

GEORGETOWN SOUTH PROJECT COMMUNITY UPDATE



The Georgetown South (GTS) Project will improve rail infrastructure to meet existing GO Transit ridership demand and future increased service. Through track sharing, it also allows for a new Air Rail Link (ARL) between Toronto's Union Station and Pearson International Airport.

Metrolinx to release revised Human Health Mitigation Plan

Why has Metrolinx prepared a revised Human Health Mitigation Plan?

As part of the Minister of Environment's October 2009 approval of the GTS project, Metrolinx committed to completing additional air quality modelling and human health assessments.

Metrolinx's previous air quality and human health assessments were based on Tier 2 emission standards for locomotive engines (current standard). The new assessment uses Tier 4 emissions standards (upcoming standard) that will be implemented by the ARL and GO fleet.

Metrolinx was also asked to draft a revised human health mitigation plan to address possible health risks, if any, after the move to Tier 4-compliant locomotives.

Want to learn more about the plan?

A draft Human Health Mitigation Plan will be released for public review and comment on June 2, 2011 for a 30-day review period ending July 4, 2011. You can download the plan and comment form at gotransit.com/gts or visit one of our two Community Offices to pick up a copy.

Feel unprepared to comment on the Plan?

Learn more by attending one of our three community briefing sessions and get the background you need to share your comments on the draft human health mitigation plan.

The following public sessions will include a presentation reviewing the enhancements from the previous human health assessment, the modelling results, as well as an overview of the draft mitigation plan. Air quality and human health experts will be on hand to answer your questions.

Thursday, June 9, 2011

6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
York West Active Living Centre
1901 Weston Road
Toronto, ON M9N 3P5

Tuesday, June 14, 2011

6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
Harbourfront Community Centre
627 Queens Quay West
Toronto, ON M5V 3G3

Thursday, June 16, 2011

6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
Lithuanian House
1573 Bloor Street West
Toronto, ON M6P 1A6

Unable to attend the Community Briefing Sessions?

You can still have your say. We will post materials from the sessions on our website and we encourage you to submit your comments online at gotransit.com/gts or by contacting one of our two community offices by July 4, 2011.

Want to know what we've been doing?

See the back to learn what we've been doing in the community, visit our website at gotransit.com/gts to get project updates, or contact our community offices to learn more.

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Weston Community Office

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The Project

What we've been up to

We have started relocating utilities that run under our corridor in preparation for the major work for the Strachan Avenue Overpass, the Denison Road Underpass and the Weston Tunnel. Bridge spans have been added to widen bridges in the southern portion of the corridor, and at the West Toronto Diamond we are validating piles – removing soil from the piles and filling them with concrete. CP Rail's upcoming annual track closure during the first two weeks of July will also give us the opportunity to complete work closer to their tracks – we will host a West Toronto Diamond community update meeting June 21 at the Annette Street Library to share more information.

In The Community

Strachan Avenue Overpass Struts – The Community Has Its Say

This winter, we asked the community to participate in online voting for their preferred strut design for the Strachan Avenue Overpass. The struts will span across the corridor to support the north and south retaining walls from the section between Stanley Terrace and Shaw Street. Over 150 community members voted and chose a resounding favourite: the Teardrop Lattice. Special thanks to all those who participated – we hope you enjoyed providing feedback as much as we enjoyed reading it.

Royal Day Care Outdoor Learning Event – May 4, 2011

The importance of rail safety – hard hats, visibility vests and ear protection, oh my! – were just a few things 20 children from Royal Day Care, located next to the former Price Chopper at 1731 Weston Road, learned as they visited the construction site next door. They also learned that this site is a key construction staging area for the GTS Project. Watching from a safe distance behind the perimeter fence, the children excitedly watched as an excavator demolished the building. The day was complete with treats, paper GO buses and trains, and frisbees courtesy of Dufferin Construction Company.



20 children from Royal Day Care visit the construction site next door to learn more about the building demolition and the GTS Project.

What's next?

Summer 2011 will see phase 2 work start at some of our construction sites. Neighbours will see excavation work begin for the Strachan Avenue Overpass, Denison Road Underpass and for the Weston Tunnel, as well as work to widen the Lawrence Avenue Bridge. Construction will also start on the new platform for the relocated Weston Station near the southeast corner of Weston Road and Lawrence Avenue. Speaking of stations, two recent design charrettes will help inform the planning for the relocated Weston GO Station and the Bloor GO/Dundas West Mobility Hub – stay tuned for more details as these visions take form.

John Street Pedestrian Bridge – York West Active Living Centre Bridge Tour

On April 30, the chilly weather did not stop four members of the York West Active Living Centre from joining GO Transit staff to visit an existing pedestrian bridge to give their thoughts on design elements that should be incorporated into the John Street Pedestrian Bridge design. The bridge, which will be built over the GO Train tracks at John Street in Weston, will keep the rail crossing open to pedestrians but it will be closed to vehicles.



Four members of the York West Active Living Centre provide comments on a local pedestrian bridge.

The York West Active Living Centre is a key part of the Weston community and offers a variety of services to seniors in the area. Because this route is important for members of the centre, we wanted to be sure that the bridge design does not impact their route to the centre. The members provided feedback on accessibility, such as the slope of the ramp, approach to the ramp and the handrail design, as well thoughts about the importance of feeling safe on the bridge. Their feedback, along with input from the John Street Pedestrian Bridge Community Advisory Committee (CAC), will be incorporated into the John Street Pedestrian Bridge Scope of Work.

