

Notice of Completion of Environmental Project Report



Ashbridges Bay Maintenance and Storage Facility for New Streetcars



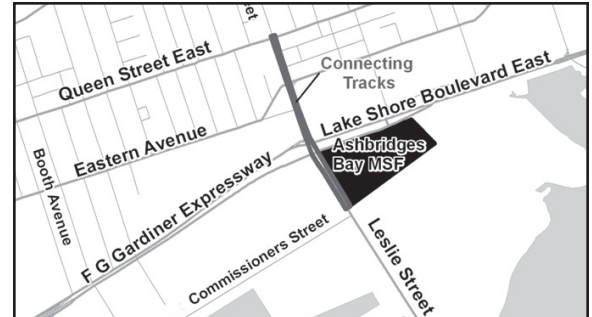
The Project

The City of Toronto and the Toronto Transit Commission have completed an Environmental Project Report in accordance with Ontario Regulation 231/08 for the Ashbridges Bay Maintenance and Storage Facility for New Streetcars and Leslie Street Connecting Tracks Project.

Background

The City of Toronto and the Toronto Transit Commission have ordered 204 new streetcars (Light Rail Vehicles) which will provide significant customer service improvements:

- Low-floor accessibility for people with disabilities, seniors, families with strollers, bicycle storage;
- Almost double the passenger capacity of current streetcars;
- Multiple doors and a proof of payment system to increase the speed of boarding and exiting; and
- Design enhancements to reduce noise and vibration.



A new Maintenance and Storage Facility is required to support the new streetcars which will begin to replace the current fleet in 2013. One hundred of the 204 new streetcars will be stored at the 8.6 hectare Ashbridges Bay site, located at the southeast corner of Lake Shore Boulevard East and Leslie Street. Connection tracks to the Facility will be constructed on Leslie Street from Commissioners Street to Queen Street (0.8 kilometres). Streetcars will access the Facility, operating on these tracks in mixed traffic, in order to preserve access to all Leslie Street properties.

The Process

The environmental impact of this transit project was assessed and an Environmental Project Report prepared according to the Transit Project Assessment Process prescribed in Ontario Regulation 231/08, Transit Projects and Greater Toronto Transportation Authority Undertakings.

The Environmental Project Report for the Ashbridges Bay Maintenance and Storage Facility for New Streetcars and Leslie Street Connecting Tracks Project will be made available for a 30-day review period beginning September 30, 2010 on the project website: www.toronto.ca/involved/projects/lrv and at the following locations:

Locations for 30-day Review Period

City of Toronto
City Clerks Office Toronto City Hall
100 Queen Street West, 10th Floor West Tower
Toronto, ON M5H 2N2
416-392-8032

Toronto Transit Commission
Transit City Department
5160 Yonge Street, 3rd Floor
Toronto, ON M2N 6L9
416-981-1172

Toronto Public Library
Jones Branch
118 Jones Avenue
Toronto, ON M4M 2Z9
416-393-7715

Ministry of the Environment
Central Region Office
5775 Yonge Street, 8th Floor
North York, ON M2M 4J1
416-326-6700

Toronto Public Library
Beaches Branch
2161 Queen Street East
Toronto, ON M4L 1J1
416-393-7703

South Riverdale Community
Health Centre
955 Queen Street East
Toronto, ON M4M 3P3
416-461-1925

Ministry of the Environment
Environmental Assessment & Approvals Branch
2 St. Clair Avenue West,
Floor 12A
Toronto, ON M4V 1L5
416-314-8001/
1-800-461-6290

There are circumstances where the Minister of the Environment has the authority to require further consideration of the transit project, or impose conditions on it. These occur if the Minister is of the opinion that:

- The transit project may have a negative impact on a matter of provincial importance that relates to the natural environment or has cultural heritage value or interest; or
- The transit project may have a negative impact on a constitutionally protected Aboriginal or treaty right.

Before exercising the authority referred to above, the Minister is required to consider any written objections to the transit project that he or she may receive within 30 days after the Notice of Completion of the Environmental Project Report is first published.

Interested persons are encouraged to review the project documents and provide comments by October 30, 2010. Comments and concerns may be directed to the project contacts listed below. If you have unresolved concerns, you have the right to submit an objection to this transit project to the Minister of the Environment no later than October 30, 2010 (**135 St. Clair Avenue West, 12th Floor, Toronto, ON M4V 1P5; Fax: 416-314-7337; E-mail: Minister.moe@ontario.ca Attn: Minister of the Environment**). Although not required, a copy of the objection is requested to be forwarded to the Director and project contacts listed below:

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| Lito Romano Community Liaison Officer Toronto Transit Commission 5160 Yonge Street, 13th Floor Toronto, ON M2N 6L9 | Ashbridges@ttc.ca Fax: 416-338-0251 TTY: 416-397-0831 Phone: 416-397-8699 Web: www.toronto.ca/ involved/projects/lrv | Director Environmental Assessment & Approvals Branch Ministry of the Environment 2 St. Clair Avenue West, Floor 12A Toronto, ON M4V 1L5 | Attn: Lorna Zappone, Project Officer Email: lorna.zappone@ontario.ca Phone: 416-314-7106 or 1-800-461-6290 Fax: 416-314-8452 |
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Under the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act and the Environmental Assessment Act, unless otherwise stated in the submission, any personal information such as name, address, telephone number and property location included in a submission will become part of the public record files for this matter and will be released, if requested, to any person.

Issue Date: September 30, 2010