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Dear Neighbour:

## **Construction Activity Update: Union Station Rail Corridor 2011 Switch Replacement Program Update**

GO Transit is committed to updating our neighbours along the Union Station Rail Corridor (USRC) and are writing to provide you with information regarding some changes to some scheduled construction in the corridor.

GO Transit has a multi-year program to replace over 100 track switches in the USRC, which extends from Strachan Avenue to the Don River. This program is now about 80% complete, and the remaining work will be carried out during 2011 and 2012.

Replacing a switch is a complex operation which takes an entire weekend and requires the shutdown of up to half of the tracks at Union Station. This work can only be carried out on weekends, when there is less train traffic. We do as much as possible to minimize the effects of the construction on our neighbours. The new switches are pre-assembled off-site to reduce the amount of weekend work. However, removal of the existing track, excavation, soil removal and new track installation will create some noise from trucks, moving of materials and equipment.

**Due to some recently rescheduled corridor work east of Yonge Street the remainder of the switch replacement schedule has been adjusted. The work will be done between the hours of 7 p.m. on Friday nights and 5 a.m. on Monday mornings. Please note that these dates are subject to change. Should adjustments to the schedule become necessary we will advise our neighbours of these changes as quickly as possible.**

**Scott Street Area** (Yonge St. to Jarvis St.): Switch construction is planned to take place the weekend of: July 8-11.

**John Street Area** (Simcoe St. to Spadina Ave.): Switch construction is planned to take place the weekends of: July 15-16, July 29-August 2, August 5-8, August 19-22 and August 26-29.

**Cherry Street Area** (Parliament St. to Don River): Switch construction is planned to take place the weekend of: August 12-15.

We recognize that this work can be disruptive to our neighbours. We apologize for this inconvenience, and we are doing our best to carry out this essential construction, particularly night work, with the least disruption possible.

We invite you to follow our progress at [gotransit.com/unionstation](http://gotransit.com/unionstation).

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at 416-869-3600 ext. 5141

Sincerely,

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