

# TRANSFORMING TRANSIT IN YOUR AREA

## Dufferin Street Bridge Widening Project - UPDATE

September 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

Expanding the Dufferin Street 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. The Railpath will also connect to the future Dufferin-Peel Park that the City of Toronto is building. The future park will be a hub for West Toronto Railpath users, including cyclists and will include cycling amenities, landscaping, seating and terraces.

### 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.

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### TIMING

The Dufferin Bridge widening project is expected to be complete by June 2017. Work may be continuous, throughout the day and evening, including weekends. As an update to our previous notice and information session held in July, we are providing this updated information. To ensure timely completion prior to work being undertaken by the City of Toronto in the area next year, we require a total closure of Dufferin Street between Queen Street West and Peel Avenue for approximately four months. **We anticipate the closure to begin September 12, 2016 and last until the end of the year.** 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 Street. Access to all businesses will remain open. TTC buses will be detouring through the area while the road is closed. Please visit [ttc.ca](http://ttc.ca) for more information. 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.



We will be hosting our second **drop-in session** at the Carnaby Condominium, 11 Peel Avenue **on September 29, 2016 from 5 to 7p.m.** Representatives from Metrolinx will be there to answer any questions you may have about the project.

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