

Notice of Commencement and Public Information Centre #2

GO Expansion: Heritage Road Layover Transit Project Assessment Process

As part of the GO Expansion Program, Metrolinx is building transit service that will improve how residents and customers move throughout the region! GO will offer more service with faster trains, more stations, and seamless connections to a regional rapid transit network to create better, faster, and easier travel within the region and broader Greater Toronto and Hamilton Area.

The Project

Metrolinx is proposing to implement two-way all-day service along the Kitchener Corridor from Union GO Station to Kitchener GO Station. Metrolinx is proposing to construct a new layover, Heritage Road Layover (the Project), between Georgetown GO Station and Mount Pleasant GO Station. The layover will provide additional storage capacity to support the planned service expansion.

As part of this Project, Metrolinx will:

- Review the potential effects of the Project on the existing natural, physical, social, and cultural environments; and
- Present possible mitigation measures to manage the potential effects arising from construction and post-construction operations.

The Project is being undertaken to support service expansion along the Kitchener Corridor from Union GO Station to Kitchener GO Station.

Project Location

The Project Site is on the Canadian National Railway (CN) Halton Subdivision portion of the Kitchener Corridor between Heritage Road and Winston Churchill Boulevard in the City of Brampton, Regional Municipality of Peel.

The Process

The Project is being completed under the Transit Project Assessment Process (TPAP) as prescribed in *Ontario Regulation 231/08 Transit Projects and Metrolinx Undertakings*. The TPAP is a proponent-driven, self-assessment process that provides a defined framework to follow to complete the accelerated assessment of the potential environmental effects and decision-making within a regulated assessment timeline. As part of the TPAP, an Environmental Project Report (EPR) is being prepared and will document any potential environmental effects and mitigation requirements of the Project. Following this period, interested persons will have an opportunity to review the EPR during a 30-day period, followed by a 35-day review period by the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks.

Draft versions of the EPR and associated technical reports are available for review as part of the second Public Information Centre described below.

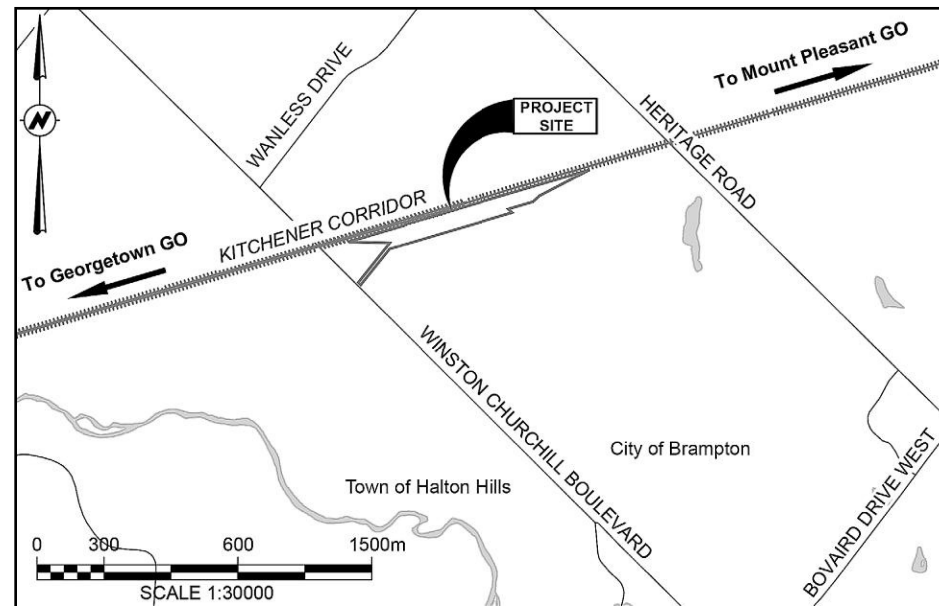
Consultation - Join us at our second Public Information Centre!

Metrolinx hosted a virtual Public Information Centre (PIC) from January 12 to January 26, 2022 as part of the pre-planning phase of the TPAP. The first PIC introduced the Project and provided information regarding GO Expansion and an overview of the TPAP activities. We thank everyone for their feedback.

With this formal commencement of the TPAP, Metrolinx will be hosting another virtual PIC with further information regarding the Project and results of the environmental studies of the area, including archaeology, noise and vibration, air quality, natural environment, traffic and transportation, socio-economic and land use characteristics, and cultural heritage.

Online engagement will be open from **April 6, 2022 to April 20, 2022**.

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To engage and view draft environmental studies, preliminary design drawings, and the PIC materials, please scan the QR code or visit the consultation website: <https://www.metrolinxengage.com/en/content/kitchener-corridor-heritage-road-layover>

We Welcome Your Questions and Comments

We continue to encourage members of the public, agencies, Indigenous Nations, and other interested persons to ask questions and provide feedback. If you have any project-related questions or would like to be added to the Project's mailing list, or would like to provide input please contact us via:

Phone: 416-202-7500 or Email: peel@metrolinx.com

Pour plus de renseignements, veuillez composer le 416 874-5900 ou le 1 888 GET-ON-GO (438-6646).

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, Conservation and Parks 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 s. 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 the Senior Privacy Officer for Metrolinx at 416-202-5941.

