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Transit and Rail Project Assessment Process Consultation Summary



Toronto Transit Commission Line 3 Busway
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Environmental Project Review Consultation

On September 24, 2024 the Toronto Transit Commission hosted an in-person public consultation related to the Line 3 Busway proposal. Comments were captured by staff at the event for review and consideration by the project team. Details of the Public Open House

Date: September 24, 2024

Time: Drop-in anytime between 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Location: St. Joan of Arc Catholic Academy, 959 Midland Ave, Scarborough, ON.

Approximately 45 participants attended this in-person public session. The session included staff from the Toronto Transit Commission, and AECOM. The intent of this summary is to capture the range of feedback shared at the public meeting, and received via e-mail by the Senior Community Liaison Officer in advance of, and following the public meetings. It is not intended to serve as verbatim transcript.

General Project Feedback

- Stop consulting, start constructing.
- Legacy use – Ensure the Busway is designed for legacy use once the Scarborough Subway Extension is completed so that it is usable after 2030.
- Bus Lanes – Remove red bus lanes along Kennedy Road and Midland Avenue once the Busway is constructed. No one likes them – they were an awful idea.
- AODA – Ensure all bus stops along the Busway are AODA compliant along with re-opening the Station buildings to allow access to and from the east/west side of the Line 3 corridor for easier connection into the residential portions of our community.
- Parking – Re-commission and maintain commuter-lots at Ellesmere Station and Lawrence East Stations.
- Value for money - this Busway is only needed until the Scarborough Subway Extension is constructed and should not be made because of the projected cost.
- Create bicycle and pedestrian amenities along the corridor and at stops – bike repair, large wide transit shelters and seating areas.
- Service alignment – eliminate turn prohibitions along Ellesmere Road once the Busway opens.
- The impact to property and land value will be positive. Transit brings economic opportunity that is sorely lacking in Scarborough. Invest in transit in Scarborough.

Environmental Project Report Feedback

- Noise concerns, specifically at the three stop locations: concerns that buses are projected to be louder than the former Line 3 rail service.
- Noise –residents requested e-buses and hybrid electric vehicles exclusively on this corridor. The corridor is very close to residential areas and acceleration, deceleration of diesel buses will impact resident's enjoyment of property.
- Air Quality – request to deploy hybrid electric and e-bus vehicles to mitigate impact to air quality, especially due to high level of service and long service hours daily planned for this corridor.
- Traffic Infiltration at Tara Avenue/Mooregate Avenue - an additional stop at Tara Avenue and Mooregate Avenue was foregone during the initial planning of Line 3 in the 1980s due to lack of parking. How can the Toronto Transit Commission consider a stop here almost 40 years later, and still provide no parking?
- Culture and heritage: embed in the Line 3 Busway ceremonial recognition towards the former Line 3 rail line, as one of Scarborough's first higher-order transit pieces
- Tree Protection – ensure alternatives are thoroughly considered before considering removal of any trees – most trees in this area are mature trees, an unnecessary loss would be devastating.