

Etobicoke-Finch West Light Rail Transit (LRT)

Notice of Commencement of the Transit Project Assessment Process and Open Houses

The City of Toronto and the Toronto Transit Commission (TTC) are holding four Open Houses where you can learn more about this transit project, ask questions and share your comments. Each Open House will be held between 7:00pm to 9:30pm. Details are as follows:

Tuesday, Dec 1	RJ Lang Elementary and MS (cafeteria) – 227 Drewry Avenue
Thursday, Dec 3	Julius Banquet Centre - 2201 Finch Avenue West (at Arrow Rd)
Monday, Dec 7	Charles H Best MS (gym) - 285 Wilmington Avenue
Wednesday, Dec 9	Elmbank JMA - 10 Pittsboro Drive (east of Martingrove)

Background

The City of Toronto and the TTC are planning a new Light Rail Transit (LRT) route to significantly improve transit service on Finch Avenue West between Yonge Street and the Highway 27/Humber College area. Electrically-powered Light Rail Vehicles (LRVs) will travel in reserved lanes providing a smooth, fast and comfortable transit experience. The Etobicoke-Finch West LRT will connect to the Yonge subway line at Finch Station and the future extension of the Spadina Subway line at the planned Keele Station.

The City of Toronto Official Plan outlines initiatives to implement transit priorities throughout the city, intensify growth in rapid transit corridors and reduce car dependency. Transit City will achieve these goals by moving more people to more places by transit. Once implemented, the Transit City LRT lines will support local economic development and reduce greenhouse emissions by allowing people to choose public transit as a convenient alternative to the private automobile. Each line will provide seamless connections with the existing TTC subway system, GO Transit, other Transit City LRT routes and regional public transit networks.

At the upcoming open houses, TTC and the City will present final passenger stop locations and traffic management strategies as well as details related to all environmental aspects of the project including mitigation measures for the preferred design .

Public consultations during the preliminary planning stage were held in July and August 2008. Responses to questions and comments submitted to date are posted in the FAQs section on the project website:

toronto.ca/transitcity
(see: Etob. Finch West LRT)



The Process

The environmental impact of the Etobicoke Finch West LRT will be assessed in accordance with Ontario Regulation 231/08, Transit Projects and Greater Toronto Transportation Authority Undertakings (2008). An Environmental Project Report is being prepared as part of the Transit Project Assessment Process.

Next Steps

Following the open houses, there will be an opportunity to incorporate feedback. A formal public notice of study completion will then be issued. At that time a Environmental Project Report will be made available for a 30 day review period on the project website: toronto.ca/transitcity (see: Etob. Finch West LRT). The notice of completion will include a number of locations to review a hard copy of the report. Please attend an Open House to review the plan and share your comments and questions with project staff.

If you would like to provide comments or obtain more information, please contact:

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