

Notice of Commencement and Public Engagement

Barrie Rail Corridor Expansion Transit Project Assessment Process

Metrolinx, an agency of the Province of Ontario, is working to transform the way the region moves by building a fast, convenient and integrated transit network across the Greater Toronto and Hamilton Area (GTHA) and Simcoe County. Over the next ten years, Metrolinx is transforming the existing GO rail system to deliver a whole new rapid transit experience to your community. Part of this plan is to bring frequent and reliable service to communities along the Barrie rail corridor. With more frequent train service you'll have more options to get you where you need to go.

The Project

Current plans include electrified, all-day, two-way service every 15 minutes to Aurora as well as peak, midday, evening and weekend GO Train service to Allandale Waterfront GO Station. The service increase will be phased in over 10 years while Metrolinx builds additional infrastructure. To support this service increase, Metrolinx is proposing the following:

- Provision of a second track between Lansdowne Avenue in the City of Toronto to Allandale Waterfront GO Station in the City of Barrie;
- Upgrades to existing GO Stations along the corridor: Rutherford, Maple, King City, Aurora, Newmarket, East Gwillimbury, Bradford, Barrie South and Allandale Waterfront;
- Upgrades to existing structures within the corridor including bridges and culverts; and
- A new train layover facility within the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury for overnight storage of trains.

The Process

Metrolinx is assessing the environmental impacts of the Barrie Rail Corridor Expansion (BRCE) Project in accordance with the Transit Project Assessment Process (TPAP) as prescribed in *Ontario Regulation 231/08, Transit Projects and Metrolinx Undertakings* (made under the *Environmental Assessment Act*).

As part of the TPAP, an Environmental Project Report (EPR) is being prepared and will be filed documenting any potential environmental effects and mitigation requirements of the Project. Viewing locations for the agency and public review of the EPR will be published in the Notice of Completion.

All information produced as part of this project is available at metrolinx.com/RERBarrie

Consultation

We thank everyone for their feedback to date. As we formally commence the TPAP, we will continue to get your feedback through an online engagement (details below). We continue to encourage our neighbours, agencies, Indigenous communities and other interested persons to actively participate in the TPAP by visiting metrolinx.com/RERBarrie and contacting staff directly with comments or questions at RERBarrie@metrolinx.com

Metrolinx is hosting an online survey for the BRCE Project to provide you with an opportunity to offer further feedback. Copies of the draft environmental studies and preferred design drawings are available at metrolinx.com/RERBarrie, for review prior to completing the survey.

Online engagement will be open from **Thursday, May 11 to Thursday, June 1, 2017.**

If you have any project-related questions, would like to be added to the Project's mailing list or would like to provide input at any time, please contact:

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Comments and information regarding this project are being collected to assist in meeting the requirements of the *Environmental Assessment Act*. All personal information included in a submission – such as name, address, telephone number and property location – is collected, maintained and disclosed by the Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change (MOECC) for the purpose of transparency and consultation. The information is collected under the authority of the *Environmental Assessment Act* or is collected and maintained for the purpose of creating a record that is available to the general public as described in section 37 of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*. Personal information you submit will become part of a public record that is available to the general public unless you request that your personal information remain confidential. For more information, please contact Georgina Collymore (contact information above) or the MOECC Freedom of Information and Privacy Coordinator at 416-212-8912.

Metrolinx is working to provide residents and businesses in the GTHA with a transportation system that is modern, efficient and integrated. Find out more about Metrolinx's Regional Transportation Plan for the GTHA as well as GO Transit, PRESTO, and Union Pearson Express, divisions of Metrolinx, at www.metrolinx.com.

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