

NOTICE OF COMPLETION OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECT REPORT

OSHAWA TO BOWMANVILLE GO TRAIN SERVICE EXPANSION AND MAINTENANCE FACILITY TOWN OF WHITBY, CITY OF OSHAWA, AND MUNICIPALITY OF CLARINGTON

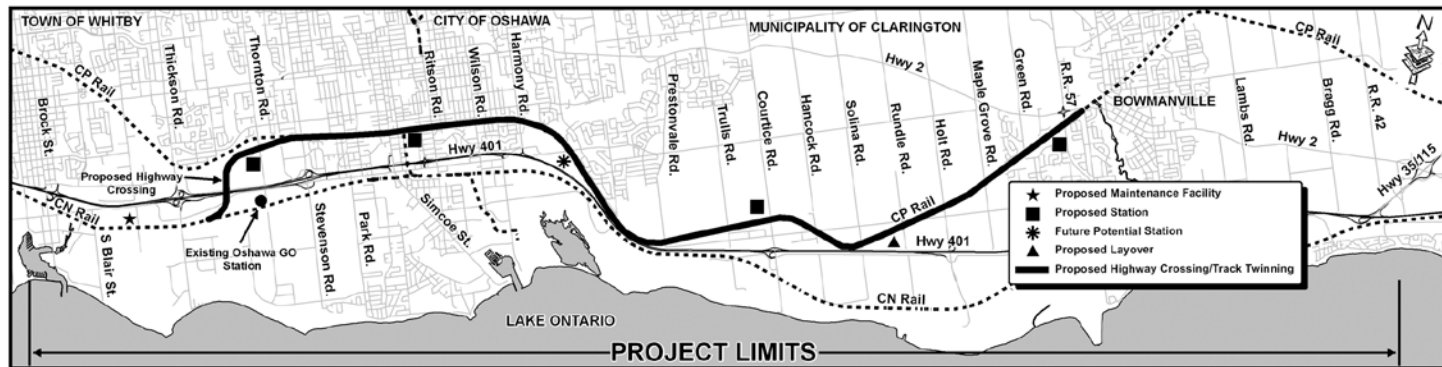
THE STUDY

Metrolinx, an agency of the Province of Ontario, is helping transform the way the region moves by championing and delivering mobility solutions for the Greater Toronto and Hamilton Area (GTHA). As we invest in the future and build stronger transit infrastructure to meet the growing needs of the region, a number of projects are underway, including many involving our GO Transit division. GO service continues to be expanded and improved to provide more travel choices for travel across the GTHA, meet increasing customer demand, and attract more transit users in the future.

An Environmental Assessment and Preliminary Design Study has been completed in accordance with Ontario's Transit Project Assessment Process for the expansion of GO Train service from Oshawa to Bowmanville and the construction of a new rail maintenance facility in Whitby. The study reviewed potential sites for new stations and train facilities, options for connecting the CN railway corridor with the CP railway corridor, and also identified potential improvements to the existing rail line.

The study is an essential step in the broader process of evaluating this transit infrastructure proposal's feasibility and merit. Decisions as to the project's potential implementation will be informed, in part, by its findings. As such, funding has not yet been identified for constructing this project.

The study area extends from 500 metres west of Brock Street in Whitby to 500 metres east of Darlington-Clarke Townline Road (Regional Road 42) in Clarington.



THE PROCESS

The environmental impact of this transit project was assessed and an Environmental Project Report (EPR) prepared according to the transit project assessment process as prescribed in Ontario Regulation 231/08, Transit Projects and Greater Toronto Transportation Authority Undertakings.

The EPR will be filed on public record for a 30-day public review period from **January 28 to February 28, 2011** at the following locations:

<p>Municipality of Clarington Clerk's Office 40 Temperance Street Bowmanville, ON L1C 3A6 Monday - Friday: 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.</p>	<p>Oshawa Public Library McLaughlin Branch 65 Bagot Street Oshawa, ON L1H 1N2 Monday - Thursday: 10 a.m. - 8 p.m. Friday - Sunday: 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.</p>	<p>Region of Durham Clerk's Department 605 Rossland Road East Whitby, ON L1N 6A3 Monday - Friday: 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.</p>	
<p>Clarington Public Library Bowmanville Branch 163 Church Street Bowmanville, ON L1C 1T7 Monday - Friday: 10 a.m. - 9 p.m. Saturday: 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Sunday: 12 p.m. - 5 p.m.</p>	<p>Town of Whitby Clerk's Services 575 Rossland Road East Whitby, ON L1N 2M8 Monday - Friday: 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.</p>	<p>Ministry of the Environment Central Region 5775 Yonge Street, 8th Floor North York, ON M2M 4J1 Monday - Friday: 8:15 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.</p>	<p>GO Transit 20 Bay Street, Suite 600 Toronto, ON M5J 2W3 Monday - Friday: 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.</p>
<p>City of Oshawa Clerk's Services 50 Centre Street South 5th Floor, Rundle Tower City Hall Oshawa, ON L1H 3Z7 Monday - Friday: 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.</p>	<p>Whitby Public Library Central Library 405 Dundas Street West Whitby, ON L1N 6A1 Monday - Friday: 9:30 a.m. - 9 p.m. Saturday: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Sunday: 1 p.m. - 5 p.m.</p>	<p>Ministry of the Environment Environmental Assessment and Approvals Branch 2 St. Clair Avenue West, Floor 12A Toronto, ON M4V 1L5 Monday - Friday: 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.</p>	

A copy of the EPR will be available for download at www.gotransit.com under Expansion Projects starting February 1, 2011.

Interested persons are encouraged to review this document and provide comments by **February 28, 2011**. Comments and concerns may be directed to the contacts listed below:

<p>Mr. Andreas Grammenz EA Project Leader GO Transit 20 Bay Street, Suite 600 Toronto, ON M5J 2W3 Tel: 416-869-3600 ext. 5524 E-mail: Andreas.Grammenz@gotransit.com</p>	<p>Mr. Alan D. Macdougall Senior Railway Project Manager AECOM Canada Limited 5080 Commerce Boulevard Mississauga, ON L4W 4P2 Tel: 905-238-0007 Fax: 905-238-0038 E-mail: Alan.Macdougall@aecom.com</p>
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There are circumstances where the Ministry of the Environment has the authority to require further consideration of the transit project, or impose conditions on it. These include if the Minister is of the opinion that:

- the transit project may have a negative impact on a matter of provincial importance that relates to the natural environment or has cultural heritage value or interest; or
- the transit project may have a negative impact on a constitutionally protected Aboriginal or treaty right.

Before exercising the authority referred to above, the Minister is required to consider any written objections to the transit project that he or she may receive within 30 days after the Notice of Completion is first published.

If you have discussed your issues with GO Transit and you object to the project, you can provide a written submission to the Minister of the Environment with a copy to GO Transit no later than **February 28, 2011** to the address provided below. All submissions must clearly indicate that an objection is being submitted and describe any negative impacts to matters of provincial importance (natural/cultural environment) or Aboriginal rights.

Environmental Assessment and Approvals Branch
Ministry of the Environment
2 St. Clair Avenue West, Floor 12A
Toronto, ON M4V 1L5
Attn: Laura Games, Project Officer
Tel: 416-314-8001 Toll-free: 1-800-461-6290
Fax: 416-314-8452
E-mail: eaabgen.moe@ontario.ca

If not already provided, a copy of the objection will be forwarded to GO Transit by the Ministry.

Under the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* and the *Environmental Assessment Act*, unless otherwise stated in the submission, any personal information such as the name, address, telephone number, and property location included in the submission will become part of the public record files for this matter and will be released, if requested, to any person.

Pour plus de renseignements, veuillez composer le (416) 869-3200 ou le 1 888 GET ON GO (438-6646).

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