

March 27, 2013

Ms. Galloro  
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**RE: GO Transit Barrie Railway Corridor – Addition of Passing Track**

Dear Ms. Galloro,

I am writing to inform you that GO Transit plans to construct a passing track along a portion of the Barrie line railway corridor to provide increased flexibility and reliability in train scheduling. Improving GO service is a commitment identified in *The Big Move*, Metrolinx's regional transportation plan for the Greater Toronto and Hamilton Area.

In order to complete this work GO Transit must adhere to the GO Transit Class Environmental Assessment (EA) process for a Group A undertaking. This package includes a project backgrounder that provides further details, and the Notice of Project that will be distributed to residents and businesses in the area to inform them about the project.

This notice will appear in the:

- Vaughan Citizen
- North York Mirror
- Etobicoke Guardian

The project team will continue to keep you and your colleagues informed and maintain an ongoing, open dialogue as we progress with the project. If you have any questions or comments or would like to discuss the project in more detail with the project team, please contact **Georgina Collymore, Communications Specialist**, at (416) 869-3600 ext. 5719 or by email at [Georgina.Collymore@metrolinx.com](mailto:Georgina.Collymore@metrolinx.com). The project team is happy to discuss the proposed project with you in more detail.

We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

Elise Croll  
Director, Programs & Assessments

Encl. Backgrounder  
Notice of Project

cc Trevor Anderson, Manager, Environmental Assessments  
Georgina Collymore, Communications Specialist, Infrastructure Projects

# NOTIFICATION OF PROJECT

## BARRIE RAILWAY CORRIDOR – ADDITION OF PASSING TRACK FROM STEELES AVENUE TO JUST SOUTH OF RUTHERFORD GO STATION CITY OF TORONTO AND CITY OF VAUGHAN

Metrolinx, an agency of the Province of Ontario, is helping transform the way the region moves by championing and delivering mobility solutions for the Greater Toronto and Hamilton Area (GTHA) through its regional transportation plan, *The Big Move*. Our GO Transit division continues to expand and improve its services to provide more choices for travel across the GTHA, meet increasing customer demand and attract more transit users in the future.

In November 2012, Metrolinx announced two-way, all-day service as part of the next wave of Big Move projects to be funded by the upcoming Investment Strategy. As we work to identify the significant funding required to implement this, GO Transit is making a variety of precursor investments on the Barrie line to enable future service improvements.

### PROJECT DESCRIPTION

GO Transit is undertaking a Class Environmental Assessment (EA) of the Barrie railway corridor to build a passing track from Steeles Avenue, in the City of Toronto, to slightly south of Rutherford GO Station in the City of Vaughan. The passing track will provide increased flexibility and reliability in scheduling along the Barrie railway corridor and improve service for GO Transit.

### THE PROCESS

This project will be carried out as a Group 'A' undertaking as outlined in the GO Transit – Class EA (as amended August 2005). This categorization includes projects that are deemed approved and are not subject to the full requirements of the Class EA process.

A previous EA has already approved selected work between Steeles Avenue and Highway 407, as defined in the *Snider Grade Separation Environmental Study Report, 2004*.

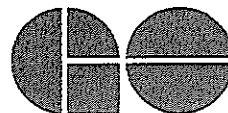
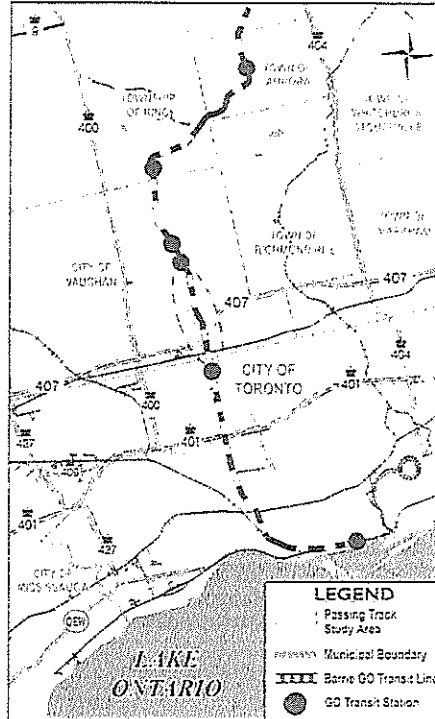
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Pursuant to Section 39(2) of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*, you are hereby notified that any personal information collected is for the sole purpose of meeting the requirements of the *Environmental Assessment Act*. The legal authority for this collection is the *Metrolinx Act, 2006*.

Pour plus de renseignements, veuillez composer le (416) 869-3200 or le 1 888 GET ON GO (438-6646).

Metrolinx is working to provide residents and businesses in the GTHA with a transportation system that is modern, efficient and integrated. Find out more about *The Big Move*, Metrolinx's Regional Transportation Plan for the GTHA at [www.bigmovement.ca](http://www.bigmovement.ca). Find out more about GO Transit, PRESTO and Union Pearson Express, divisions of Metrolinx, at [www.metrolinx.com](http://www.metrolinx.com).



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## Barrie Railway Corridor – Addition of Passing Track

### Background

Metrolinx, an agency of the Province of Ontario, is helping transform the way the region moves by championing and delivering mobility solutions for the Greater Toronto and Hamilton Area (GTHA). We are guided by *The Big Move*, our Regional Transportation Plan to implement a common vision for transportation in the GTHA, first adopted in 2008.

*The Big Move* is in action today, and two major projects identified in it—the extension of the TTC's Spadina subway line to York University and Vaughan Metropolitan Centre, and new rapidways for the Viva Bus Rapid Transit system—are now under construction in your community.

Metrolinx's GO Transit division continues to expand and improve its services to provide more choices for travel across the GTHA to meet increasing customer demand and attract more transit users in the future. *The Big Move* identifies expanding GO Train service as a high priority across the entire network.

### Project Description

This project involves the construction of a passing track along a portion of the Barrie line railway corridor. The passing track will begin at Steeles Avenue in the City of Toronto and will extend northwards to a point slightly south of Rutherford GO Station in the City of Vaughan. Adding a passing track along this stretch of the railway corridor will provide increased flexibility and reliability in scheduling. No additional stations are contemplated as part of this project.

This project will be carried out in accordance with the GO Transit – Class Environmental Assessment (EA). This EA will be focused solely on the areas of the passing track and potential impacts that may occur with its construction. In accordance with the Class EA process, this project has been classified as a Group A undertaking and will not require a full Environmental Study Report as it is not anticipated to have significant environmental impacts.

### Relationship of Project to Future Expansion Plans

*The Big Move* includes frequent and convenient service on the Barrie line that would operate in both directions between Union Station and East Gwillimbury through the entire day, and identifies it as a priority for implementation within the next 15 years. Significant investments beyond this passing track project would be required to introduce this level of service.

In November 2012 Metrolinx announced that those further improvements to the Barrie line had been selected for inclusion in the next wave of Big Move projects, along with other transformative projects such as the extension of the Yonge subway line to Richmond Hill. Funding proposals to make these projects a reality will be put forward in our forthcoming Investment Strategy.

As we work to identify the significant funding required to implement the full expansion, GO Transit is drawing on its existing capital budget to make a variety of precursor investments on the line, such as this project, that will support incremental service improvements in the future. Our current planning anticipates that as funding is made available and supporting infrastructure improvements are put in place, train service on the Barrie line would expand gradually, scaling up in multiple steps from the current peak-period peak-direction service to eventual full two-way all-day service.

We invite you to learn more about *The Big Move*, the next wave of projects, and the benefits for your community at [www.bigmove.ca](http://www.bigmove.ca).

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Good Morning,

Please find attached a package that details an upcoming project being undertaken by Metrolinx. If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact me via email or at any of the numbers listed below.

Kind Regards,

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