

West Toronto Railpath Tree Clearing and Vegetation Removal

June 2022

Background

Work is underway to deliver the GO Expansion Program - the largest transit expansion in Canadian history.

To allow **fast, quiet, electrified, two-way, all-day service** that will come with GO Expansion, Metrolinx will build new track, signals, rail facilities and electrification infrastructure, modify and build bridges, and improve crossings across the core segments of the GO rail network.

Metrolinx will be building a new track on the Kitchener GO line, next to the West Toronto Railpath. Part of this work will include construction of a new entrance to Bloor GO Station, a new community park at Ernest Avenue, and a realignment of the Railpath, on behalf of the City of Toronto.

Invasive tree species on the railpath and inside the rail corridor will be removed to facilitate this work and will be replaced within the City of Toronto through a compensation program based on the Metrolinx Vegetation Guideline (2020). The final path realignment will include landscaping with native trees, shrubs, and vine walls.

What work is taking place?

Crews will clear and remove some of the trees and vegetation located within the rail corridor and West Toronto Railpath between Dundas Street West and Dupont Street. Fencing will be installed around trees to be protected.



For more information on the GO Expansion vegetation removal and compensation program, visit metrolinx.com/vegetation or scan the QR code below:



Timing and what to expect

- Crews will begin by installing tree protection fencing and identifying invasive trees in July 2022.
- Trees marked for removal will be safely cut and moved away from the path for chipping.
- Work will be done in small sections with possible rolling closures of the railpath. Path users may be briefly stopped by flagpersons to ensure your safety while this work occurs.
- These dates are tentative, and work may be rescheduled due to weather or unforeseen circumstances.
- The majority of work will take place between 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. on weekdays, and possibly on weekends.
- Work will be conducted as quickly and efficiently as possible to minimize disturbances, but residents and businesses near the corridor can expect to hear noise caused by trucks, chippers and other construction equipment related to this work.
- Residents may see crews in and around the corridor pruning and inspecting vegetation for the next few years.

Questions

If you have any questions about this work or would like to be included on future email communications from us, please do not hesitate to call us at 416-202-6911 or email us at TorontoWest@metrolinx.com.

Please respect all safety and exclusion measures installed to protect you. Thank you for your patience as we work to transform the rail corridor in your area.

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