

SUBJECT:	FAQ Sheet - Vehicle Beacon Safety Standard
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1. What group(s) does the Beacons Standard apply to?

This policy applies within the Metrolinx owned Right of Way (ROW), to all Metrolinx employees, Contractors, Constructors, Consultants and third party Contractors involved in the following:

- planning, coordination, supply, delivery and movement of any vehicles, machinery, personnel or materials;
- carrying out or overseeing construction or maintenance activities involving the use of off-track vehicles and machinery on Metrolinx owned ROW ;
- maintaining/servicing vehicles and machinery;
- protection arrangements for vehicle entry into the Metrolinx ROW; and
- protection arrangement for any vehicles crossing open lines.

Notwithstanding the abovementioned, this policy does not apply to other railway companies who only operate trains on Metrolinx property under various track or interchange agreements.

2. Does the standard apply at Metrolinx construction project sites?

Yes - if the construction tasks place in the Metrolinx Rail Corridor, including the right of way, associated yards and rail infrastructure. The standard applies regardless if Metrolinx is or is not the "Constructor".

Where a "Constructor" is managing a construction project for Metrolinx as "Constructor" for the project, the policies and standards of the Constructor must meet or exceed this Vehicle Beacons Standard and the Constructor shall enforce same at the construction project.

Should a Contractor, Consultant or Constructor have more stringent vehicle beacons standards or controls in place, the provisions of that policy or standard shall apply.

3. My company's contract with Metrolinx does not include provisions to follow the new Beacon Standard. Must we comply with the new standard and who will pay for additional costs to meet the standard?

All companies working on the Metrolinx rail corridor must abide by the new Vehicle Beacon Safety Standard by the enacted date. Contractors who do not comply will not be permitted to work on Metrolinx property or Metrolinx projects until they are able to satisfy the requirements of the standard.

Making vehicles and equipment operating in safety critical environments more visible is good or best practice to protect people and to protect critical assets. If your company has an existing contract that does not specify terms and conditions for following the new Beacon standard and your current Beacons do not meet the new standard, contact your Metrolinx project delivery team or Metrolinx representative to discuss your existing contract.

4. What are the major changes that will impact contractors as a result of this new standard?

- Contractors have employer obligations to protect staff from hazards. To verify and validate conformance to this standard, Contractors and Contract managers will be responsible for enforcement.
- Metrolinx enforcement may include random checks or scheduled compliance verification through audit, inspection or observation activities.
- Non-conformance to the standard will be documented in the Vendor Performance Record.

5. As a Metrolinx Employee, how do I ensure the Non-Revenue vehicle I operate is compliant?

- Metrolinx employees who access the Rail Corridor as part of their roles and responsibilities are accountable to ensure the non-revenue vehicle they operate is compliant.
- The Fleet Services Office has arranged for a vendor to install the beacons, available at multiple locations throughout the GTHA. Please contact your respective Fleet Analyst to book an appointment.
- Contact NRV@metrolinx.com for further information.