

## Metrolinx Board approves electrification

### Province of Ontario approves electrification environmental assessment

The province of Ontario has approved an environmental assessment, the first step in electrifying the regional rail system. The next step will be to begin the environmental assessment process and required preliminary design and engineering studies. The final electrification study report, staff report and associated appendices are available online at [www.gotransit.com/estudy](http://www.gotransit.com/estudy). This move follows approval by the Metrolinx Board of Directors of the staff

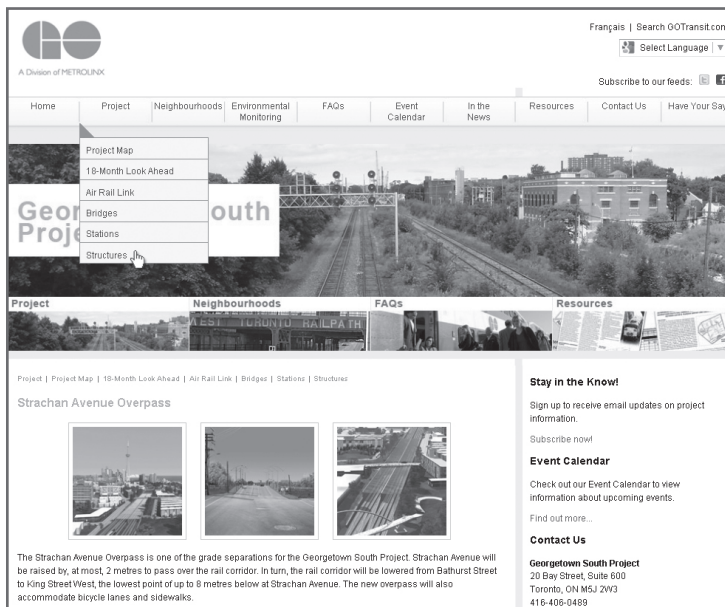
recommendation to begin electrification of the Lakeshore and Georgetown GO Transit rail corridors, with the new Air Rail Link (ARL) as the first phase. The year-long study recently completed by Metrolinx revealed important transportation benefits associated with electrification, and these benefits would increase over time and as service levels increase. These benefits include shorter travel times for riders and lower operating costs.



**Construction Begins**  
See reverse for details

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 be completed in 2014.

## New Project Pages at [www.gotransit.com/gts](http://www.gotransit.com/gts)



This new section will provide you with detailed information on all of the construction projects we are working on for the Georgetown South Project. It is the first place to go to get more information on each construction project. Please visit [www.gotransit.com/gts](http://www.gotransit.com/gts) to stay up to date on the Georgetown South Project.

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## Construction Begins

### Strachan Avenue Overpass



#### What we are doing

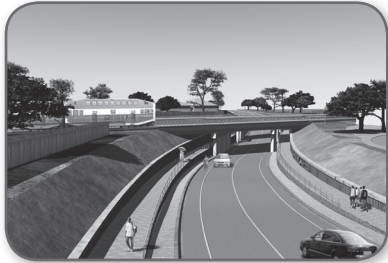
Phase 1 – January 2011

- Construction of a retaining wall on the north side of the rail corridor south of Stanley Park. This wall will also support the construction of the City of Toronto's Fort York Pedestrian Bridge.
- Work to relocate utilities

#### How will this impact you?

- The majority of the work will take place during regular construction hours (Monday to Friday, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.), either within the rail corridor or in our staging areas.
- Some construction work will occur outside these hours including evenings and Saturdays. Advance notice will be provided to the surrounding community when these extended hours are planned.

### Denison Road Underpass



#### What we are doing

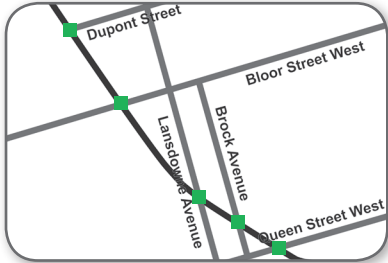
Phase 1 - March 2011

- Relocating utilities such as gas and hydro before major construction can begin this summer
- Also, we will be demolishing houses on the north side of Denison Road East, close to Weston Road

#### How will this impact you?

- Denison Road rail crossing will be closed between Jane Street and Weston Road for a minimum of one year during construction. We will notify the community prior to the closure.
  - A signalized pedestrian crossing will be maintained at all times
  - There will be minimal impact to Weston Road

### East Corridor Bridges



#### What we are doing

For construction timelines, please visit [www.goTRANSIT.com/gts](http://www.goTRANSIT.com/gts).

- Widening five railway bridges in the eastern portion of the Georgetown South rail corridor: Queen Street West, Brock Avenue, Lansdowne Avenue, Bloor Street West and Dupont Street.

#### How will this impact you?

- This is routine construction work, with regular construction noise from trucks, cranes, construction equipment and little-to-no vibration impact anticipated
- Some partial and full road closures during construction; full closures are limited to nights and weekends
- Pedestrian access will be maintained at all times, on one side of the street or the other

### Weston Tunnel



#### What we are doing

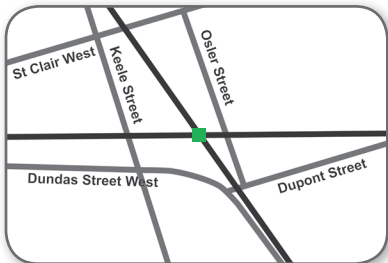
Phase 1 – April 2011

- Relocating utilities to prepare for the construction of the lowered corridor in the late summer of 2011

#### How will this impact you?

- Temporary lane closures for utility relocation at Church, King and John Streets, but no road closures
- Temporary road closures of Church and King Streets in 2012 or 2013 during tunnel construction (not at the same time)

### West Toronto Diamond



#### What we are doing

Pile Validation Phase – December 2010

- The pile validation contract involves replacing soil from the pile and filling with concrete
- Deficient piles will need to be removed and replaced

#### How will this impact you?

- Removing and replacing a small percentage of deficient piles using a combination of vibratory hammer and impact hammer. Noise and vibration will be monitored and summarized, with results made available at [www.goTRANSIT.com/gts](http://www.goTRANSIT.com/gts).
- The Junction Road/Old Weston Road intersection will remain open until the summer of 2011. We will provide advanced notice of any full road closures.

