

10 Commitments to Future Work

Introduction

- 10.1 This chapter of the ESR outlines the various commitments to future work related to the yongeTOMorrow EA Study and identifies the process for filing, review and amendment of the ESR.

Commitments to Future Consultation on Operational Strategy

- 10.2 As a result of the considerations outlined in earlier chapters, the operational aspects of the Preferred Design Concept are excluded from this Environmental Assessment. Operations will continue to be consulted upon during the next stage of design and brought forward to the appropriate committee of the Council and Toronto City Council for consideration at a future date prior to construction.
- 10.3 During the detailed design phase, the following operational elements will continue to be considered and refined:
- Location and timing of pedestrian priority areas, if any
 - Turn movements/restrictions, one-way/two-way driving access, and signal timings
 - Locations of accessible pick-up/drop off, loading, and stopping/standing areas
 - Cafes, vending, street events and public realm activations
 - TTC Bus Operations (Night bus and Subway shuttles)
 - Maintenance and winter operations
 - Approaches to post-implementation monitoring, education and enforcement
- 10.4 Future consultation on the operational strategy will take place in tandem with detailed design and following the approval of the ESR.

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- 10.5 Various commitments to future work have been made and are documented in this Environmental Study Report, covering: Permits and Approvals, Detailed Design & Construction Timing, and the Environmental Study Report Filing, Review and Amendment Process.

Environmental Study Report Filing, Review and Amendment Process

- 10.6 The ESR will be submitted to the MECP for a 30-day Public Review period after filing the Notice of Study Completion.
- 10.7 In the event that an amendment is required to EA due to unforeseen circumstances that arise during the detailed design stage, such as changes in the environmental conditions, development of new design standards or technologies or mitigation measures or the identification of previously unknown concerns. Subsequent to the filing of the ESR, any modification to the project or change in the environmental setting for the project shall be reviewed. Should the change be considered significant, it shall be documented as an addendum to the ESR detailing the circumstances necessitating the change, the environmental implications of the change, and the mitigating measures. The addendum shall be filed with the ESR and the Notice of Filing of Addendum shall be given immediately to all potentially affected members of the public and review agencies as well as those who were notified in the preparation of the original ESR. The ESR addendum will be placed on the public record with the City of Toronto for a 30-day review period.

10.8 During the review period, if there are outstanding concerns or comments they can be provided directly to the City of Toronto. In addition, a request may be made to the MECP for an order requiring a higher level of study or that conditions be imposed, only on the grounds that the requested order may prevent, mitigate or remedy adverse impacts on constitutionally protected Aboriginal and treaty rights. This request is referred to as a formal s.16 order.

10.9 Once the public review period has expired and providing there are no outstanding orders under section 16 of the EA Act, or if the Minister refuses an order request, the City may proceed to the final phase of the planning and design process.

Detailed Design & Operational Planning – 2022-2023 (Subject to Approval of EA)

10.10 Following approval of the Environmental Assessment process, the City of Toronto will undertake the following steps. In collaboration with Engineering & Construction Services, Toronto Water, and the Public Consultation Unit:

- Issue a Request for Proposal (RFP) for consulting services to undertake detailed design, operational planning, and associated consultation in coordination with the city staff team
- Hire design team and initiate detailed design process
- Develop consultation plan in coordination with the Public Consultation Unit
- Initiate Technical Advisory Committee and Stakeholder Advisory Group (members from the existing groups will be invited to continue participation in addition to a call for new participants)
- Continue with individual property owner/operator interviews regarding site specific design issues

10.11 During the detailed design phase, the following physical design elements will be refined into tender-ready construction drawings:

- Types of materials, finishes, furnishings, gates or retractable bollards, and plantings
- Placement of trees, plantings, furnishings, gates or retractable bollards, and lights
- Curb and paving details (curb radii, tactile warnings, transit platforms)
- Exact dimensions and spacing of elements above and below ground
- Construction schedule, staging, phasing, and construction traffic management plans

10.12 During the detailed design phase, the operational elements will continue to be considered and refined as outlined in Chapter 10 of this ESR. This consultation will focus on:

- Location and timing of pedestrian priority areas, if any
- Turn movements/restrictions, one-way/two-way driving access, and signal timing
- Locations of accessible pick-up/drop off, loading, and stopping/standing areas
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Construction Phasing & Sequencing – anticipated 2024-2027 (Subject to Approval of EA)

10.13 The City of Toronto will continue to consult with the community on construction schedules, phasing, and impacts. Following the completion of the detailed design and approval on the

appropriate operational strategy for the project, informed by consultation, the construction of the preferred design is anticipated to take place between 2024 and 2027.

- 10.14 Implementation of the yongeTOMorrow project will take into consideration adjacent construction projects, such as the Ontario Line. The City of Toronto is aware of the Metrolinx project to build the Ontario Line, a new subway line running through downtown with a station stop planned at the intersection of Queen Street and Yonge Street. The project team will coordinate with Metrolinx and the Ontario Line team during the detailed design phase.

Permits and Approvals Required

- 10.15 The City of Toronto will secure the necessary permits and approvals, based on the preferred design developed as part of this EA, for the implementation of the project, including, but not limited to those listed below.
- 10.16 Table 10-1 provides a list of the permits and approvals that will be considered to be required and obtained, based on an assessment of relevant legislation, plans, policies, codes, regulations and by-laws for a road improvement project of this nature.
- 10.17 During detailed design, it will be the responsibility of the design team to verify and submit applications and to update the list of permits and approvals sought in the event of refinement to the preferred design.

Table 10-1: Permits and Approvals Required for the Preferred Design

| Permit/Approval Required | Rationale for Requirement | Administering Agency |
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| Temporary Road Closures | For temporary works required for construction activities | City of Toronto |
| Permit to Injure or Remove Trees | For the removal of existing street or private trees protected under the Tree Protection By-law | City of Toronto |
| Certificate of Approval (Drinking Water System) | Will be required for relocated watermains | MECP Environmental Assessment and Approvals Branch |
| Permit to Take Water | If dewatering exceeds 50,000 litres per day | MECP / TRCA |
| Certificate of Approval – Waste Disposal Site | Subject to detailed testing during detailed design and during construction, disposal of contaminated soil may be required | MECP – Ontario Region |

