

Notice of Completion

Barrie Rail Corridor Expansion Transit Project Assessment Process

The Project

Metrolinx, an agency of the Province of Ontario, has completed an Environmental Project Report (EPR) in accordance with Ontario Regulation 231/08 for the Barrie Rail Corridor Expansion. Metrolinx intends to proceed with the project in accordance with the EPR.

Metrolinx, an agency of the Province of Ontario, is upgrading its commuter rail system into Regional Express Rail. The Greater Toronto and Hamilton Area (GTHA) is now home to nearly 7 million people and heading towards 10 million by 2041. To address the urgent transit needs of the GTHA, the Province of Ontario committed to implement Regional Express Rail and make other improvements to the GO system. By 2025, electrified trains will be running every 15 minutes or better, all day and in both directions, within the most heavily travelled sections of the GO network.

To support this service increase, Metrolinx is undertaking the Barrie Rail Corridor Expansion (BRCE) Project which includes the following:

- Provision of a second track between Lansdowne Avenue in the City of Toronto to Allandale Waterfront GO Station in the City of Barrie;
- Upgrades to existing GO Stations along the corridor: Rutherford, Maple, King City, Aurora, Newmarket, East Gwillimbury, Bradford, Barrie South and Allandale Waterfront; and
- A new train layover facility within the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury for overnight storage of trains.

30-day Public Review Period Begins August 9

The environmental effects of this transit project were assessed and an EPR prepared according to the Transit Project Assessment Process as prescribed in Ontario Regulation 231/08, Transit Projects and Metrolinx Undertakings. The EPR for the Barrie Rail Corridor Expansion is **now available** at metrolinx.com/RERBarrie and the following locations **for a 30-day public review period starting August 9, 2017 and ending September 7, 2017.**

Metrolinx

Head Office
97 Front Street – 2nd Floor Reception
Toronto, ON M5J 1E6
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Monday to Friday: 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change

Central Region Office
Metro Toronto District Office
5775 Yonge Street, 8th Floor
North York, ON M2M 4J1
tel: 416-326-6700
Monday to Friday: 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change

Environmental Approvals, Access and Service
Integration Branch
135 St. Clair Avenue West, 1st Floor
Toronto, ON M4V 1P4
tel: 416-314-8001 / toll-free: 1-800-461-6290
Monday to Friday: 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Civic Centre Resource Library

2191 Major MacKenzie Drive
Vaughan, ON L4H 2Z7
tel: 905-653-7323
Monday to Thursday: 9:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Friday: 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Saturday & Sunday: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Aurora Public Library

15145 Yonge Street, Aurora, ON L4G 1M1
tel: 905-727-9494
Monday: 1:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Tuesday to Thursday: 9:30 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Friday & Saturday: 9:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Newmarket Public Library

438 Park Avenue
Newmarket, ON L3Y 1W1
tel: 905-953-5110
Tuesday to Thursday: 9:30 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Friday & Saturday: 9:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Sunday: 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Downtown Barrie Public Library

60 Worsley Street
Barrie, ON L4M 1L6
tel: 705-728-1010
Monday to Thursday: 9:30 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Friday & Saturday: 9:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Sunday: 12:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Interested persons are encouraged to review this document and provide comments by **September 7, 2017** to:

Barrie Rail Corridor Expansion

c/o Georgina Collymore
Senior Advisor – Environmental Assessment Communications and Community Relations
20 Bay Street, Suite 600, Toronto, ON M5J 2W3
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There are circumstances where the Minister of the Environment and Climate Change has the authority to require further consideration of the transit project or impose conditions on it. These include if the Minister is of the opinion that:

- The transit project may have a negative impact on a matter of provincial importance that relates to the natural environment or has cultural heritage value or interest, or
- The transit project may have a negative impact on a constitutionally protected Aboriginal or treaty right.

Before exercising the authority referred to above, the Minister is required to consider any written objections to the transit project that he may receive within 30 days after the Notice of Completion of the Environmental Project Report is first published.

If you have discussed your issues with Metrolinx and you object to this transit project you can provide a written submission to the Minister of the Environment and Climate Change no later than September 7, 2017 to the address provided below. All submissions must clearly indicate that an objection is being submitted and describe any negative impacts to matters of provincial importance (natural/cultural environment) or Aboriginal rights. Objections must be received within 30 days after the Notice of Completion of the EPR is first published.

Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change

Environmental Approvals Branch
Attention: Adam Sanzo, Project Officer
135 St. Clair Avenue West, 1st Floor, Toronto, ON M4V 1P4
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fax: 416-314-8452
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All personal information included in a submission such as name, address, telephone number and property location is collected, maintained and disclosed by the Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change for the purpose of transparency and consultation. The information is collected under the authority of the *Environmental Assessment Act* or is collected and maintained for the purpose of creating a record that is available to the general public as described in s. 37 of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*. Personal information you submit will become part of a public record that is available to the general public unless you request that your personal information remain confidential. For more information, please contact the Project Officer or the Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change Freedom of Information and Privacy Coordinator at 416-314-4075.

This Notice first issued on August 8, 2017.

Pour plus de renseignements, veuillez composer le
416 874-5900 ou le 1 888 GET-ON-GO (438-6646).

