



## Since Our Last Update

### John Street Pedestrian Bridge – Community Advisory Committee

#### Community Involvement

GO Transit is pleased to invite interested community members to participate in a collaborative process to develop a concept for the John Street Pedestrian Bridge and to help select a consultant to complete the design work.

#### How will this work?

#### Community Advisory Committee

As part of the Georgetown South Project, a pedestrian bridge will be built over the GO Train tracks at John Street in Weston Village.

The community plays an important role in this project and a Community Advisory Committee is being formed.

The committee will be involved in the selection of three design concepts from submissions by invited designers for the bridge to ensure it is both aesthetically pleasing and functional for the community. The final winning design will be determined through a vote by the Weston Village community.

If you or someone you know is interested in joining the committee, we are looking for candidates who ideally:

- Are members of the Weston community
- Are interested in community improvement
- Have some knowledge of urban design, architecture or urban planning
- Are able to attend regular meetings starting in the winter of 2011

*Please note this is a volunteer committee.*

#### How to apply

In 500 words or less, explain why you are interested in serving on the committee and the positive contributions you can make to it. We welcome your submission along with your résumé or summary of your related skills (including phone number, e-mail and mailing address) to:

**gts@gotransit.com**

Subject: John Street Pedestrian Bridge  
Community Advisory Committee

**or**

**Georgetown South Project – Weston Community Office**

Attn. Mr. Mark Iogna  
1631 Weston Road, Toronto, ON M9N 1T8

**The deadline for submissions is November 12, 2010. For more information, please contact Mark at 416-241-2300.**

## Weston Tunnel and GO Station

### What are we doing?

The rail corridor will be lowered from Lawrence Avenue to just before Weston Road. Roadway overpasses over the GO rail corridor will be built at King Street and Church Street and a pedestrian bridge constructed at John Street.

### How will this impact you?

Construction will begin in January 2011 with the relocation of utilities for the Weston Tunnel. The construction of a new GO Station and parking lot south of Lawrence Avenue will begin before spring 2011 along with the modifications to the bridge over Lawrence Avenue. The new platform will begin use in the fall of 2011 at which point the existing Weston GO Station will be relocated to the south of Lawrence Avenue. The work will be staged to minimize traffic disruptions.

## Mark Your Calendars!

### Weston Tunnel Community Design Review

Join us to review the proposed design concept for the Weston Tunnel. Project team members will be on hand to answer your questions and get your feedback on the design. We welcome your input and look forward to meeting you.

Location: Weston Park Baptist Church  
1871 Weston Road

Date: Thursday, October 28

Time: 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Formal Presentation: 7:00 – 7:30 p.m.

Feedback Workshops: 7:30 – 8:30 p.m.





## Denison Road Underpass

### What are we doing?

Denison Road will be re-aligned and an underpass built to separate vehicles and pedestrians from train traffic. Arthur Street and Sam Frustaglio Drive will become cul-de-sacs. The Denison Road rail crossing will be closed to vehicle traffic for up to one year; however, a signalized pedestrian crossing will be maintained at all times.

### How will this impact you?

Construction will begin early November and be completed in 2013. Construction will start with utility relocation work that will be mostly confined to the rail corridor. The major work on the underpass will begin in the spring of 2011.

## 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 (King Street West and Strachan Avenue). The Strachan Community Relations team is ready to answer community questions 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.

## 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/](http://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.

