



Notice of Commencement

Finch West Maintenance and Storage Facility Environmental Project Report

The Project

Metrolinx, an agency of the Government of Ontario, is proposing to construct a Maintenance and Storage Facility (MSF) to serve the Finch West Light Rail Transit (LRT) line in the City of Toronto. The purpose of the MSF is to store and maintain the light rail vehicles that will operate along the Finch West LRT corridor with an allowance for maintenance and storage of light rail vehicles that will operate on a future Jane Street LRT. The MSF will accommodate a maximum of 75 light rail vehicles.

The site is located on 8 hectares (20 acres) of vacant land owned by Metrolinx on the north side of Finch Avenue West in the City of Toronto between Norfinch Drive to the west and York Gate Boulevard to the east.

In 2010, the Minister of the Environment and Climate Change issued a Notice to Proceed for the Finch West LRT, a 17 kilometre LRT line extending from Humber College in northern Etobicoke to Yonge Street. The Environmental Project Report prepared for that project identified the location of the MSF as a potential site to store and maintain light rail vehicles, but the report did not address the potential effects of the MSF. Consequently, a new assessment of effects is required for the MSF.



The Process

The environmental impacts of this transit project will be assessed in accordance with the Transit Project Assessment Process as prescribed in Ontario Regulation 231/08, Transit Projects and Metrolinx Undertakings. As part of the Transit Project Assessment Process, an Environmental Project Report for the Finch West MSF is being prepared. All information produced as part of this project is available at www.metrolinx.com/finchwest.

Consultation

Members of the public, agencies and other interested persons are encouraged to participate actively in the transit project assessment process. Metrolinx will be hosting a public meeting and the public will be invited to review information about the MSF, the potential effects and the measures incorporated to mitigate those potential effects.

Additionally, throughout the environmental assessment period, the public may provide comment, request to be added to the project mailing list or obtain more information by contacting Metrolinx staff as follows:

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