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Dufferin Street Bridge Widening Project

July 2016

Metrolinx, an agency of the Province of Ontario, is working to transform the way the region moves by building a seamless, convenient and integrated transit network across the Greater Toronto and Hamilton Area (GTHA). Over the next ten years, Metrolinx is transforming the existing GO rail system to be the foundation of a whole new rapid transit for your community. With more frequent train service you'll have more options to get you where you need to go.

THE LOCAL PROJECT

The Dufferin Street bridge project at Queen St. W. is the final phase of the original jog-elimination project that was completed by the City of Toronto in 2010. Expanding the bridge supports GO expansion which will bring 15 minute, two-way electrified GO service to the West Queen West community. The project also delivers on plans to connect the community with the Toronto West Railpath and the creation of a new city park.



As part of work on the Dufferin Street Bridge, we are partnering with the City of Toronto to extend the West Toronto Railpath multi-use trail to the West Queen West community. This extension will run along the existing rail corridor, connecting cyclists and pedestrians from Dupont St. to just east of Dufferin St. These community investments add to the recently announced new GO Train stations including the proposed Liberty Village and Bloor-Davenport stations.

We are also sharing the cost of a new city park (Dufferin-Peel Park). The future park will be a hub for West Toronto Railpath users, including cyclists and will include cycling amenities, landscaping, seating and terraces.

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WHAT TO EXPECT

Residents living near the bridge can expect to see and hear regular construction vehicles operating during the widening of the bridge, including a drill rig, excavator, concrete and load trucks to carry materials, a crane, power generators and air compressors. Since this work is being done in an active rail corridor, crews will need to work in the evening and overnight to ensure safe working conditions, as some of this work cannot take place when trains are operating. If overnight work is required, lights will be used to ensure safe working conditions, however, they will be focused away from nearby homes and businesses when possible. We will also be continuously monitoring noise associated with this work, to ensure noise is kept within appropriate levels. The contractor on site has been asked to complete noisier work during the day, to help mitigate evening disruption, where possible. To minimize impacts to the community we are working on an accelerated schedule that will shorten the duration of construction.

This work will also require intermittent lane closures and a total closure of Dufferin Street for approximately one month. Closure dates will be confirmed and communicated closer to the date. Two weeks' notice will be given to neighbouring residents and businesses for the full street closure. Full street closure will not happen until after the Canadian National Exhibition (CNE), which ends September 6. We've been working with City of Toronto to develop a traffic management plan as part of this closure and appropriate signage will be in place to redirect pedestrians, cyclists and vehicles during the full closure of Dufferin St.

TIMING

The Dufferin Bridge widening project will begin in late July and construction is expected to take approximately one year to complete. Work may be continuous, throughout the day and evening, including weekends. We are committed to keeping local residents and businesses informed during construction. Updates about the project and impacts during different phases of construction will be regularly provided.

If you would like to find out more information about the upcoming bridge work, we will be hosting a **drop-in session** at the Carnaby Condo, 11 Peel Ave, on July 21, 2016 from 5PM-7PM. Representatives from Metrolinx will be there to answer any questions you may have about the project.

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