

## **Master Agreement for Light Rail Transit Projects**

Metrolinx and the TTC have now finalized a master agreement that defines the long-term roles, responsibilities and relationships for the construction and operation of the four Metrolinx Light Rail Transit (LRT) projects in Toronto – the Eglinton Crosstown, Scarborough, Sheppard East and Finch West LRTs. These projects represent an \$8.4 billion investment from the Province of Ontario.

Metrolinx will continue to work closely with the City of Toronto and the TTC, collaborating and consulting on all aspects of the delivery of the LRT projects including reviewing and resolving any significant changes that may be requested. Metrolinx will continue with the public engagement process already underway through design and construction.

Under the agreement, Metrolinx will own and control the transit assets, including the light rail vehicles, tracks, tunnels, stations and land. The TTC has agreed to the principles of an operating arrangement that will allow it to operate LRT lines. A detailed operating agreement for will be negotiated three years before the first line enters service.

To deliver the projects, Metrolinx intends to use the alternative financing and procurement framework managed by Infrastructure Ontario and will apply a design-build-finance-maintain model subject to positive value for money analysis and Cabinet approval. City of Toronto staff will be included in the procurement, design and construction phases for the LRT projects.

The master agreement includes protocols that provide greater detail on financial approvals and procurement, property acquisition, communications, dispute resolution and governance.

Metrolinx has complete discretion to amend the program scope, subject to the receipt of any required approvals under the Environmental Assessment Act.

Any proposed program scope changes that involve the following will also trigger a Notice of Environmental Project Report Addendum to the approved Environmental Assessment:

- The elimination of any underground or elevated station
- Significant increases or reductions to the length of any one of the projects
- Significant increases or reductions to the length of any tunneling
- Significant changes to the alignment of any of the projects

Under the agreement, Metrolinx will keep city councillors informed of construction or other project impacts affecting Toronto communities and neighborhoods.

### **The Master Agreement – Fundamental Principles**

1. Metrolinx will acquire, own and control the assets of the transit projects.
2. Metrolinx will have final decision-making authority over the scope, schedule and budget of the transit projects.
3. Metrolinx will work collaboratively and consult with the city and the TTC to build the transit projects in accordance with the terms and protocols set out in the Master Agreement.

4. Metrolinx, the city and the TTC will each have final authority over the design, construction and operation of their respective assets.

5. Metrolinx, the city and the TTC will perform their obligations promptly and diligently to ensure that the transit projects are completed on time and on budget.

6. Metrolinx will endeavour to build the transit projects with minimal disruption to the city and the TTC, and to facilitate urban intensification along the transit corridors in the future.

7. The TTC is owner and/or operator of the TTC infrastructure at Interchange Stations. The TTC will be the future operator of the LRT Lines, under an operating agreement with Metrolinx.

Metrolinx, an agency of the Province of Ontario, is working to provide residents and businesses in the Greater Toronto and Hamilton Area with a transportation system that is modern, efficient and integrated. Metrolinx's light rail transit plan is part of *The Big Move*, the regional transportation plan that will transform regional transportation across the GTHA.

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