

PROJECT UPDATE

NIAGARA RAIL SERVICE EXPANSION NIAGARA PENINSULA

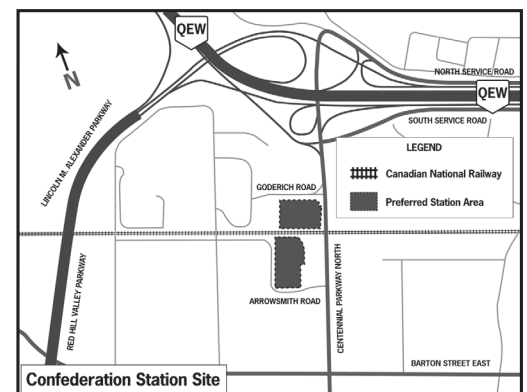
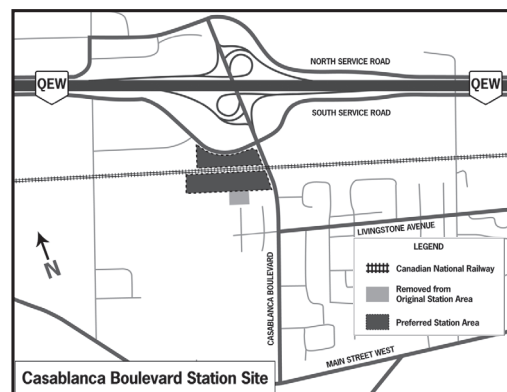
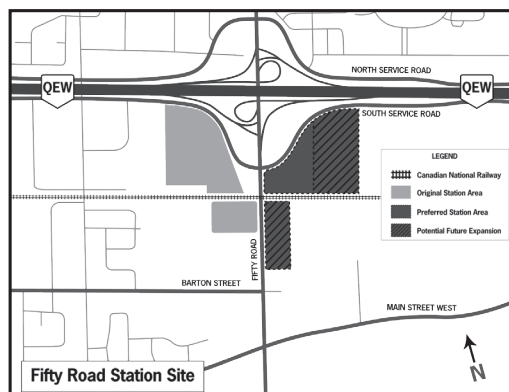
Metrolinx, an agency of the Province of Ontario, is helping transform the way the region moves by championing and delivering mobility solutions for the Greater Toronto and Hamilton Area (GTHA). As we invest in the future and build stronger transit infrastructure to meet the growing needs of the region,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

THE STUDY

The Preliminary Design Study and Class Environmental Assessment to expand rail service to the Niagara Peninsula is almost complete. The study reviews potential sites for the construction of new rail stations and layover facilities, and also identifies potential improvements to the existing rail line within the corridor.

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Based upon comments received at the last series of Public Information Centres (PICs) that were held in May, three potential preferred station sites have been revised. Affected locations include the Fifty Road station in Hamilton and the Casablanca station in Grimsby. As well, the proposed station on Fruitland Road in Hamilton has now been replaced by a new potential preferred station on Centennial Parkway in East Hamilton to be called Confederation station. More information about these proposed changes and site drawings are available at gotransit.com under Expansion Projects.



THE PROCESS

The project is following the planning process for a Group 'B' project as outlined in the GO Transit - Class Environmental Assessment (2005) with the opportunity for public involvement throughout. Consultation has been taking place throughout the study with municipalities, external agencies, and through PICs.

The first round of PICs were held early this year to present all of the potential expansion options, including routing and proposed station and train layover facility locations, and to receive public feedback. The second round of PICs were held in May and presented the preferred potential expansion options based on the public and agency input gathered from PIC #1.

An Environmental Study Report documenting the preliminary design work, anticipated environmental effects of the project, and commitments to mitigation measures will be filed for public and agency review at the completion of the study. Notices of viewing locations will be published at that time.

COMMENTS

You are invited to comment on the revised station sites by **Friday, January 7, 2011**. Any groups or individuals wishing to comment on or be involved in the Environmental Study, or wish to be added to the study's master mailing list must indicate their interest, preferably in writing, to:

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Comments and information regarding this study are being collected to assist in meeting the requirements of the *Environmental Assessment Act*. The material will be maintained on file for use during the study and may be included in study 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. The legal authority for this collection is the *Metrolinx Act, 2006*.

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