

Main Line Rail Replacement (Overnight Work)

September 21 to 26, 2020



What work is taking place?

Over time, rail gets worn out and needs replacement. A portion of approximately 800 feet of rail on the existing main line just north of our project limits needs to be replaced. This work involves laying out the new rail (which comes in 80-foot strings that get welded together on site), cutting, disconnecting and removing the old rail, dropping in the new rail, welding the two ends of the new rail to the main line, and lastly, destressing the rail to prevent thermal expansion.

When

The work is scheduled to take place between Monday, September 21 and Saturday, September 26.

*Please note these dates are tentative, and work could be rescheduled.

Where

The work will take place between Davenport Road and St. Clair Avenue West, within the rail corridor. The site access point at Caledonia will be frequently used, while site access points at Wallace and Paton may be used for equipment access onto the rail corridor.

Hours

This work will take place during night shifts for the duration of the work period. Crews will be working nightly for five consecutive nights, beginning on Monday, September 21. This includes overnight work on Friday, September 25 into the afternoon of Saturday, September 26.

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What to expect

The work being performed is significant. Residents can expect bright lights, loud noise and increased activity overnight, as crews use heavy rail equipment to carry out the work.

Why overnight

Barrie GO train service has increased substantially as of September 8. With trains running more frequently now and due to the limited space within the rail corridor, crews cannot safely perform this work during the daytime. As such, this work must be performed overnight while trains are not running.

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