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# Section K.12:

## Notice of Commencement



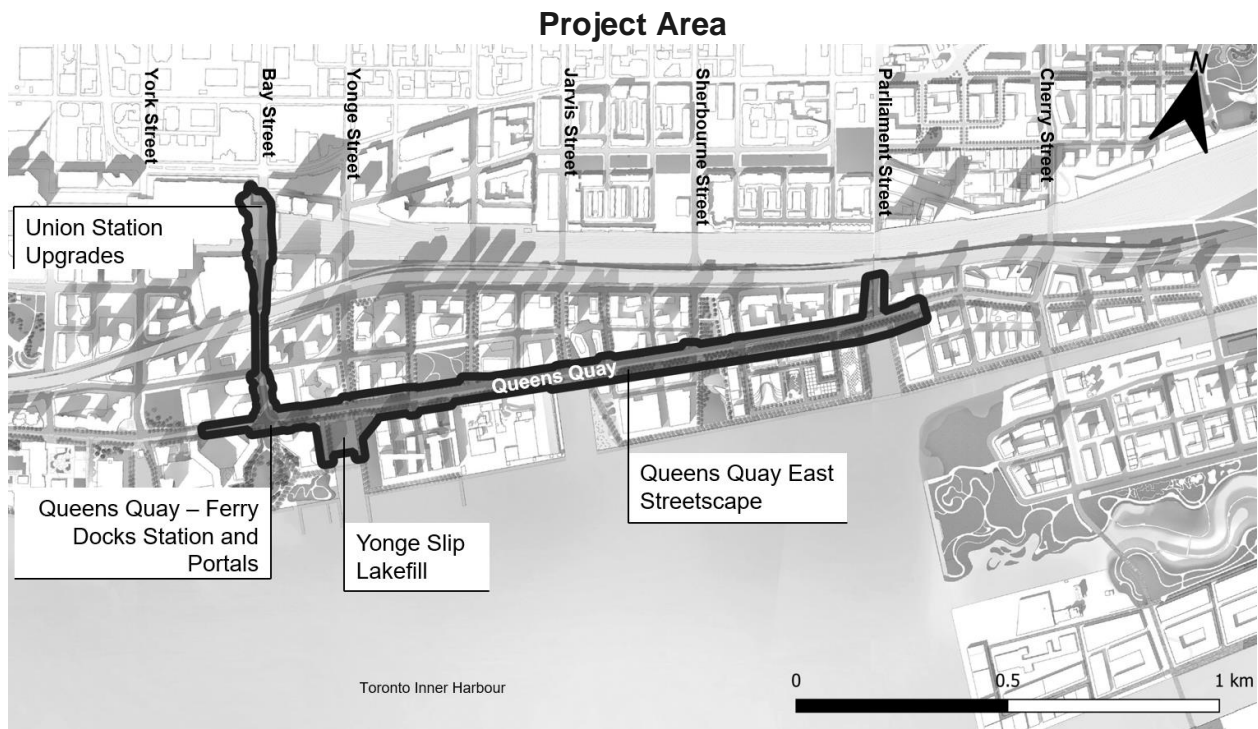
## Notice of Commencement of Transit and Rail Project Assessment Process

### Waterfront East Light Rail Transit (LRT)

City of Toronto, Waterfront Toronto, and Toronto Transit Commission

## Project Overview

The City of Toronto, Waterfront Toronto, and the Toronto Transit Commission (TTC) are proposing an expansion of streetcar service to the eastern waterfront, referred to as the Waterfront East LRT (project). The portion of the network included within the project area spans slightly over 2 km, including an underground connection from Union Station to Queens Quay using existing streetcar tunnels underneath Bay Street, and dedicated surface streetcar right-of-way along Queens Quay East to the future Street A (immediately east of Parliament Street). The purpose of the project is to bring much needed higher capacity transit service from Union Station to the eastern waterfront to serve current and future residents, visitors and workers in the area as dense existing and planned development proceeds. Environmental approvals for the project are being sought through the Transit and Rail Project Assessment Process (TRAP), previously Transit Project Assessment Process, as an update to the previously approved 2010 East Bayfront Transit Class Environmental Assessment, which has since expired.



**Figure 1. Map of the Waterfront East LRT TRAP Project Footprint.**

## Process

The project will be assessed according to the TRAP as prescribed in Ontario Regulation 231/08. The TRAP is a proponent driven, self-assessment process that provides a defined framework to follow to complete the focused assessment of the potential environmental effects and decision-making within the up to 120-day regulated assessment timeline. The process also includes consultation and an assessment of mitigation measures. As part of the TRAP, an Environmental Project Report (EPR) will be prepared. Following the up to 120-day assessment period, interested persons will have an opportunity to review the EPR during a regulated 30-day period, followed by a regulated 35-day review period by the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks. All information produced as part of this project is available at [www.toronto.ca/waterfronttransit](http://www.toronto.ca/waterfronttransit).

## Consultation

Public participation is an important part of the TRAP. We welcome your feedback, and thank everyone for their input to date, which has helped to shape this work. We encourage the public, government agencies, Indigenous communities and other interested parties to participate in the TRAP by visiting the project website linked above, or contacting staff directly for information, or to share comments or questions.

Consultation opportunities have taken place throughout the development of the project, to provide information and opportunities for feedback on the project. To date, three public meetings have been held, in Winter 2021, Spring 2021, and Spring 2023, which provided valuable input that helped to influence the project design reflected in this TRAP.

A draft Environmental Project Report is posted on the project website at [www.toronto.ca/waterfronttransit](http://www.toronto.ca/waterfronttransit) for public review and input. The proponents welcome feedback, comments or questions regarding the project, assessment of potential impacts, and proposed mitigations.

If you would like to be added to our project mailing list or have project-related comments or questions, please contact:

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Dear Patrick Meredith-Karam:

**Re: Acknowledgement – Waterfront East Light Rail Transit (LRT) Notice of Commencement**

Thank you for your email dated March 14, 2024 notifying the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (ministry) of the Notice of Commencement for the Waterfront East LRT. The ministry understands that this Notice of Commencement was formally published on March 14, 2024 thereby starting the 120-day environmental project report (EPR) development period.

Should you have any further questions related to the Transit and Rail Project Assessment Process (Ontario Regulation 231/08) and its requirements, please contact Wai Hadlari at 416-786-4922 or by e-mail at Wai.Hadlari@Ontario.ca.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Wai Hadlari", with a horizontal line extending from the end of the signature.

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