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## **APPENDIX D**

### **Newspaper Notices and Project Newsletter**

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# NOTICE OF STUDY COMMENCEMENT

## AN INDIVIDUAL ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT FOR EXPANSION IN THE GO TRANSIT GEORGETOWN SOUTH RAIL CORRIDOR AND AN EXPRESS TRANSPORTATION LINK BETWEEN LESTER B. PEARSON AIRPORT AND UNION STATION

### THE STUDY:

GO Transit, the Province of Ontario's interregional public transit service for the Greater Toronto and Hamilton areas, has initiated an Individual Environmental Assessment (IEA) for the above project under the Ontario Environmental Assessment Act. One component of this study, for which GO Transit is the proponent, is to examine possible improvements to the Georgetown south rail corridor to meet increasing demands for GO service between Halton and Peel Regions and the City of Toronto. The other component of the study is to examine alternatives for an express transportation link between Union Station and Lester B. Pearson Airport including the proposed Air Rail Link service. The co-proponents of this study are GO Transit and the Union Pearson AirLink Group. Although the two project components serve different objectives, they are being planned together as the recommended alternative(s) could result in GO Transit, CN, VIA Rail and the selected express transportation initiative all operating within a shared corridor.



### THE PROCESS:

The first step of the IEA process is the preparation and approval of the Terms of Reference (ToR). The ToR provides a framework for completing the IEA including: defining the issues or opportunities to be addressed; the range and types of alternatives to be considered; the process to select a preferred alternative; and the ways in which the public will be consulted and also participate in the study. Following approval of the ToR by the Ontario Minister of the Environment, the IEA study will be undertaken in accordance with the framework outlined in the ToR. The IEA study will consist of: identification of issues or opportunities; development and evaluation of alternatives; selection of a preferred alternative; detailing of impacts and mitigation measures; and, preparation of an environmental assessment report. The IEA will be coordinated with the federal process under the Canadian Environmental Assessment Act.

### COMMENTS:

Public participation will form an integral part of the development of the ToR and the subsequent individual environmental assessment study. In the ToR phase, a public liaison committee (PLC) comprised of representatives from various groups within the study area will be established to ensure that the concerns of the public are identified, documented and assessed. Several public information centres will be held and advertised in advance to enable the public to meet the project team and give feedback. As well, anyone wishing to comment on or be involved in this Individual Environmental Assessment study should indicate their interest, preferably in writing to:

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# PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTRES

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### THE PROCESS:

The project is being undertaken as an IEA under the Ontario Environmental Assessment Act. As a result of federal funding and potential federal regulatory approvals, the proposed projects will also require an Environmental Assessment under the Canadian Environmental Assessment Act (CEAA). The federal and provincial EA processes will be coordinated, pursuant to the Canada-Ontario Agreement on EA Cooperation.

The first step in this study is the development of the Terms of Reference (ToR) that outlines the framework for conducting the IEA. The Public Information Centres (PICs) will provide the opportunity to review the project to date and discuss the draft TOR prior to them being finalized and provided to the Ministry of the Environment for approval.

Your participation is an important part of the process and we welcome your input. You are invited to attend one of the PICs listed below:

Monday, June 19, 2006  
6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.  
Metro Hall  
55 John Street  
Rooms: 308 and 309  
Toronto, ON M5V 3C6

Wednesday, June 21, 2006  
6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.  
Faith Sanctuary Pentecostal Church  
1901 Jane Street  
Toronto, ON M9N 3T9

Thursday, June 22, 2006  
6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.  
Holiday Inn  
600 Dixon Road  
Toronto, ON M9W 1J1

### COMMENTS:

Comments and information regarding this project are being collected to assist GO Transit in meeting the requirements of the Environmental Assessment Act. This material will be maintained on file for use during the project and may be included in project documentation. Information collected will be used in accordance with the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act. With the exception of personal information, all comments will become part of the public record.

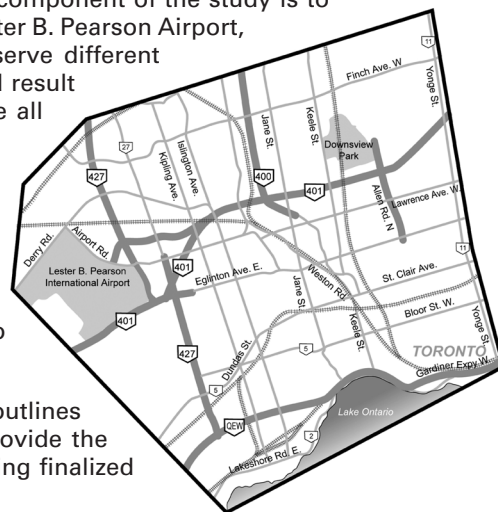
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# NOTICE OF ADDITIONAL PUBLIC MEETING

## AN INDIVIDUAL ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT FOR EXPANSION IN THE GO TRANSIT GEORGETOWN SOUTH RAIL CORRIDOR AND AN AIRPORT TRANSPORTATION LINK BETWEEN LESTER B. PEARSON AIRPORT AND UNION STATION

Public meetings were held on June 19, 21, and 22, 2006, regarding the draft Terms of Reference (ToR) for the Individual Environmental Assessment for expansion in the GO Transit Georgetown South rail corridor and Airport Transportation Link between Lester B. Pearson Airport and Union Station.

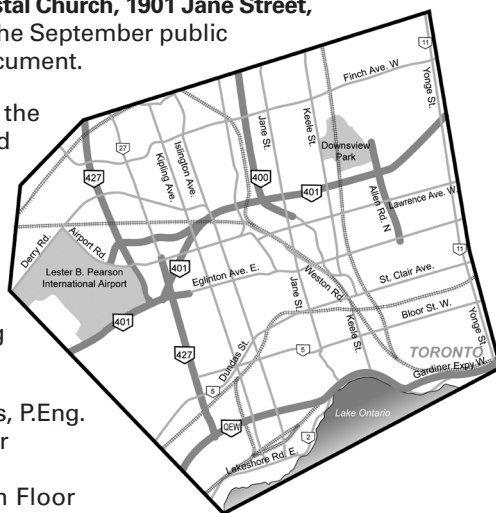
A public meeting to complete the presentation and discussion from the June 21<sup>st</sup> meeting will be held on **Wednesday, September 13, 2006, at the Faith Sanctuary Pentecostal Church, 1901 Jane Street, Toronto, ON M9N 3T9, 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.** Comments from the September public meeting will be considered before completing the final ToR document.

Following this meeting, the project team will submit the ToR to the Ontario Minister of the Environment for approval to proceed with an Environmental Assessment. As part of this process, the Ontario Minister of the Environment will initiate a public and agency review of the document prior to making a decision to provide another opportunity for public input.

Draft documents and further information regarding the study are available at [www.georgetownpearsonstudy.ca](http://www.georgetownpearsonstudy.ca), by calling or writing either:

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# DRAFT TERMS OF REFERENCE ADDITIONAL PUBLIC REVIEW OPPORTUNITY

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Public meetings were held on June 19, 21, and 22, 2006, regarding the draft Terms of Reference (ToR) for the Individual Environmental Assessment for expansion of the GO Transit Georgetown South rail corridor and an Airport Transportation Link between Lester B. Pearson Airport and Union Station.

GO Transit is providing additional time for public review and comment on the draft ToR tabled at these meetings, prior to formal submission to the Ontario Minister of the Environment for a decision on approval to proceed with the study.

The latest draft ToR for the study can be obtained at [www.georgetownpearsonstudy.ca](http://www.georgetownpearsonstudy.ca) or requested by telephone or in writing by contacting the undersigned.

The deadline for public comments on the draft ToR has been extended to August 11, 2006.

An additional public meeting, to complete the presentation and discussion from the June 21st public meeting, will be held on **Wednesday, September 13, 2006, at the Faith Sanctuary Pentecostal Church, 1901 Jane Street, Toronto, ON M9N 3T9, starting at 6:30 p.m.** Any additional comments arising from the September public meeting will also be considered before we complete our final ToR document.

Following this meeting, the project team will finalize the ToR and submit it to the Ontario Minister of the Environment for approval to proceed with the Environmental Assessment. As part of the approval process, the Ontario Minister of the Environment will initiate a public and agency review of the document prior to making a decision. This will provide another opportunity for public input on the ToR.

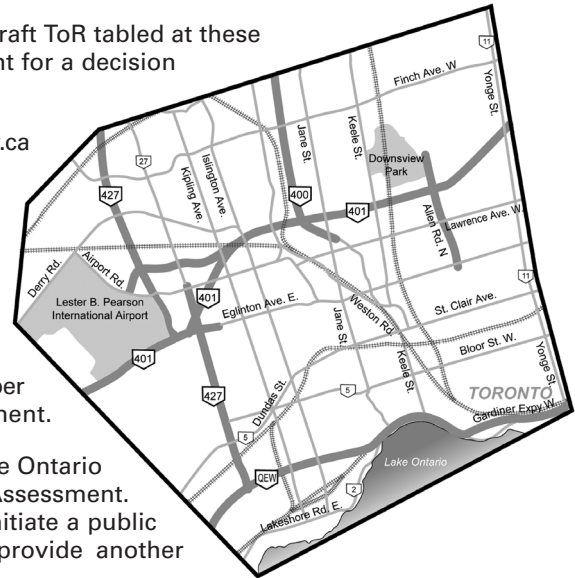
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# Individual Environmental Assessment for expansion in the GO Transit Georgetown South Rail Corridor and an Express Transportation Link between Lester B. Pearson Airport and Union Station

## GO TRANSIT RAIL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM



### THE STUDY

GO Transit has initiated an Individual Environmental Assessment (IEA) to examine alternatives for expansion in the Georgetown South rail corridor and an Express Transportation Link including the proposed Air Rail Link (ARL) between Lester B. Pearson Airport and Union Station under the Ontario Environmental Assessment Act.

This IEA study has two components:

- To examine possible improvements in the Georgetown South rail corridor to accommodate increasing demands for GO Transit service to the communities along the corridor between Halton and Peel regions and the City of Toronto. GO Transit is the proponent for this component.

- To examine alternatives for an express transportation link between Union Station and Lester B. Pearson Airport, both within and outside of the Georgetown South rail corridor, including the proposed Air Rail Link service. The co-proponents are GO Transit and the Union Pearson AirLink Group (UPAG).

Although the two project components serve different objectives, they are being planned together because the recommended alternative(s) could result in GO Transit, CN, VIA Rail and the selected express transportation initiative all operating within a shared corridor. As part of the expansion of the Georgetown South rail corridor, the IEA study must also take into consideration the future needs of all the potential corridor users including CN, VIA Rail, the selected express transportation initiative and GO Transit.

### ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT PROCESS

This study will be undertaken as an Individual Environmental Assessment (IEA) under the Ontario Environmental Assessment Act. The purpose of an IEA is to provide a process to evaluate a reasonable range of alternatives to an existing problem or opportunity and to allow for informed and environmentally responsible decision making to occur.

The IEA considers potential environmental effects, mitigation measures and the public interest to determine a preferred alternative. The IEA provides for an accountable, logical and reproducible process of decision-making. It requires an open and systematic approach to find a preferred solution by examining a range of alternatives that can reasonably address identified problems and opportunities. Extensive public and agency consultation throughout the study is integral to the Environmental Assessment (EA) process.

The first step in the EA process is the development of a Terms of Reference (ToR) that outlines the framework for conducting the IEA including:

- A description of the purpose of the undertaking (that is, the problems and opportunities to be addressed);
- The range and types of alternatives to be considered;
- The process to be followed to select a preferred alternative;
- A description of the proposed study area and the existing environment; and
- The proposed public consultation process.

A draft ToR will be prepared by the Project Team and reviewed through consultation with the public and stakeholder agencies.

A proposed ToR will then be submitted to the Ontario Minister of the Environment (MOE) for approval. Prior to a decision by the Minister, MOE will undertake a public and stakeholder agency review of the proposed ToR.

If the Terms of Reference are approved, the EA process will continue in accordance with the framework identified in the ToR. The environmental assessment study will include: identification of issues and opportunities; development and evaluation of alternatives; selection of a preferred alternative; detailing of potential impacts and proposed mitigative measures; and, preparation of an individual environmental assessment report documenting the process. Following a comprehensive public and agency review of the report, the EA process concludes with a formal decision on the project by the Ontario Minister of the Environment.

As a result of federal funding and potential federal regulatory approvals, the proposed projects will also require an environmental assessment under the Canadian Environmental Assessment Act (CEAA). Consequently, the federal and provincial EA processes will be coordinated, pursuant to the Canada-Ontario Agreement on EA Cooperation.

### PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

In this initial stage of the study, the Project Team will focus on preparing a draft ToR. Public consultation is a required element during the preparation of the ToR. Over the next few months, the Project Team will consult with the communities and stakeholders in the study area. In addition, a Public Liaison Committee (PLC) will be formed to incorporate the vital input of residents, businesses and other stakeholders into the study. The PLC will be involved throughout the study and will include representatives drawn from community associations, neighbourhoods,

businesses and tourism groups. The purpose of the PLC is to:

- Promote dialogue and share information — including input on and the joint exploration of key issues, concerns, challenges and opportunities;
- Serve as a 'sounding board' — reviewing and commenting on project process, materials and reports; and,
- Act as a project liaison with the communities for the purpose of information dissemination and perspective sharing.

The draft Terms of Reference will be made available for public review prior to a series of Public Information Centres (PIC's) tentatively scheduled for Summer 2006. The dates and locations of the PIC's will be advertised once the details are finalized.

During the subsequent environmental assessment stage of the study public and agency consultation will continue as well as the involvement of the PLC. Up to four rounds of Public Information Centres are anticipated in this phase of the study to:

- Present alternatives to the undertaking;
- Present the preferred alternative;
- Present the preferred design; and,
- Present the preliminary design of the selected alternative.

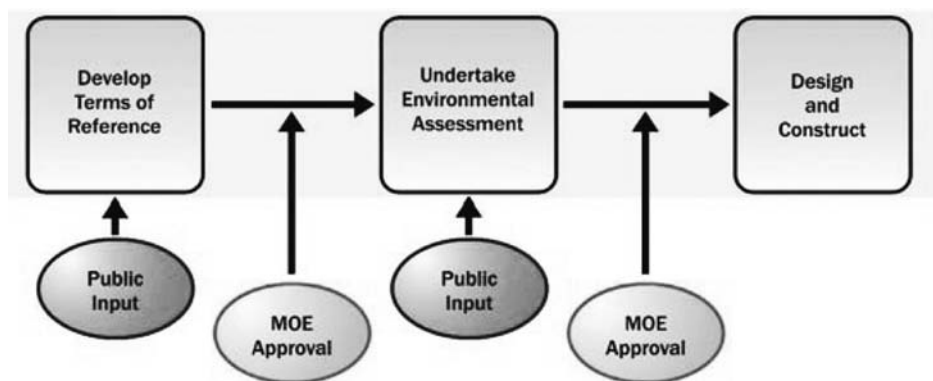
It is anticipated that the study will be completed late 2007.



### PRELIMINARY STUDY AREA



### EA PROCESS



To provide input at anytime during the study, you can do the following:

- Visit the project website [www.georgetownpearsonstudy.ca](http://www.georgetownpearsonstudy.ca) and use the online option to provide comments and thoughts; or
- Address correspondence to the study Project Team members listed below:

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