

TRANSFORMING TRANSIT IN YOUR AREA

Lakeshore East Corridor Guildwood GO Station Construction

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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 deliver a whole new rapid transit experience to your community. With more frequent train service you'll have more options to get you where you need to go.



New Track

150 kilometres of new dedicated GO track will allow for more uninterrupted service.



New Trains

New electric trains will travel faster for longer and reduce travel times.



New Bridges and Tunnels

Bridges and tunnels that eliminate intersections with rail and road traffic will provide more reliable GO train service.



New Renovations

New and improved stations will make your journey more comfortable, from start to finish.

THE LOCAL PROJECT – PEDESTRIAN TUNNEL SLIDE

Metrolinx is working to make major upgrades to Guildwood GO Station to make it easier and more convenient to access the station. This work supports future 15 minute, two-way all-day electrified service that is fast, frequent, and reliable for residents of the Guildwood community.

Thank you for your patience during the overnight drilling work. The next major step in construction is sliding the new pedestrian tunnels under the rail corridor. This work will occur over two weekends in July: Friday, July 8 at 8:00 p.m. to Monday, July 11 at 5:00 a.m. and Friday July 22 at 8:00 p.m. to Monday, July 25 at 5:00 p.m. The new pedestrian tunnels will be wider, longer, have improved lighting, and elevators which will enhance access and safety.

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WHAT TO EXPECT

During these two weekends, there will be reduced train activity. For updated schedule information please visit www.gotransit.com/schedulechanges. Track will be cut and an open ditch excavated at an east and west “tunnel launch pit” where the tunnels are to be installed. Once the launch pits are ready, the tunnels will slowly slide into place inches at a time using jacks. The large precast tunnel sections (34 tons each) will slide on grillage (steel frame). Using precast tunnel sections and the sliding technique is an innovative construction methodology that reduces the time needed to complete this significant amount of work and the inconvenience to local residents.



At Guildwood GO Station, the crane lifts precast tunnel sections and places on grillage in preparation for July tunnel slide work.

Residents who use the Payzac Avenue walkway, may notice a change in the walkway. However, the walkway will remain open. Leading up to the two July weekends, there will be increased construction activity throughout the GO Station area (extra materials and equipment being delivered). There will be reduced station parking at times. While the tunnels are being installed, residents can expect to hear typical construction noise throughout the two weekends. We will continue to monitor noise and vibration during this work.

The following plan has been put in place to help reduce the noise caused by construction:

- Installation of fencing with noise dampening properties near the construction area at the parking lot level and where feasible portable fencing around the immediate drilling work area
- Installation of a noise minimizing shroud around the engine of the drill rig machines
- Attempt to remove the spoils (dirt) after drilling by maneuvering the equipment in one direction only. This will reduce the banging noise which is caused when the equipment continually changes direction. Where possible, manually remove the spoils with a shovel.
- Stockpile back-fill material on top of the berm to avoid unnecessary travel up and down the ramp. By doing so, shorten the time equipment will be reversing.

Thank you for your continued patience.

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