



Notice of Commencement and Public Information Centre #4

Durham-Scarborough Bus Rapid Transit Project Transit Project Assessment Process

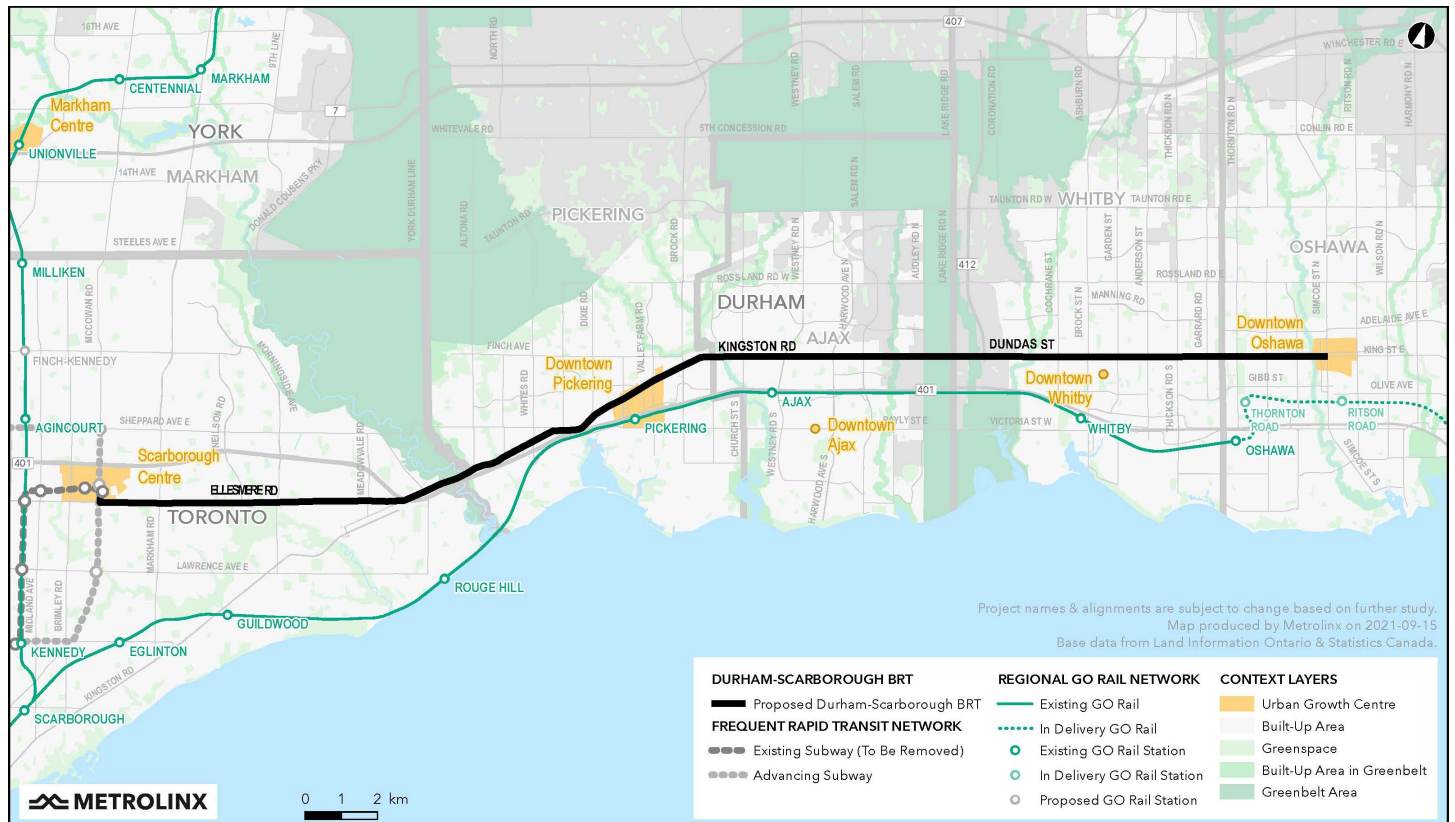
Metrolinx, in collaboration with Durham Region and City of Toronto, is commencing the Transit Project Assessment Process (TPAP) for the Durham-Scarborough Bus Rapid Transit Project in accordance with *Ontario Regulation 231/08*.

The Project

The Durham-Scarborough Bus Rapid Transit corridor is a proposed transportation corridor connecting people through Durham Region and Scarborough. With rapid growth in the past decade and an expectation for this growth to continue in the future, demand for travel along the corridor will continue to increase and a higher capacity form of transit will link communities and employment on both sides of the Toronto-Durham boundary.

An Initial Business Case was completed in Spring 2018 to define the corridor and identify initial project costs, benefits and direction. Metrolinx is committed to continued community engagement on this project and is now studying the potential environmental impacts and proposed mitigation measures for the Durham-Scarborough Bus Rapid Transit corridor.

The Durham-Scarborough Bus Rapid Transit Project proposes approximately 36 kilometres of dedicated transit infrastructure, connecting Oshawa, Whitby, Ajax, Pickering and Scarborough. This project builds on the existing PULSE service and will provide more dedicated infrastructure along Highway 2 and Ellesmere Road to connect to Scarborough Centre. The proposed project will include dedicated bus lanes, road expansion and modifications, and bus shelters/platforms and infrastructure to support the new Bus Rapid Transit.



The Process

The Transit Project Assessment Process (TPAP), as prescribed in *Ontario Regulation 231/08* made under the *Environmental Assessment Act*, is now commencing for the proposed Durham-Scarborough Bus Rapid Transit project. The TPAP is a proponent-driven, self-assessment process that provides a defined framework to follow to complete the accelerated assessment of the potential environmental effects and decision-making within the up to 120-day regulated assessment timeline. As part of the TPAP, an Environmental Project Report (EPR) is being prepared. Following this period, interested persons will have an opportunity to review the EPR during a regulated 30-day period, followed by a regulated 35-day review period by the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks.

Consultation

We thank everyone for their feedback to date. During the TPAP, Metrolinx will host virtual Public Information Centre #4, as detailed below. The purpose of this consultation is to obtain feedback on the preliminary design. At Public Information Centre #4, you will have the chance to:

- Review the proposed Bus Rapid Transit preliminary design, ask questions, and share ideas to help fine tune the plans.
- Learn more about matters that are of interest to the Province - such as natural environment, cultural heritage, and Indigenous affairs - and understand how to provide feedback on these issues.

Public Information Centre #4

Virtual Events: Thursday, **October 21** from 6:30 p.m. 8:00 p.m.
Tuesday, **October 26** from 6:30 p.m. 8:00 p.m.
Thursday, **October 28** from 6:30 p.m. 8:00 p.m.

Register for and attend one of these virtual, fully accessible events on Metrolinx Engage at www.metrolinxengage.com/DSBRT

Online Engagement will be open from Thursday, **October 14** to Thursday, **November 11**, 2021

Participants will be able to provide feedback during the Virtual Events and by completing an online survey. The project team will present and seek feedback on the preliminary design, potential impacts, and proposed mitigation measures. Following the online engagement, the Project Team will consider the input received, prepare the Environmental Project Report, and publish the Notice of Completion of the Environmental Project Report. The Environmental Project Report will then be available for public review and comment.

Sign up to the project mailing list by emailing DSBRT@metrolinx.com or visit the project website (www.metrolinxengage.com/DSBRT) for details. Please contact us to request hardcopies of the consultation materials, or if you require any accessibility accommodations.

Provide Feedback

If you have project-related questions or would like to provide input at any time, please contact:

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