

environmental assessment

GO Train Service Expansion Richmond Hill Line Oriole Junction to Vaudorf

Public Information Centres GO Transit, the interregional public transit service owned and operated by the Province of Ontario, is carrying out an environmental assessment study for the proposed expansion of its Richmond Hill GO Train service as part of the Province's commitment to transportation improvements.

GO proposes incremental improvements to supplement the present limited, rush-hour service. The initial plan would provide seven trains southbound in the morning rush hour and seven trains northbound in the evening rush hour between Vaudorf and Toronto's Union Station; two-way service would also be provided between Vaudorf and Union Station every 90 minutes at off-peak times.

These proposed improvements can be made with no upgrades to the tracks, signals, or right-of-way along the existing rail service corridor, about 18 kilometres long, between Union Station and Oriole Junction (York Mills Road area). This is the first step in a two-phase plan to introduce full-day two-way service, and a second environmental assessment will be necessary for the improvements needed to implement full-day service.

This environmental assessment study's area, as shown on the map, includes the 16 km section of the existing corridor between Oriole Junction and Richmond Hill and a proposed 12 km extension of service northerly to Vaudorf on CN Rail's Bala subdivision line. Major improvements include an additional track, new stations, a train layover facility, and a rail/rail grade separation at Doncaster.

Comments and information on this study are being collected to help GO Transit meet the requirements of Ontario's Environmental Assessment Act. The environmental study process provides for extensive consultation with the public to allow for a full range of input by interested and affected parties. Accordingly, public information centres are being held at key stages in the study to provide an opportunity for the public to review and discuss the project with representatives of the study team. The first information centres, introducing the study and presenting project alternatives, were held in May 1992. Details of the second information centres are provided below. Each centre will be open from 4 to 8 p.m., and all but one are wheelchair-accessible.*

① North Richmond Hill
Tuesday, November 3, 1992
Bond Lake Arena Hall
Lake Avenue
Oak Ridges

② Willowdale
Wednesday, November 4, 1992
North York Public Library
Hillcrest Community Branch
Auditorium
5801 Leslie Street

③ South Richmond Hill
Thursday, November 5, 1992
Town of Richmond Hill
Administrative Office
1st Floor Committee Room
225 East Beaver Creek Road

④ Markham
Tuesday, November 10, 1992
Thornhill Community Centre
North Hall
7755 Bayview Avenue

*Not wheelchair-accessible. Anyone with disabilities unable to attend wheelchair-accessible venues can make alternative arrangements by calling GO Transit's Greg Ashbee at the number below.

If you cannot attend these sessions and want information about this study, or if you wish to submit verbal or written comments at any time, please contact either GO Transit or its consultant for this project:

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