

PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE

SOUTH BLAIR STREET UNDERPASS AND PROPOSED BROCK STREET TRAFFIC DETOUR TOWN OF WHITBY

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). As we invest in the future and build stronger transit infrastructure to meet the growing needs of the region, a number of projects are underway, including many involving our GO Transit division. GO service continues to be expanded and improved to provide more choices for travel across the GTHA, meet increasing customer demand and attract more transit users in the future.

THE PROJECT

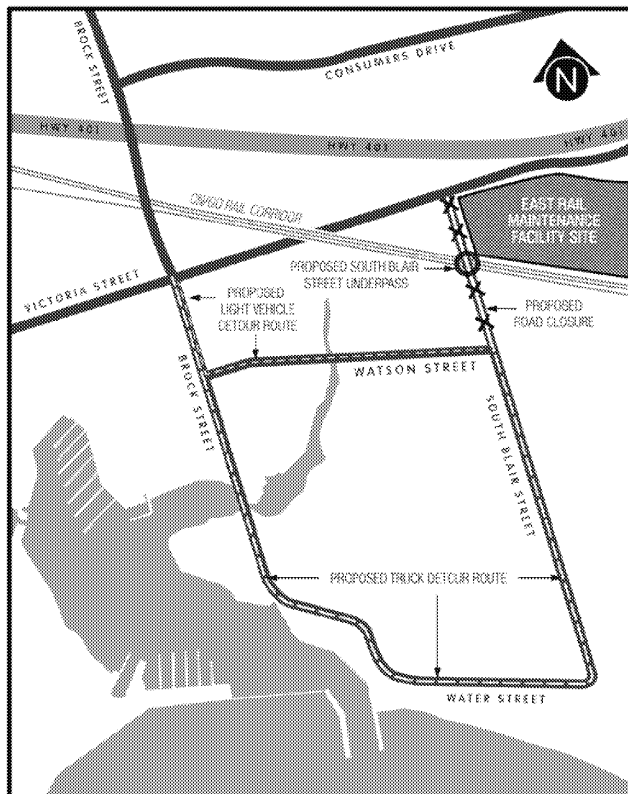
GO Transit is moving forward with its new East Rail Maintenance Facility, located east of South Blair Street in Whitby, that will bring new jobs and investment to the community. To improve traffic flow and safety in the area for pedestrians, vehicles and trains, GO Transit plans to build an underpass in advance, which will separate South Blair Street from the train tracks. Once complete, the underpass project will:

- eliminate travel delays and the associated vehicle idling on South Blair Street caused by trains passing through the area or entering/departing the future East Rail Maintenance Facility;
- eliminate the need for trains to regularly sound their whistles at the South Blair Street level crossing; and
- improve the safety of pedestrian, vehicle and train traffic.

In order to construct the underpass and provide these numerous long-term benefits for the surrounding area, GO Transit proposes to temporarily close South Blair Street between Victoria Street and Watson Street from late-2013 to late-2015.

TRAFFIC IMPACT

The closure of South Blair Street will likely result in local truck traffic being diverted to Brock Street via Water Street, while vehicular traffic will be diverted to Brock Street via Watson Street.



You're invited to attend our Public Open House to find out more about this project. Metrolinx staff and consultants will be on hand to answer questions and receive your comments.

Date: Tuesday, November 13, 2012
Time: 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
Location: Abilities Centre Atrium
55 Gordon Street (corner of Victoria Street West and Gordon Street)
Whitby, ON L1N 0J2

We will distribute additional information about the project to the residents and businesses in the surrounding areas prior to the Public Open House. Any comments about the project may be forwarded to the contacts listed below, no later than **Tuesday, November 13, 2012.**

If you are unable to attend the Public Open House but would like to share your comments, please write to:

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Comments and information regarding this project are being collected to assist the project team. The material will be maintained on file for use during the project. Information collected will be used in accordance with the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*. The legal authority for this collection is the *Metrolinx Act, 2006*.

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



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