



## Toronto and East York Community Council

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### Ontario Line - Construction Update - Second Quarter 2025

#### City Council Decision

City Council on June 25 and 26, 2025, referred Item TE23.29 to the July 8, 2025, meeting of the Toronto and East York Community Council for consideration.

#### Community Council Recommendations

The Toronto and East York Community Council recommends that:

1. City Council direct the Deputy City Manager, Infrastructure Services, in consultation with the Executive Director, Transit Expansion, the General Manager, Transportation Services and the Chief Executive Officer, Toronto Transit Commission, to ensure that the Strategic Capital Coordination Office assume primary internal responsibility for coordination between City divisions and agencies on interfacing City capital projects to mitigate congestion and ensure efficient coordination of projects related to Ontario Line construction.

2. City Council direct the General Manager, Transportation Services and the Executive Director, Transit Expansion to work with Metrolinx to assess opportunities as part of the implementation of the Truck Haul Route Plan for Exhibition Station, and report back to the July 8, 2025, meeting of the Toronto and East York Community Council with recommendations and details on:

- a. avoiding onward northbound heavy truck traffic on Dufferin Street beyond Queen Street West;
- b. ensuring that future changes are coordinated with the planned implementation of transit priority measures on Dufferin Street and measures in the Congestion Management Plan; and
- c. an expanded map to show the full onward direction of travel for the Haul Route.

3. City Council direct the General Manager, Transportation Services, the Executive Director, Transit Expansion and the Chief Engineer and Executive Director, Engineering and Construction Services to work with Metrolinx to ensure that, prior to any haul route use, Metrolinx completes a detailed structural assessment of the Dufferin Street Bridge over the GO rail corridor, a temporary modular bridge that has exceeded its intended service life, to determine the number of construction trucks, truck loading and overall structural capacity in light of the anticipated use for the Ontario Line construction haulage, and further, that Metrolinx completes any necessary strengthening or interim remedial work identified through the assessment to ensure the bridge remains safe for general traffic and haul route operations until a full replacement or rehabilitation of the bridge can be undertaken.

4. City Council direct the Executive Director, Transit Expansion to request Metrolinx to immediately install an acoustic shelter for the south construction site of the Ontario Line Queen-Spadina Station, to address the significant noise and dust impacts to the surrounding community.

5. City Council direct the Executive Director, Transit Expansion to reiterate City Council's requests to Metrolinx on Community Benefits through Items 2023.TM2.1 and 2024.TE10.40, and furthermore request Metrolinx take the follow actions:

- a. identify concrete actions and opportunities to increase rates of local hiring for the construction of the Ontario Line;
- b. increase transparency and public reporting for Metrolinx's Community Benefits and Supports Program by releasing data that is broken down by project and provided semi-annually; and
- c. establish clear governance for the Toronto Stakeholder Working Group and convene meetings on a quarterly basis.

## **Origin**

(May 20, 2025) Report from the Executive Director, Transit Expansion

## **Summary**

The purpose of this report is to provide updates on the status of construction activities on the Ontario Line project within the boundaries of Toronto and East York Community Council (TEYCC). This report includes updates on:

- Station specific construction issues and status of the four major packages of work Metrolinx has awarded to deliver the Ontario Line (Rolling Stock, Systems, Operations and Maintenance; Southern Civil, Stations and Tunnel; Elevated Guideway and Stations; and Pape Tunnel and Underground Stations).

- A summary of Metrolinx's responses and actions to implement the Subcommittee on Metrolinx's Ontario Line Construction Recommendations.
- A summary of Metrolinx's outreach for residents that require a Pre-condition survey/Building Condition Assessment and the uptake rate for the assessments.
- Other items related to the Ontario Line, including heavy truck safety plans and haul routes, station-naming, business supports and community engagement.

### **Background Information (Community Council)**

(May 20, 2025) Report from the Executive Director, Transit Expansion on Ontario Line

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(<https://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2025/te/bgrd/backgroundfile-255611.pdf>)

Attachment 1 - Ontario Line Second Quarter 2025 Update - Tables and Figures

(<https://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2025/te/bgrd/backgroundfile-255612.pdf>)

Attachment 2 - Update on Subcommittee on Metrolinx's Ontario Line Construction Recommendations - TM2.1

(<https://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2025/te/bgrd/backgroundfile-255613.pdf>)

### **Communications (Community Council)**

(June 4, 2025) Letter from Walied Khogali Ali and Liz Driver, Co-Chairs, Building Ontario Line Differently Community Coalition (TE.New)

(<https://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2025/te/comm/communicationfile-191011.pdf>)

(June 5, 2025) Letter from Rosemarie Powell, Executive Director, Toronto Community Benefits Network (TE.New)

(<https://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2025/te/comm/communicationfile-192376.pdf>)

(June 4, 2025) Letter from David Anderson, Moss Park Coalition (TE.New)

(<https://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2025/te/comm/communicationfile-191023.pdf>)

### **Communications (City Council)**

(June 25, 2025) E-mail from Nicole Corrado (CC.New)

### **Speakers**

Walied Khogali Ali, Co-Chair, Build Ontario Line Differently Coalition