Weston Tunnel Design Reviews to be held at the end of October.

Q: Is GO Transit in favour of electrification?

A: Currently, Metrolinx has a comprehensive study underway to determine the cost/benefit, environmental impacts, carbon footprint and human health impact. This is one of the most comprehensive evidence-based studies of this

type ever done. The study covers the entire GO rail system, including Union Station. We are moving in responsible stages to get it right. The first step is to complete the electrification study which will be completed by the end of 2010.

Find out more about the Metrolinx Electrification Study at www.gotransit.com/estudy/.

Q: In the last update, it was announced that Metrolinx has been asked to build and operate the Air Rail Link. Are there any updates yet? What are the next steps?

A: Metrolinx is still working with internal and external partners to determine the next steps in planning and implementing the Air Rail Link shuttle service to ensure we best capitalize on the work already done. We are committed to delivering this premium service – with stops at Bloor and Weston – in time for the Pan Am Games by 2015.

