

## BACKGROUND

### Georgetown South Expansion and Union-Pearson Rail Link

#### WHAT IS THIS PROPOSED PROJECT ABOUT?

The proposed Georgetown South rail corridor expansion and new rail service between Union Station and Pearson International Airport is one of the first big moves to be implemented from the new Regional Transportation Plan for the Greater Toronto and Hamilton Area (GTHA).

It will make it easier to get around the region, create construction jobs, spur economic growth for businesses and communities in the GTHA, ease the social and economic burdens of traffic congestion, and reduce air pollution.

#### WHY IS THIS PROJECT SO IMPORTANT?

GO trains on the Georgetown South corridor are operating at capacity. The new tracks and other improvements will allow for more GO train service to meet the demands of residents, businesses, travellers and visitors to our region.

#### **We need more frequent rail service to help give people more travel options and reduce congestion:**

- Currently the cost of congestion in GTHA amounts to an astounding \$6.0 billion a year.
- The impact of excess congestion costs travellers \$18 M per day stuck in traffic and accidents cost society \$1.0 M per day.

**We need a world-class rail service to Canada's largest airport:** Every year five million people travel between Pearson International Airport and downtown Toronto. By 2020, that number is expected to increase to approximately nine million. The airport rail service is expected to take 1.2 million car trips a year off our roads.

#### WHAT WILL THIS PROJECT INCLUDE?

Using the transit environmental assessment process, Metrolinx will be reviewing proposed plans for the Georgetown South rail corridor expansion and Union-Pearson rail link including:

- Adding approximately 25 km of new rail between Malton and Union Station
- Widening of 14 bridges including new grade separations at Strachan Avenue, Denison Road and Carlingview Drive
- Upgrading the GO Weston Stop to a full Weston GO Station for GO and Union-Pearson trains
- Maintaining Weston community connectivity by adding a GO rail tunnel in Weston so that Church and King Street are kept open with fewer rail crossing delays than now, and John Street is converted into a pedestrian crossing
- Modifications to the Bloor GO/Dundas TTC station to accommodate GO and Union-Pearson trains
- Adding a new 3.3 km rail spur from the GO Georgetown Line to Terminal 1 at the Pearson Airport with seven grade separations and opening a new passenger station at Terminal 1
- Designing for a potential future GO/Union-Pearson rail link station at Woodbine

## HOW CAN THE PUBLIC GET INVOLVED IN THE PROJECT?

Metrolinx is committed to open and transparent public consultations in the work it undertakes. There are multiple ways to get informed and engaged in the process:

For more information, please visit [www.metrolinx.com](http://www.metrolinx.com), call 1-866-658-9890, or email [info@metrolinx.com](mailto:info@metrolinx.com).

### **Tuesday, February 3**

11:00 am – 8:30 pm  
The Lithuanian House  
1573 Bloor Street West  
Toronto, ON M6P 1A6

### **Wednesday, February 4**

11:00 am – 8:30 pm  
Mount Dennis United Church  
71 Guestville Avenue  
Toronto, ON M6N 4N4

### **Friday, February 6**

11:00 am - 8:30 pm  
Weston Park Baptist Church  
1871 Weston Road  
Toronto, ON M9N 1V9

### **Monday, February 9**

11:00 am – 8:30 pm  
Direct Energy Centre,  
Salon 110  
100 Princes' Boulevard  
Toronto, ON M6K 3C3

### **Tuesday, February 10**

11:00 am – 8:30 pm  
Malton Community Centre  
3540 Morning Star Drive  
Mississauga, ON L4T 1Y2

### **Thursday, February 12**

11:00 am – 8:30 pm  
Gordon Alcott Memorial Arena  
221 Guelph Street  
Georgetown, ON L7G 4A8

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