## **Transit Project Assessment Process GO Rail Network Electrification – Public Meetings**

Metrolinx, an agency of the Province of Ontario, is helping to transform the way the region moves by building a seamless, convenient and integrated transit network across the Greater Toronto and Hamilton Area (GTHA).

As part of this project, we are expanding GO Transit to enable 15-minute service on most corridors with electrified trains, which will enable faster and more frequent service. Together, these infrastructure improvements will change how people move around Toronto and the region with four times the current number of GO train trips, service on evenings and weekends, and twice the number of trips during peak periods.

Building on the GO Electrification Study completed in 2010, which looked at the electrification of the GO Transit rail system network, Metrolinx is currently undertaking environmental studies under the Transit Project Assessment Process (TPAP), in accordance with Ontario Regulation 231/08, to examine the conversion of several rail corridors from a diesel to an electric-based system. The project will include design and implementation of a traction power supply system (i.e. traction power substations and high voltage connections to Hydro One's existing grid), as well as power distribution components (i.e. electrical power distribution facilities) located in the vicinity of

The Study Area (see map) includes six GO rail corridors, including potential locations for the electrical power supply and distribution facilities:

- Union Station Rail Corridor
- Lakeshore West Corridor Strachan Avenue to Burlington
- Kitchener Corridor UP Express Spur (at Highway 427)
- Lakeshore East Corridor Don River to Oshawa GO Station
- Barrie Corridor Parkdale Junction to Allandale GO Station
- Stouffville Corridor Scarborough Junction to Lincolnville GO Station



A series of public meetings are being held as part of the TPAP process to provide information about the scope of the project, environmental studies, design and engineering components, preliminary locations for traction power supply/distribution facilities, project timelines and next steps. Interested persons are encouraged to attend:

#### Tuesday, February 16, 2016

Jean Vanier Catholic Secondary School 959 Midland Avenue Scarborough, ON M1K 4G4 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

#### Tuesday, February 23, 2016

Nantyr Shores Secondary School 1146 Anna Maria Avenue Innisfil, ON 19S 4X5 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

### Monday, February 29, 2016

Oakville Trafalgar High School 1460 Devon Road Oakville, ON L6J 3L6 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

#### Thursday, March 3, 2016

Holly Community Centre 171 Mapleton Avenue Barrie, ON L4N 8T6 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

#### Wednesday, March 9, 2016

Lakeshore Collegiate Institute 350 Kipling Avenue Etobicoke, ON M8V 3L1 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

#### Wednesday, February 17, 2016

St. Maximillian Kolbe Catholic High School 278 Wellington Street East Aurora, ON L4G 1J5 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

#### Wednesday, February 24, 2016

Metro Toronto Convention Centre North Building, Room 203 255 Front Street West Toronto, ON M5V 2W6 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

#### Tuesday, March 1, 2016

Holy Name of Mary Catholic Secondary School 115 Glenvale Blvd. Brampton, ON L6S 3J7 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

#### Monday, March 7, 2016

St. Joan of Arc Catholic High School 1 St. Joan of Arc Avenue Maple, ON L6A 1W9 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

#### Thursday, March 10, 2016

Glengrove Public School 1934 Glengrove Road Pickering, ON L1V 1X2 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

#### For additional information about this project, please visit gotransit.com/electrification.

Consultation with the public, review agencies and Aboriginal communities is a key component of the GO Rail Network Electrification Transit Project Assessment Process. Comments and information regarding this study will be collected to assist in meeting the requirements of the Environmental Assessment Act, and may be included in study documentation. With the exception of personal information, all comments will become part of the public record. If you have a comment or question, or to receive additional information related to the project, please contact the project team: electrification@metrolinx.com or via telephone 416-869-3200.

Pour plus de renseignements, veuillez composer le 416-869-3200 ou le 1 888 GET-ON-GO (438-6646).

#### Monday, February 22, 2016

Unionville High School 201 Town Centre Blvd. Unionville, ON L3R 8G5 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

#### Thursday, February 25, 2016

Abilities Centre 55 Gordon Street Whitby, ON L1N 0J2 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

#### Wednesday, March 2, 2016

Stouffville District Secondary School 801 Hoover Park Drive Stouffville, ON L4A OA4 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

#### Tuesday, March 8, 2016

Robert Bateman High School 5151 New Street Burlington, ON L7L 1V3 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

#### Tuesday, March 22, 2016

Nelson Mandela Park Public School 440 Shuter Street Toronto, ON M5A 1X6 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.



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# South Asian event organized by kids

Purbayan's Saraswati Puja is a festival for the children, by the children and of the children.

The third annual festival takes place Saturday at the Ballantrae Community Centre, 5592 Aurora Rd.

They are the only South Asian group in GTA by the name of Purbayan.

The festival worships the Goddess of Learning. It is the one day of the year young Bengalis cannot be pestered by their parents to study, as their books have been deposited with the Goddess herself. Back home, children were able to wear sarees and taste sour berries.

In an attempt to bring some of that tradition to the younger generation, this event is organized by children.

The all-day, event, which begins at 10 a.m., includes Saraswati Pujo, Anjali, Prasad Bitoran and Bhog. It is free and open to everyone.

For more information, go to www.purbayan.ca



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