

NOTICE OF STUDY COMMENCEMENT

STOUFFVILLE RAILWAY CORRIDOR EXPANSION

Metrolinx, an agency of the Province of Ontario, is helping transform the way the region moves by championing and delivering mobility solutions for the Greater Toronto and Hamilton Area (GTHA) through its regional transportation plan, *The Big Move*. Our GO Transit division continues to expand and improve its services to provide more choices for travel across the GTHA, meet increasing customer demand and attract more transit users in the future.

In November 2012 Metrolinx announced that we had selected expansion of GO's Stouffville line as part of the next wave of Big Move projects to be funded by our forthcoming Investment Strategy. We are now moving forward with the necessary steps to prepare this important project for implementation once funding has been identified.

THE STUDY

GO Transit is undertaking a Class Environmental Assessment (EA) and Preliminary Design for the Stouffville railway corridor from just south of Kennedy GO Station in Toronto to Unionville GO Station in Markham. The study will identify the appropriate infrastructure improvements of the corridor needed to improve the quality of service offered to customers and provide new transit options in the eastern GTHA.

THE PROCESS

The project will be carried out as a Group 'B' undertaking as outlined in the GO Transit - *Class Environmental Assessment* (as amended in August, 2005) with the opportunity for public involvement. Consultation will take place during the study with municipalities, review agencies and through public information centres.

An Environmental Study Report (ESR) documenting the preliminary design work, the results of the EA process, anticipated environmental effects of the project and commitments to mitigation measures will be filed for public and agency review at the completion of the study. Notices of viewing locations will be published at that time.

COMMENTS INVITED

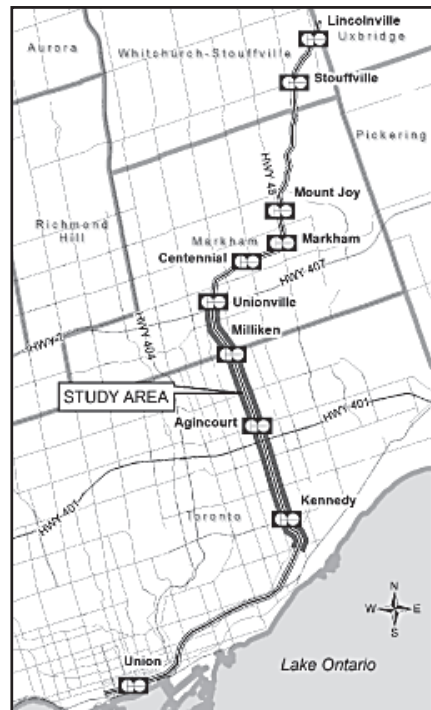
Your participation is an important part of the process and we welcome your input. Any groups or individuals wishing to comment on or be involved in the study or wish to be added to the study's master mailing list, must indicate their interest preferably in writing, to:

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Comments and information regarding this study are being collected to assist in meeting the requirements of the *Environmental Assessment Act*. The material will be maintained on file for use during the study and may be included in study documentation. With the exception of personal information, all comments will become part of the public record.

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

Metrolinx is working to provide residents and businesses in the GTHA with a transportation system that is modern, efficient and integrated. Find out more about *The Big Move*, Metrolinx's Regional Transportation Plan for the GTHA at www.bigmove.ca. Find out more about GO Transit, PRESTO, and Union Pearson Express, divisions of Metrolinx, at www.metrolinx.com.



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