

Electronic Special Development Services Committee Meeting Agenda

Meeting No. 9 April 26, 2021, 6:30 PM Live streamed

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Please bring this Special Development Services Committee Agenda to the Council meeting on May 4, 2021.

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- 1. CALL TO ORDER
- 2. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST
- 3. DEPUTATIONS
 - 3.1. DEPUTATION REGARDING THE METROLINX YONGE NORTH SUBWAY EXTENSION UPDATE (13.0)

Representatives from Royal Orchard Ratepayers Association will provide a presentation to Committee regarding the "Metrolinx – Yonge North Subway Extension."

- 4. COMMUNICATIONS
- 5. PRESENTATIONS
 - 5.1. METROLINX YONGE NORTH SUBWAY EXTENSION UPDATE (13.0)

Note: On March 22, 2021 General Committee requested an evening Special Development Services Committee meeting to allow for further public consultation.

Darryl Lyons, Manager, Policy, City of Markham, Mary-Frances Turner, President, York Region Rapid Transit Corporation, Phil Verster, CEO, Metrolinx, Stephen Collins, Program Sponsor, Subways and Rajesh Khetarpal, Vice President, Community Engagement 905 will provide presentations on this matter.

City of Markham, YRRTC and Metrolinx presentations attached.

1. That the presentations on the Yonge North Subway Extension Update be received.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Information Page

Development Services Committee Members: All Members of Council

Development and Policy Issues

Chair: Regional Councillor Jim Jones

Vice-Chair: Councillor Keith Irish

Transportation and Infrastructure Issues

Chair: Deputy Mayor Don Hamilton Vice-Chair: Councillor Reid McAlpine

Culture and Economic Development Issues

Chair: Councillor Alan Ho
Vice-Chair: Councillor Khalid Usman

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Consent Items: All matters listed under the consent agenda are considered to be routine and are recommended for approval by the department. They may be enacted on one motion, or any item may be discussed if a member so requests.

Please Note: The times listed on this agenda are approximate and may vary; Council may, at its discretion, alter the order of the agenda items.

Note: As per the Council Procedural By-Law, Section 7.1 (h)

Development Services Committee will take a 10 minute recess after two hours have passed since the last break.



Yonge North Subway Extension Update

Special Development Services Committee Meeting April 26, 2021

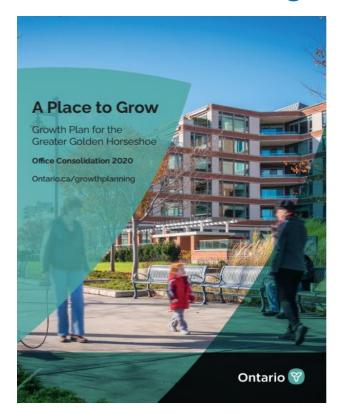


Purpose

- Overview of growth planning in Markham
- Overview of Yonge Street Corridor and Langstaff Gateway
 - Planning
 - Development activity
 - Development potential



Planning for Growth in the GTHA



Distribution of Population and Employment for the Greater Golden Horseshoe

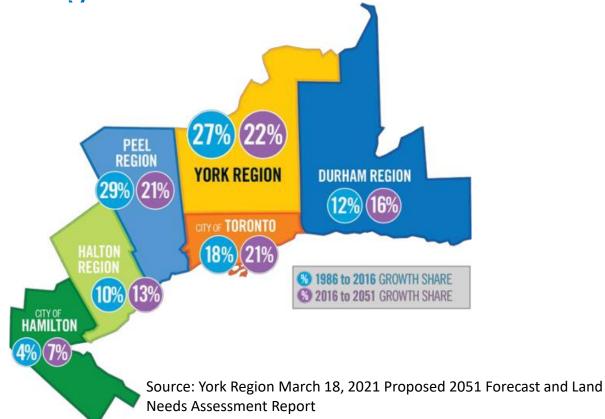
	2051 Population	% 2051 Population	2051 Employment	% 2051 Employment
Toronto	3,650,000	33%	1,980,000	37%
Peel	2,280,000	20%	1,070,000	20%
York	2,020,000	18%	990,000	18%
Durham	1,300,000	12%	460,000	9%
Halton	1,100,000	10%	500,000	9%
Hamilton	820,000	7%	360,000	7%
GTHA Total	11,170,000	100%	5,360,000	100%

Source: Schedule 3, A Place to Grow, Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe





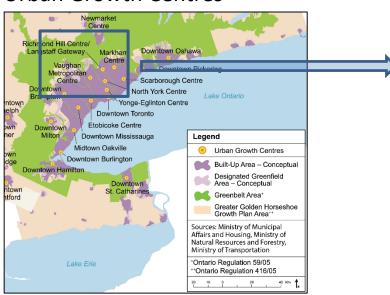
Planning for Growth in the GTHA





Focusing Development in Urban Growth Centres

Urban Growth Centres





Source: Schedule 4, A Place to Grow, Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe





York Region's Proposed Forecasts to 2051



Source: York Region	N A minimal	Camprobonsius	Daviana	ahai+a
Source: York Region	Municipal	Comprehensive	Review	website

Municipality	Population	% Population	Employment	% Employment
Markham	619,200	31%	309,200	31%
Vaughan	568,700	28%	352,000	36%
Richmond Hill	317,000	16%	122,600	12%
Newmarket	110,700	5%	57,600	6%
East Gwillimbury	105,100	5%	37,400	4%
Whitchurch- Stouffville	92,900	5%	31,900	3%
Aurora	84,900	4%	41,000	4%
Georgina	71,900	4%	21,900	2%
King	49,600	2%	16,400	2%
York Region Total	2,020,000	100%	990,000	100%





Regional Centres:

Markham Centre (MC) Langstaff Gateway (LG)

Regional Corridors/Key

Development Areas:

Yonge Steeles Corridor Yonge North Corridor Commerce Valley/ Galleria Woodbine/404

Markville
Cornell Centre

Local Centre:

Milliken Centre



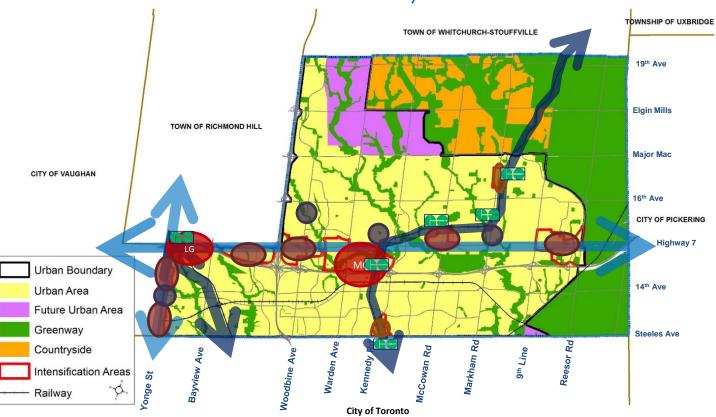
Markham Rd/Mount Joy

Heritage Centres:

Thornhill Buttonville Unionville

Markham Village

Markham Official Plan, 2014







Langstaff Gateway







Current Development Applications



10 Royal Orchard Blvd Greencapital Limited Partnership

 OPA and ZBA, 4 buildings, 25 to 59 storeys, 1560 units



201-206 Langstaff Rd E Langstaff Land Holdings Ltd.

 ZBA & Subdivision, 6 buildings, 7 to 49 storeys, 1668 units



5-25 Langstaff Rd E Condor Properties

ZBA & Subdivision,
 50 & 45 storeys,
 1090 units



7089 Yonge St

Yonge Grandview Corp.

• Site Plan, 27 storeys, 212 units



OPA & ZBA, 4 buildings, 8 to 13 storeys, 877 units









Input to Metrolinx's Initial Business Case

- Markham's 2020 intensification analysis indicates Royal Orchard, Clark, Steeles, and Langstaff support a subway station at build-out
- The analysis is consistent with development applications in process

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	500 Metre Radius from Station	800 Metre Radius from Station	
Station	Population / Employment Estimate	Population / Employment Estimate	
Steeles	32,500 5000	43,000 8,500	
Clark	12,300 2,700	22,900 5,100	
Royal Orchard	13,500 1,500	19,200 2,000	
Langstaff	10,000 4,000	17,800 6,700	

Royal Orchard – Intensification Scenario with Floor Space Index



Source: 2020 City of Markham and Sajecki Planning





Input to Metrolinx's Initial Business Case Cont'd

Clark – Intensification Scenario with Lands South of Rail Corridor



Source: 2020 City of Markham and Sajecki Planning

Steeles - Intensification Scenario



Source: 2020 City of Markham and Sajecki Planning



Thank You



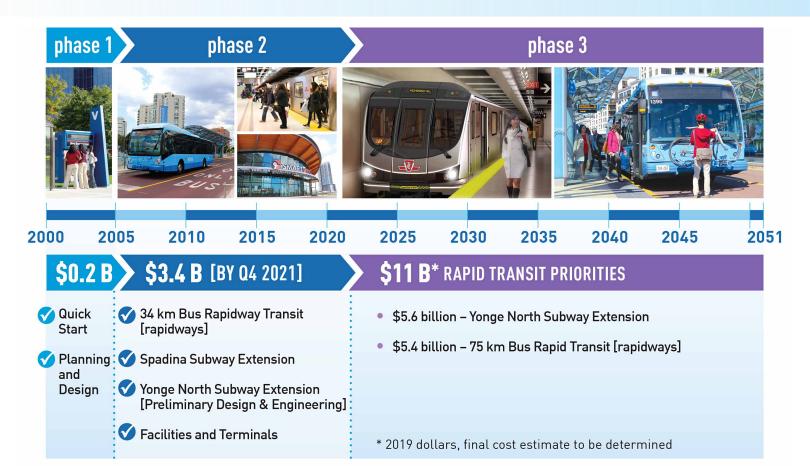
City of Markham Development Services Committee Yonge North Subway Extension Update April 26, 2021



York Region's Rapid Transit Network



Delivering rapid transit infrastructure that supports growth



Fast, convenient travel options across York Region



of funded rapidways complete 34 km 38 stations over \$2 billion in assets across the Region

Union Station of the North



The demand already exists



Investment in the YNSE will create new jobs, build a stronger economy and improve quality of life in the GTHA



supports the environment.

The YNSE will remove **3,300** buses per work day from Yonge Street by the time it opens for service.



the Yonge North Subway Extension will boost Canada's long-term economic growth.



bringing new jobs and residents.

the Yonge North Subway Extension will create **52,000** construction jobs.



connecting 2 employment megazones!

over **54,000** employers in Markham and Vaughan will be connected by the Yonge North Subway Extension.



supporting a sustainable future.

the Yonge North Subway Extension will save **4,800** tonnes of greenhouse gas emissions per year.



Yonge North Subway Extension will generate over \$7.8 billion in gross domestic product.

York Region needs the Yonge North Subway Extension



The YNSE is York Regional Council's top transit priority







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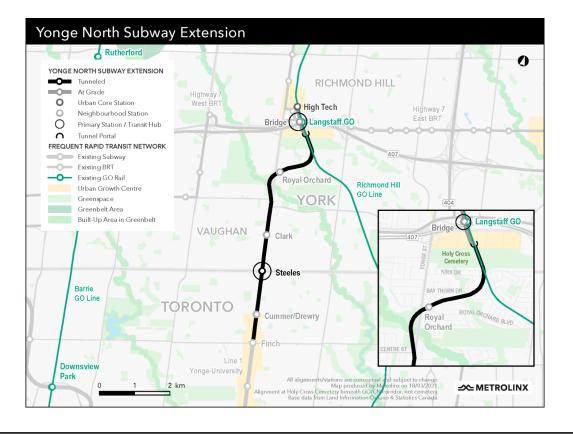
YONGE NORTH SUBWAY EXTENSION

Project Update

Stephen Collins, Program Sponsor, YNSE Rajesh Khetarpal, Vice President, Community Engagement

BETTER TRANSIT CONNECTIONS FOR YORK REGION & TORONTO

- Four new stations along an approximately eight-kilometre extension of TTC Line 1, from Finch Station north to Richmond Hill.
- Steeles Station will be a hub for local bus routes as well as a future rapid transit line along Steeles Avenue.





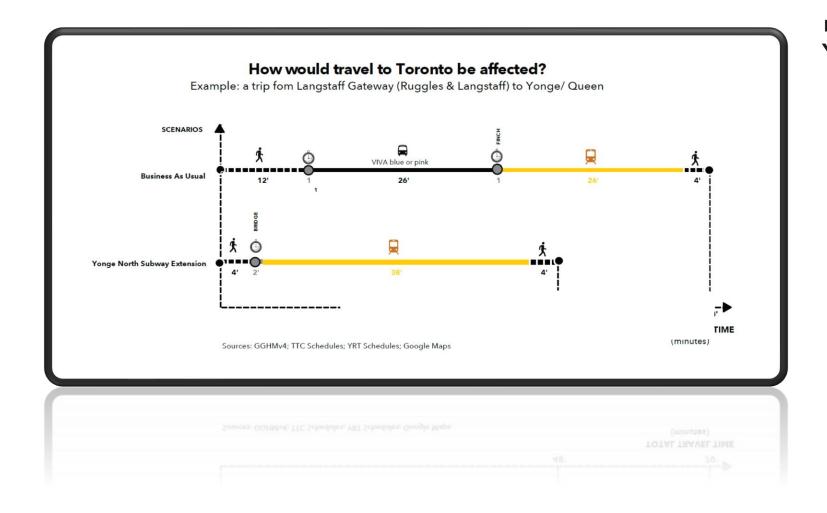
- Bridge Station will **conveniently connect** with GO train, GO bus, and local transit service, including VIVA BRT.
- High Tech Station will serve future communities envisioned within the Richmond Hill Centre area.
- Metrolinx is working with municipal partners to evaluate and determine the best location for the fourth station as planning work continues.

BY THE NUMBERS



Route length	~8 km
Ridership	94,100 daily boardings
Improved access to transit	26,000 more people within a 10-minute walk to transit
Improved access to jobs	22,900 employees within a 10-minute walk to transit
Daily reductions in traffic congestion	7,700 km in vehicle kilometres traveled
Yearly reductions in greenhouse gas emissions	4,800 tonnes

KEY BENEFITS



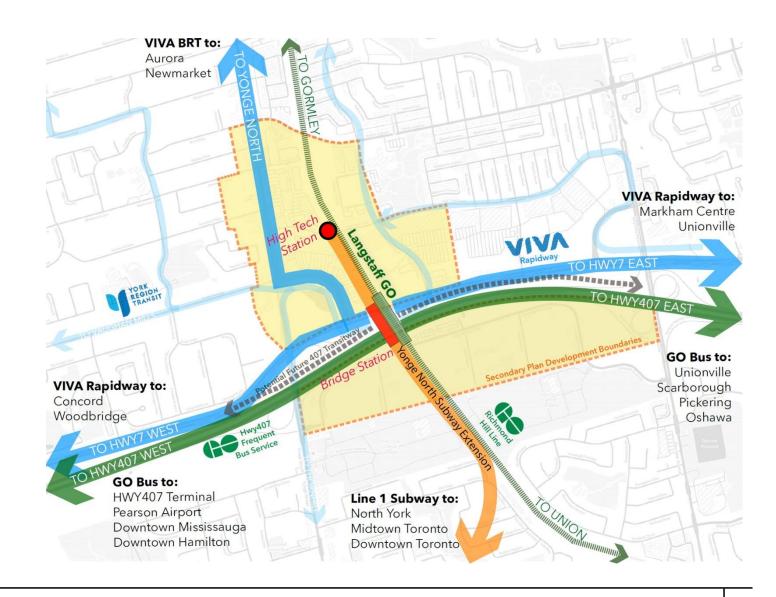
The extension will save riders as much as 22 minutes on a trip from York Region to downtown Toronto

- Bridge Station maximizes TOC opportunities by connecting two communities in Markham & Richmond Hill that are poised for growth.
- Shifting the alignment in the northern section reduces construction timelines and property needs by using a dedicated rail corridor that already exists.
- The project will serve 94,100 riders each day by 2041, cutting the time spent commuting in Toronto and York Region by a combined 835,000 minutes daily.

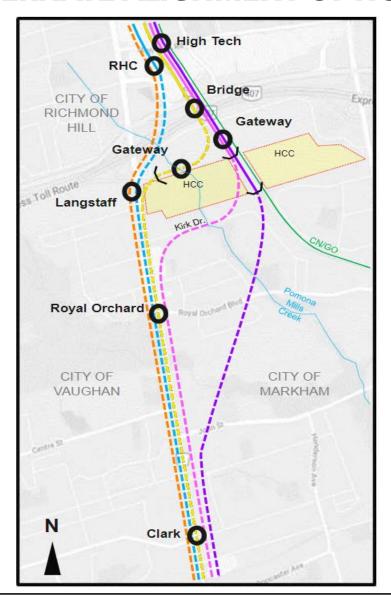
BRIDGE STATION AND HIGH TECH STATION

Bridge Station and High Tech Station will serve the highest density areas to make it faster for riders to use the subway, and better for supporting growth and curbing local traffic congestion.

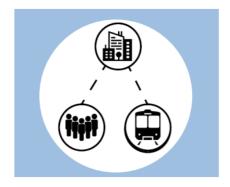
- Fast and hassle-free transfers to GO train/GO bus/local transit
- Convenient access to the subway at the heart of Richmond Hill Centre and Langstaff Gateway development areas
- More than half of Richmond Hill Centre residents will live within walking distance of High Tech Station by 2041
- Bridge Station site preserves nearby development space to allow the area to evolve into a thriving urban centre



ALTERNATE ALIGNMENT OPTIONS CONSIDERED DURING REVIEW



Alternate alignments were screened out as they had similar community impacts and did not protect for Royal Orchard Station, or did not meet the minimum geometric requirements.

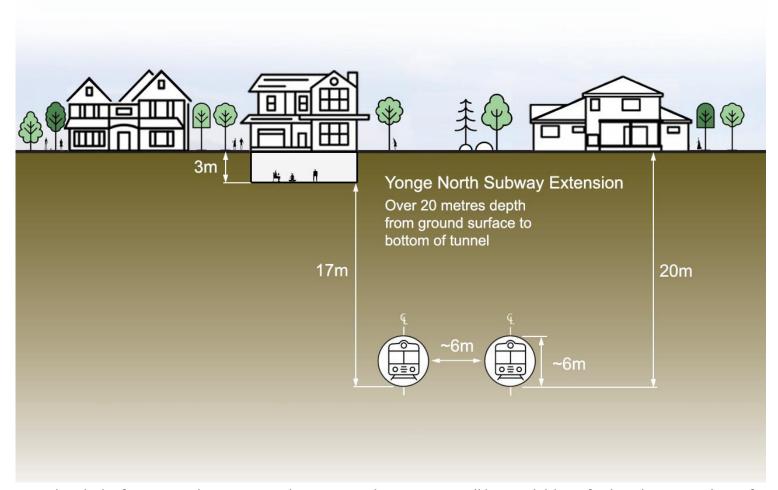


We are refining designs as we conduct and consult on environmental assessments for the project, and our goal will be to minimize impacts to communities as much as possible as we deliver major transit benefits to them.

TUNNEL DEPTH - ROYAL ORCHARD COMMUNITY

At every turn, Metrolinx considers the latest technology and proven solutions to keep neighbourhoods as quiet and peaceful during construction and operation as before.

- Tunnels are proposed to be built at a depth where there would be no direct impact on the homes above
- Modern, innovative tunneling technology is available to help minimize impacts through construction and operations
- Exact tunnel depths will be determined through further study.



More detailed information about potential impacts and mitigations will be available as further design work is refined

NOISE AND VIBRATION SOLUTIONS - ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES

We are preparing an addendum to the existing **environmental assessment** (EA) that will cover off any changes to existing conditions since that EA was completed and evaluate the updated route.



- Crews are already collecting ground samples along the route to inform this work.
- Data and **public input** will help Metrolinx make sure all the necessary solutions are put in place to keep things as quiet and peaceful as possible in each neighbourhood.

NOISE AND VIBRATION SOLUTIONS - LATEST TECHNOLOGY

We will work with your community to ensure a comprehensive array of solutions are in place to address noise or vibration impacts. These solutions can include, but are not limited, to:



Resiliently supported rail ties

An elastic pad under the rail ties that prevents vibration caused by coming into direct contact with the crushed rock that forms the track bed



Rubber rail dampers

Discs that tend to look a lot like oversized hockey pucks attach to the rails and help soak up the vibration energy to reduce the sound of passing trains



Ballast mats

A continuous layer of material that reduces the vibration transmitted into the ground as trains pass over



Noise walls

These walls can be designed with a combination of solid and transparent panels, and have been installed across many parts of the Metrolinx rail network



High-grade rail fasteners

These fasters keep all the track parts tightly together and compress to absorb vibration



Floating concrete slabs

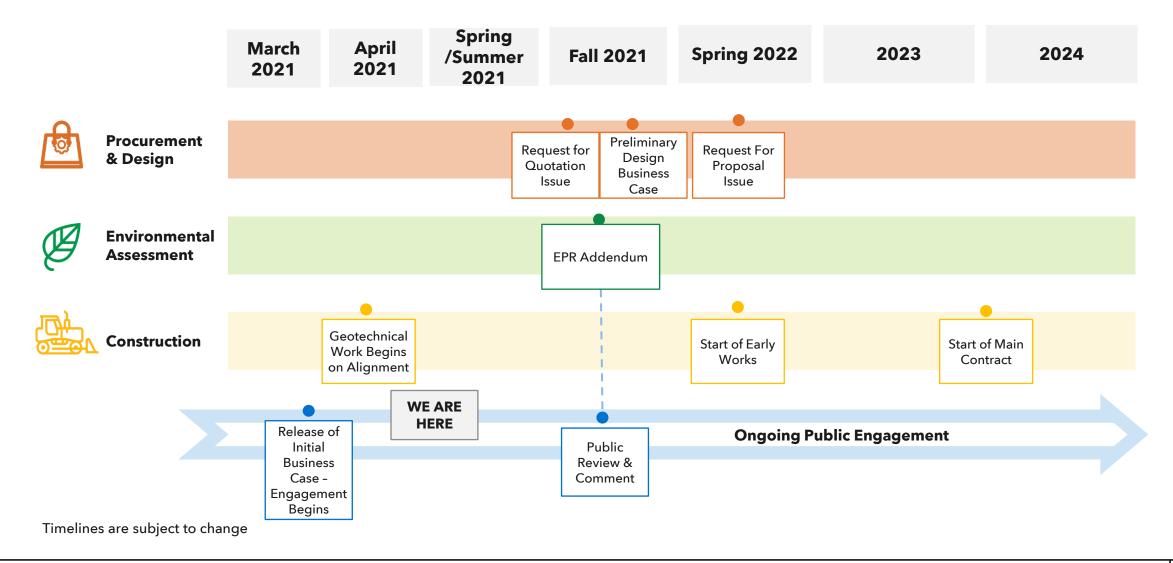
The rails would be attached to large concrete slabs that are cushioned below by thick rubber pads that soak up vibrations.

EXAMPLES OF SUBWAYS NEAR AND UNDER RESIDENTIAL AREAS

There are many existing and future rapid transit lines that run near and beneath homes (measurements taken from ground surface to bottom of tunnel).

- Westside Subway Extension Metro Purple Line Los Angeles, California (opening 2025)
 - Tunnels directly below single family homes and challenging geologic conditions
 - Tunnel depth 21m to 24m
- Northgate Link Extension Seattle Washington (opening 2022)
 - Tunnels directly below single family homes and Washington University Campus
 - Tunnel depth 26m under residential area
- Canada Line Metro, Vancouver, British Columbia (2009)
 - Passes under private residential properties adjacent to False Creek
 - Tunnel depth shallowest 13m to 23m
- TTC Sheppard Subway Toronto (2002)
 - Tunnels along residential property lines
 - Tunnel depth 21m to 24m

PROJECT MILESTONES



Communications, Community and Stakeholder Engagement

COMMUNITY & STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

IBC briefings for elected officials

(March)

Stakeholder and community briefings (March)

Door-to-Door canvass and postcards

(March/April)

Project elected official briefings

(April)

Broad project postcard notification

(May)

General project virtual open houses

(May)

Form
Construction
Liaison
Committees

(Fall)

OFFICIALS BRIEFINGS

• IBC Briefings for Elected Officials Ongoing

Council Presentations

Markham
Richmond Hill
York Region
Vaughan
March 25
April 7
April 26

Briefings Elected Officials Ongoing

Project Presentations
 Municipal Partners, Councils, TEO, TTC

• Update Briefings June 2021-Jan 2022

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

- Project Briefings to Community Groups Ongoing
 - o Resident Groups, BIAs, Chambers of Commerce
 - o Indigenous Communities
- Door-to-Door Canvasses
 March/April 2021
 - o Royal Orchard & Bayview Glen communities
 - Willowdale-Newtonbrook community
- Community Virtual Open Houses April 2021
 - o Royal Orchard & Richmond Hill communities
- Project Meetings/Introductory Post Card
 May 2021

Stakeholder Briefings April-Aug 2021

Project Virtual Open Houses
 May-Aug 2021

Project E-Newsletters
 Bi-weekly

Form Construction Liaison Committees Fall 2021

Community Walking Tours Fall 2021

Collaboration with Communications Partners (Municipal/Regional Communicators, TTC, YRRTC)

ONGOING COMMUNITY & STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

Residents

Residents Associations

Ratepayers Groups

Door to Door

Business

Local Businesses

Boards of Trade

Chambers of Commerce

BIAs

Community

Community Associations

> Places of Worship

> > Schools

Conservation Authorities Week of April 19:

- Richmond Hill Virtual Open House
- Project postcard mail distribution

Week of April 26:

- Markham Development Services Committee meeting
- Elected official briefings

Week of May 3:

- Northern municipalities Virtual Open House
- Elected official briefings

Week of May 10:

 Ongoing briefings for resident, business and community groups

Ongoing Metrolinx News articles

Regional/Municipal Partners

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

Field work begins this spring:



- Noise & vibration monitoring
- Natural Environment/Archeology surveys
- Exploratory work for tunnels
 & launch shaft
- Utility investigations

Our commitment to keeping communities informed

Residents near planned field work and natural environment/archeology surveys will receive **notification flyers** at least two weeks in advance

Updates on major field work, and natural environment/archeology surveys will be distributed regularly via **email newsletter**

Major notices of work will be posted on the **Metrolinx Engage** website

Construction Liaison Committees will open the lines of communication about all aspects of the project

UPCOMING ENGAGEMENT AND FIELD WORK IN MARKHAM

- Upcoming Engagement
 - Northern York Region Communities Virtual Open House (May 5)
 - York Region and City of Toronto Virtual Open House; introduction to EA (May 19)
 - EA MetrolinxEngage online portal (May-onwards)
 - Project Information Postcard mail distribution (ongoing)
- Upcoming Field Work
 - Noise and vibration testing and Utility Scans (ongoing)
 - Geotechnical Surveying in Royal Orchard Community (upcoming)
 - Archaeological, built heritage and natural environment surveys (upcoming)

STAY CONNECTED - WE'RE HERE FOR YOU!

Subscribe:

- YongeSubwayExt@metrolinx.com
- 416-202-7000
- Bi-weekly E-Blast (subscribe via email)

Project Information:

- Metrolinx.com/YongeSubwayExt
- Virtual Open House link: <u>www.metrolinxengage.com/YongeSubwayExt</u>

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Appendix

CREATING CONNECTIONS IN MARKHAM

UNIONVILLE GO STATION

Improving Station Access & Enhanced Accessibility

- 300 new parking spots, replacing stairs with ramps
- Safe pedestrian walkways through the parking lot
- More bicycle storage and New pedestrian tunnels

Enabling More Service

 A second track and a turnaround track so trains can travel both ways on the Stouffville line

Platform Improvements

- Canopies over the platforms with shelters
- A new island platform and a relocated east platform with new snow-melting systems

FORECAST COMPLETION 2021



MOUNT JOY GO STATION

Early Station Improvements

- Enhanced safety and communication features now complete
- Installation of tactile yellow tiles at the edge of the train platform
- New digital signs on the train platform



GO EXPANSION IN MARKHAM

- Future service on the Stouffville line includes two-way all-day service between Mount Joy and Union Station, and fifteen minute service or better between Unionville GO Station and Union Station.
- Metrolinx is currently pursuing road-rail grade separations at Kennedy Road and Denison Street.

Proposed Unionville Storage Siding as part of the New Track and Facilities TPAP







CREATING CONNECTIONS IN YORK REGION

In Construction:

- Bloomington GO Station (new)
- Rutherford GO Station and Grade Separation
- Unionville GO Station
- Lincolnville GO Station
- York vivaNEXT BRT
- Steeles Grade Separation

In Procurement:

- Barrie Contract 2 (Maple GO Upgrades)
- Barrie Contract 3 (King City GO Upgrades)
- Station upgrades at Aurora GO, Centennial GO, Markham GO, Mount Joy GO, East Gwillimbury GO, Stouffville GO
- GO Bus Expansion; Keswick to 404 Terminus at Woodbine



In Early Design:

- McNaughton Grade Separation (Vaughan)
- Wellington Grade Separation (Aurora)
- Network Electrification and infrastructure
- New rolling stock and locomotives



GO EXPANSION IN YORK REGION

- On the Stouffville line, two-way allday service between Mount Joy and Union Station, and fifteen minute service or better between Unionville GO Station and Union Station.
- On the Barrie line, two-way, all-day fifteen minute service or better between Aurora GO Station and Union Station

Parking expansions, station enhancements, grade separations, electrification.







APPROVED REFERENCE ALIGNMENT

	Refined Option 3 Alignment
Strategic Case	
Strong Connections	• 94,100 daily riders ¹
Complete Travel Experiences	 835,000 person-minutes daily travel time savings compared to BAU 22 minutes saving on a trip from Langstaff Gateway area (Langstaff/Ruggles) to Downtown Toronto (Yonge/Queen) compared to BAU
Economic Case	
Total Economic Impacts (Benefits) (\$2020, Present Value)	\$3666.5 M
Total Costs (\$2020, PV)	\$4386.3 M to \$5135.5 M
Net Present Value (\$2020, NPV)	\$-1358.6 M to \$-607.9 M
Benefit-Cost Ratio	0.74 to 0.86
Financial Case (\$2020, PV)	
Total Revenue Adjustment	114.4 M
Capital Costs ²	\$4,625.0 M
Operating and Maintenance Costs	\$ -39.0 M
Total Costs	\$4,447.1 M
Deliverability and Operations	
Constructability Matters	 Coordination with the York Durham Sewage System (YDSS) at Steeles East Don River Crossing Construction within the busy Yonge Street corridor Maintaining services on Line 1 during construction Interface with the Highway 7 and 407 Corridor
Property Impacts	No tunneling under Holy Cross Cemetery
Operations	 Integrated into current Line 1 Operations Fully automated operation allows for higher service frequencies

PROPOSED MAJOR CHANGES TO PROJECT ELEMENTS CONSIDERED IN IBC

Steeles Station

Moving Steeles Bus Terminal from Below Steeles Avenue to at-grade integrated with development

- Original proposal planned the bus terminal below Steeles Avenue perpendicular to and above the subway station
- Value engineering recommended relocating to at-grade to reduce costs and minimize impacts to YDSS and construction disruption

East Don River

Tunneling below instead of bridging over the East Don River

- Original proposal planned a two level (upper for road lower for subway) bridge spanning the river valley
- Value engineering recommended tunneling below the watercourse to reduce costs and disruptions during construction

Train Storage Facility

Moving the YNSE Train Storage Facility north of High Tech Road from below ground to at-grade

- Original proposal planned a 3-track, 12 train below ground storage facility
- Value engineering recommended bringing the facility to at-grade in order to reduce costs while maintaining similar functionality

YNSE Alignment

Changing the point where the subway alignment shifts off of Yonge Street

- Original proposal for the alignment to shift east of Yonge Street north of Holy Cross Cemetery
- Value engineering and peer review identified potential benefit increases and cost reductions from bringing the subway to at-grade adjacent to the CN corridor, which will also better serve the central portions of the Richmond Hill Centre and Langstaff Gateway Urban Growth Centre