

Metrolinx East Harbour Transit Hub – Temporary Closure of Sunlight Park Road

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To: Toronto and East York Community Council

From: Interim Deputy General Manager, Transportation Services

Wards: Ward 14 - Toronto-Danforth

SUMMARY

This staff report is about a matter that Community Council has delegated authority from City Council to make a final decision.

Metrolinx is constructing the East Harbour Transit Hub (EHTH), a major regional transit interchange station to be located within the Lakeshore East rail corridor, immediately east of the Don Valley Parkway and south of Eastern Avenue. To facilitate construction of the EHTH, Community Council approval is required for the temporary closure of:

- Sunlight Park Road, between Broadview Avenue and Eastern Avenue;
- The south sidewalk on Sunlight Park Road, between Broadview Avenue and Eastern Avenue; and
- The east sidewalk on Broadview Avenue, between Eastern Avenue and Sunlight Park Road.

The proposed temporary road and sidewalk closures are required to accommodate construction staging and laydown activities associated with the EHTH project and are requested from August 1, 2026 to June 30, 2029, inclusive.

Transportation Services staff have reviewed the request and are satisfied that the proposed temporary closures are necessary to support construction of the EHTH and can be accommodated while maintaining pedestrian connectivity, emergency access, and the safe operation of the surrounding road network.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Interim Deputy General Manager, Transportation Services recommends that:

1. Toronto and East York Community Council approve the temporary closure of the eastbound lanes to vehicular traffic on Sunlight Park Road, between Broadview Avenue

and Eastern Avenue, from August 1, 2026 to June 30, 2029, inclusive, to facilitate construction of the East Harbour Transit Hub.

2. Toronto and East York Community Council approve the temporary closure of the south sidewalk to pedestrian traffic on Sunlight Park Road, between Broadview Avenue and Eastern Avenue, from August 1, 2026 to June 30, 2029, inclusive, to facilitate construction of the East Harbour Transit Hub.

3. Toronto and East York Community Council approve the temporary closure of the east sidewalk to pedestrian traffic on Broadview Avenue, between Eastern Avenue and Sunlight Park Road, from August 1, 2026 to June 30, 2029, inclusive, to facilitate construction of the East Harbour Transit Hub.

4. Toronto and East York Community Council direct the General Manager, Transportation Services, to include the following as a condition of permits for the long-term road and sidewalk closures detailed in Parts 1 to 3 above:

- a. pressure wash the construction site and adjacent sidewalks and roadways weekly or frequently as required, to remove construction debris and maintain safe conditions for all road users;
- b. install appropriate signage to ensure safety of pedestrians, cyclists, and motorists at all times;
- c. provide a sufficient number of traffic control persons as determined by the Work Zone Traffic Coordinator to control construction vehicle access and egress to and from the site and maintain a safe environment for the public;
- d. Sunlight Park Road and adjacent impacted sidewalks be reopened and restored to their pre-construction condition or better, upon completion of the East Harbour Transit Hub construction works; and
- e. post a 24-hour monitored construction hotline number on the construction hoarding, prominently displayed and legible from a minimum of 20 metres on all elevations facing the public realm.

5. Toronto and East York Community Council authorize the General Manager, Transportation Services, in issuing any requisite permit to include additional permit terms and conditions as the General Manager, Transportation Services deems necessary and appropriate.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

There is no direct financial impact to the City of Toronto associated with the recommendations in this report. All costs associated with the recommendations in this report will be funded by Metrolinx as part of the East Harbour Transit Hub project.

DECISION HISTORY

City Council at its meeting of November 13 and 14, 2024, delegated authority to the General Manager, Transportation Services, to temporarily close highways or portions of highways for periods of up to 365 consecutive days, until December 31, 2031, in support of Metrolinx GO and Smart Track projects.

<https://secure.toronto.ca/council/agenda-item.do?item=2024.EX18.8>

COMMENTS

East Harbour Transit Hub

The East Harbour Transit Hub (EHTH) is a major regional transit interchange station currently under construction by Metrolinx within the Lakeshore East rail corridor, immediately east of the Don Valley Parkway and south of Eastern Avenue. The station will connect GO Transit's Lakeshore East and Stouffville rail corridors with the future Ontario Line, TTC surface transit services, and active transportation facilities, significantly improving regional and local connectivity within Toronto's eastern waterfront. Figure 1 shows the regional transit connectivity plan at the EHTH and Figure 2 shows the proposed station configuration and site context.

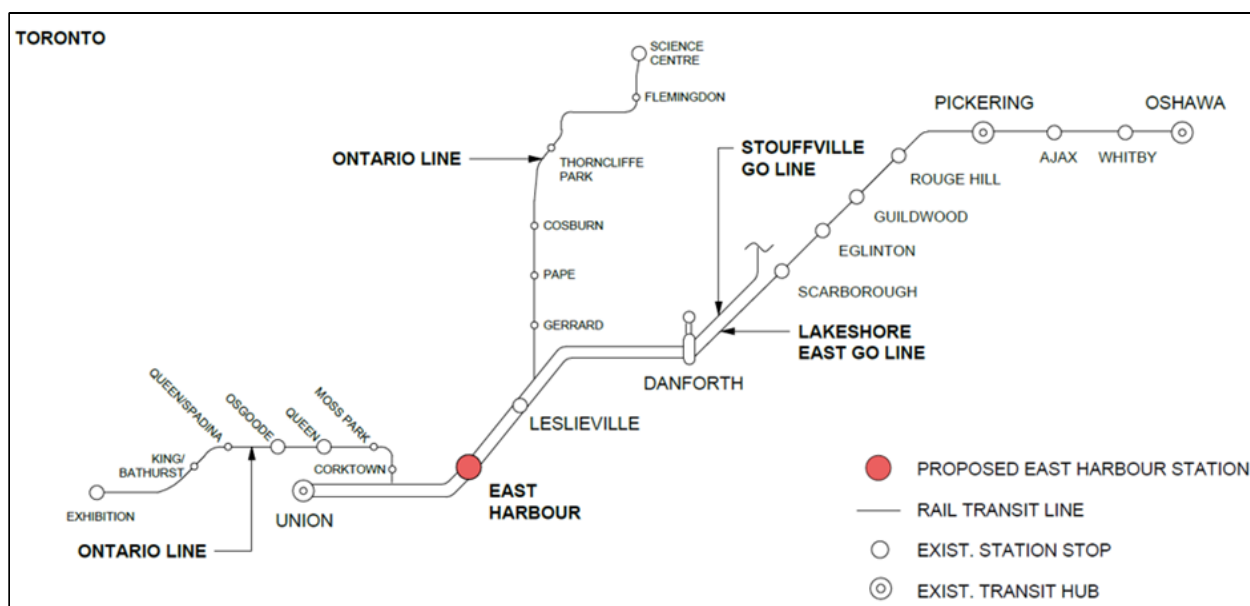


Figure 1 – East Harbour Transit Hub – Regional Connectivity Map

Source: Metrolinx

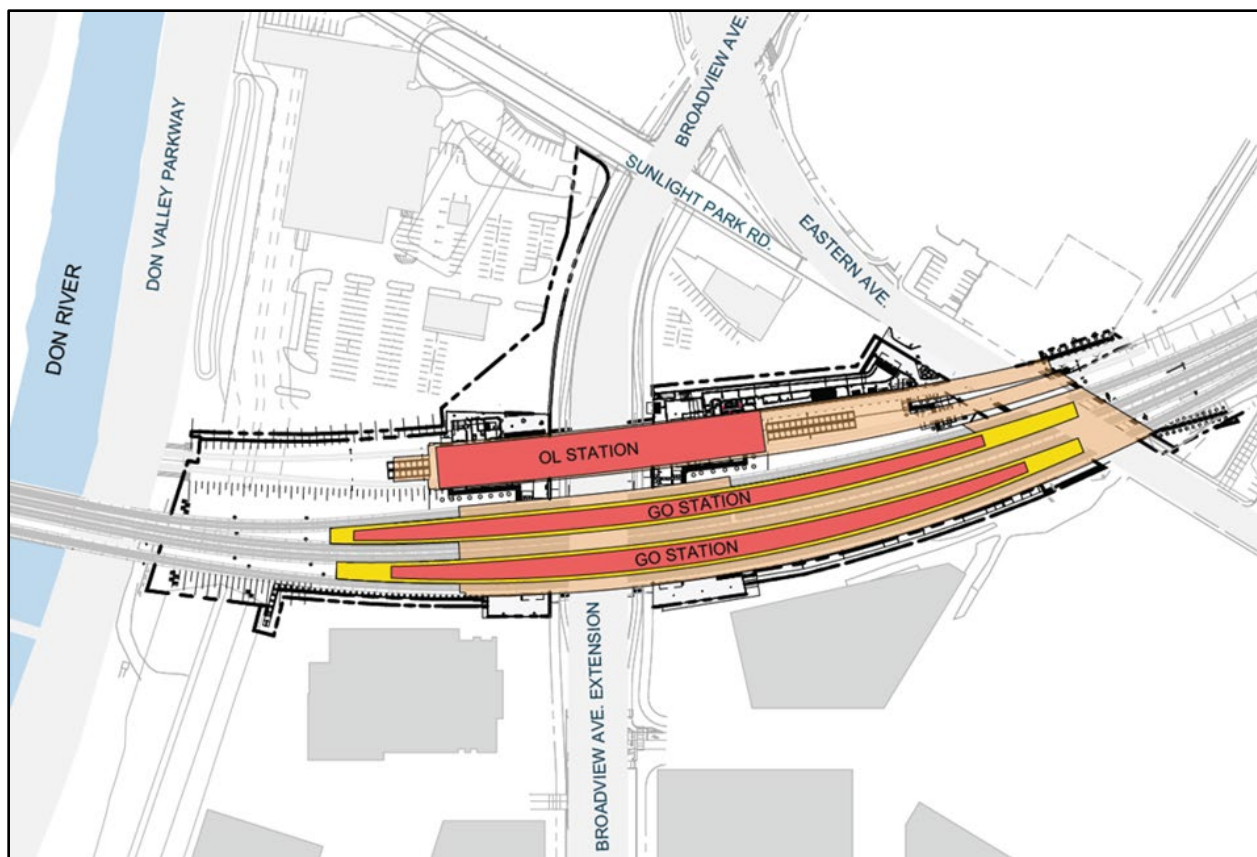


Figure 2 – Proposed Station Configuration and Site Context

Source: Metrolinx

Sunlight Park Road Existing Conditions

Sunlight Park Road, between Broadview Avenue and Eastern Avenue operates as a one-way eastbound local roadway with a posted speed limit of 30 km/h. A sidewalk is provided on the south side of the roadway. There are no cycling facilities on Sunlight Park Road. Figure 3 shows the existing road network.



Figure 3 – Existing Road Network

Source: TOInview

Proposed Sunlight Park Road Temporary Closure

Metrolinx has advised that construction of the EHTH requires substantial construction staging, material laydown, equipment storage and construction access areas that cannot be accommodated entirely within the available station construction footprint.

Metrolinx has further advised that the property municipally known as 341 Eastern Avenue has been acquired and incorporated into the overall construction site. Despite this additional property, occupation of Sunlight Park Road between Broadview Avenue and Eastern Avenue remains necessary to facilitate construction of the station.

Subject to Council approval, the following temporary road closures are required to accommodate construction staging and laydown activities for the EHTH project:

- Temporary closure of Sunlight Park Road, between Broadview Avenue and Eastern Avenue;
- Temporary closure of the south sidewalk on Sunlight Park Road, between Broadview Avenue and Eastern Avenue; and
- Temporary closure of the east sidewalk on Broadview Avenue between Sunlight Park Road and Eastern Avenue.

Figure 4 shows the proposed road occupation limits.

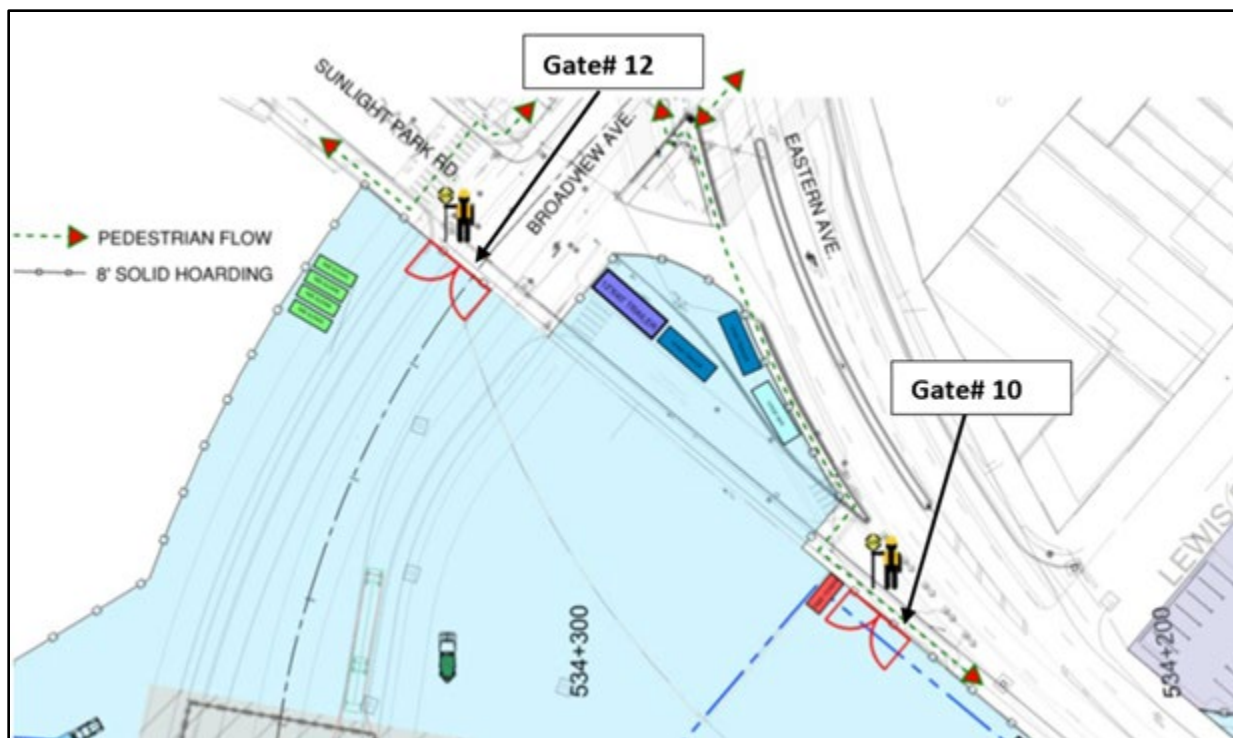


Figure 4 – Proposed Construction Staging Area and Limits of Road Occupation

Source: Metrolinx

Transportation Impacts

The proposed temporary closure of Sunlight Park Road will have limited impacts on the surrounding transportation network. The affected section of the roadway functions primarily as a local access street for adjacent commercial properties and does not accommodate significant through traffic volumes. Alternative access routes through Broadview Avenue and Eastern Avenue will remain available.

Pedestrian connectivity in the area will be maintained throughout construction. Sidewalks on both sides of Eastern Avenue, the west sidewalk on Broadview Avenue, and both sidewalks on Sunlight Park Road west of Broadview Avenue will remain available to pedestrians.

The closed portion of the south sidewalk on Sunlight Park Road, between Broadview Avenue and Eastern Avenue, does not provide access to any active properties, as the property at 341 Eastern Avenue has been acquired by Metrolinx and incorporated into the EHTH construction site. Accordingly, the proposed sidewalk closure is not expected to result in significant impacts to pedestrian accessibility within the area.

Appropriate wayfinding signage and temporary pedestrian accommodations will be implemented as required to guide pedestrians safely through the work zone. The construction staging area will be secured with continuous fencing to separate construction activities from adjacent public spaces. Traffic control personnel will be deployed at construction access points to facilitate safe interactions between vehicles and other road users.

Emergency vehicle access to the surrounding road network and adjacent properties will be maintained at all times throughout the duration of the closures. Metrolinx will be required to coordinate construction activities with emergency service providers.

Transportation Services staff have reviewed the proposed traffic management measures and are satisfied that the impacts associated with the temporary closure can be appropriately managed throughout the construction period.

Construction Vehicle Access and Island Modifications

Construction vehicles will enter and exit the site through designated construction gates located on Eastern Avenue and Sunlight Park Road. Metrolinx has advised that the existing geometry of the Broadview Avenue and Eastern Avenue intersection does not provide sufficient turning radius to accommodate anticipated truck movements turning from Broadview Avenue northbound to Eastern Avenue eastbound.

To facilitate these movements, a portion of the triangular traffic island located between Sunlight Park Road and Eastern Avenue will be modified. Metrolinx has advised that the island area will ultimately be reconstructed as part of the future Broadview Avenue Extension project.

Figure 5 shows the truck turning movements through the modified island.

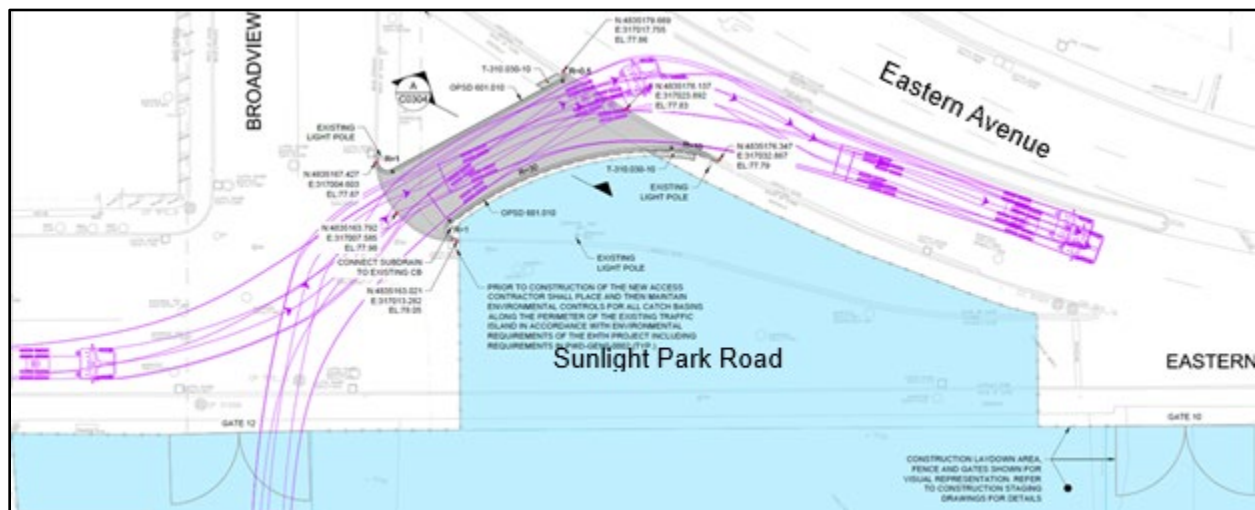


Figure 5 – Truck Turning Movements through Modified Island

Source: Metrolinx

Additionally, Metrolinx has confirmed that all existing utility infrastructure located within the closed portion of Sunlight Park Road and the adjacent traffic island will be protected and maintained throughout construction.

Transportation Services staff recommend approval of the temporary closure of the eastbound travel lanes and south sidewalk on Sunlight Park Road, between Broadview Avenue and Eastern Avenue and the east sidewalk on Broadview Avenue, between Eastern Avenue and Sunlight Park Road, from August 1, 2026 to June 30, 2029, inclusive.

The Ward Councillor has been advised of the recommendations in this report.

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