

The Ontario Line

# **Leaside Towers Tenants Association Meeting**

**February 13, 2024**



# Agenda

## Welcome

- **Introductions**
- **Safety Moment**

## Presentation

- **Construction Timeline**
- **Station Renderings and Features**
- **Guideways and Bridges**
- **Operations, Maintenance, and Storage Facility (OMSF)**
- **Community Concerns**

## Discussion

# Safety Moment

**Injuries caused by slips, trips and falls cause workers to miss an average of 14 days of work. Go over common hazards to watch for in your work environment, as well as the process for reporting and mitigating the risks**





# Overlea Boulevard Construction Timeline

2023-Late 2020s

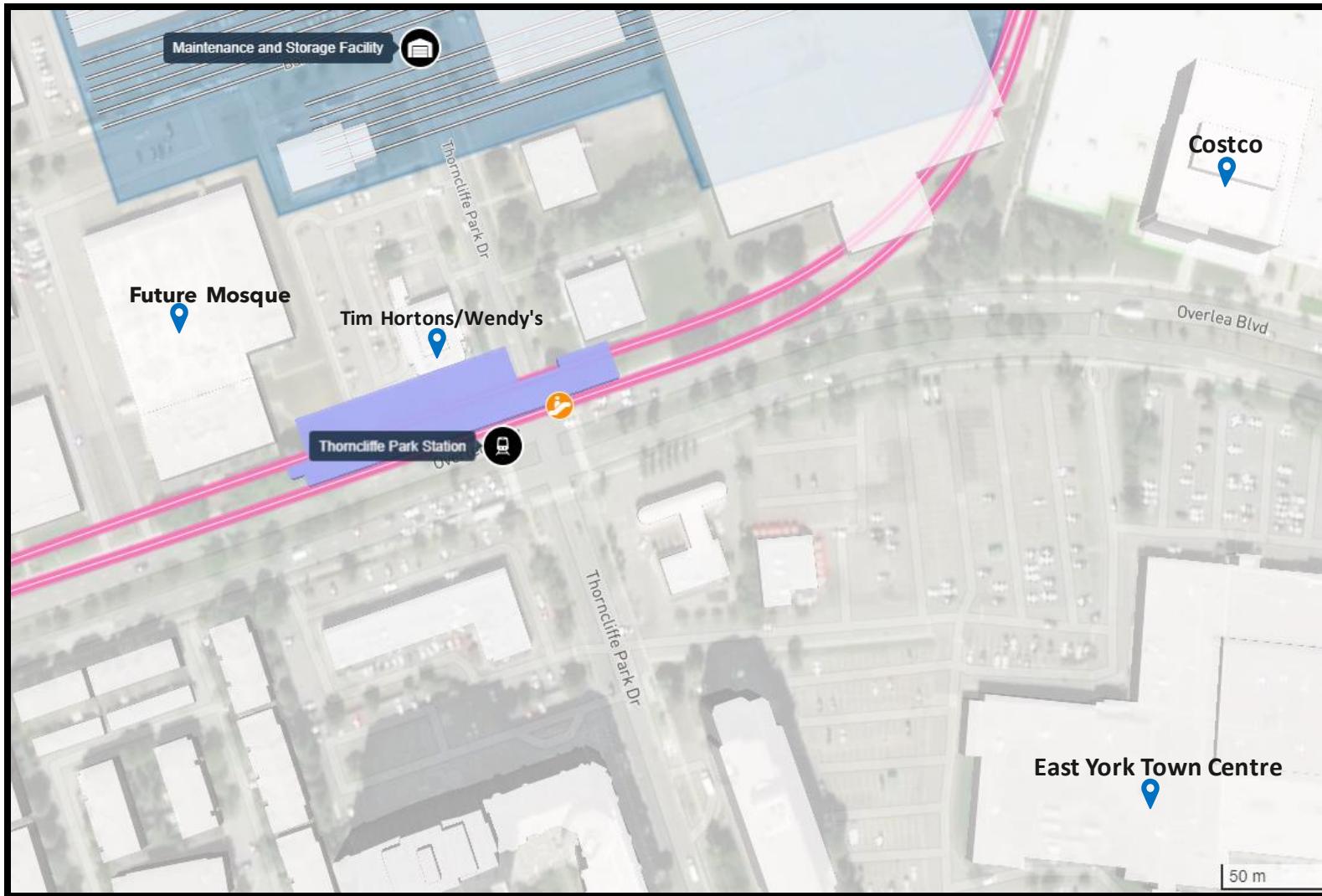


# Thorncliffe Park Station

## Features & Renderings

# Thorncliffe Park Station

- Costco and East York Town Centre not expected to be impacted by the station construction.
- 12,800 people within walking distance to the station.
- 500 transfers during the busiest travel hour.
- 3,000 jobs in the area.



## Station Interior

Platform level within the station, showcasing the center platform and platform edge doors being implemented for passenger safety.

The station will be fully accessible in compliance with the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA).

Station amenities will include:

- Secure bike storage
- Covered bike parking
- Public plaza/meeting space



Design rendering - subject to change

## Station Exterior

A nighttime image of the station, highlighting how transparency supports wayfinding. The spaces under the elevated guideways will be illuminated for safety and amenity.



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# Guideways and Bridges

## Guideway cross-section

A cross-section of a section of the elevated guideway showing integrated drainage and utilities minimize visual clutter and deliver clean, functional and elegant structures along these roads.



Rendering - final construction may differ

## Guideway - station interface

An illustration of how the guideway will connect with the future Flemingdon Park Station. Lighting under the guideways will be an important safety and amenity feature.



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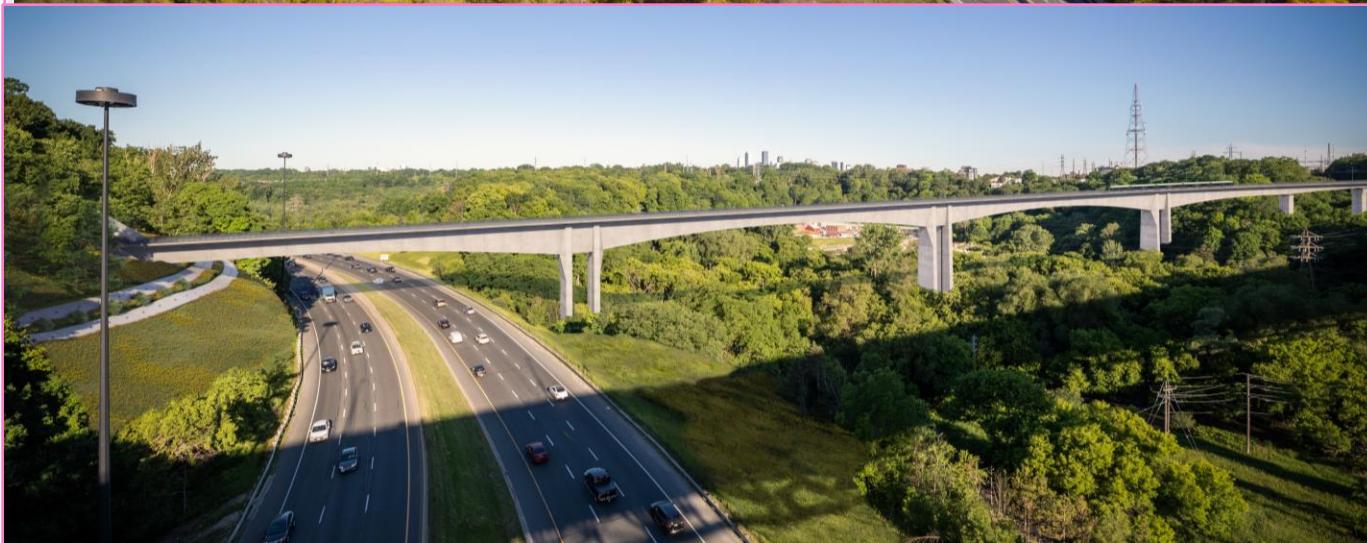
## Guideway aerial view

A view of the guideway along Overlea Boulevard showing the public realm and north-south connection to the future Leaside Park Drive extension.



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# Don Valley Crossings



- Two large bridges will span the Don Valley, to be used exclusively by Ontario Line trains.
- The first crossing will begin at the Minton Place Portal (starting Summer 2024 - 2028), travelling north parallel to Millwood Rd. (the Leaside Bridge) before connecting with Overlea Blvd.
- The second crossing will run along the north side of Overlea Blvd, beginning just east of Beth Nealson Dr. It will span over the valley and connect with Don Mills Rd. at Gateway Blvd. (Flemington Park Station).

# The Operations, Maintenance and Storage Facility (OMSF)

# The OMSF

The OMSF will be the central location for Ontario Line train storage and maintenance, and the site of the administration and operations offices.

The facility will be located next to the future Thorncliffe Park station.

Those working at the OMSF location will oversee operations of the line, signaling and communications maintenance, line security, safety, performance management, and track and train maintenance.



Main building entrance. Renderings are subject to change.

# The Trains

The Ontario Line will feature four-car trains that will be electric and driverless. In operation, the trains will travel up to 80 kilometres per hour.

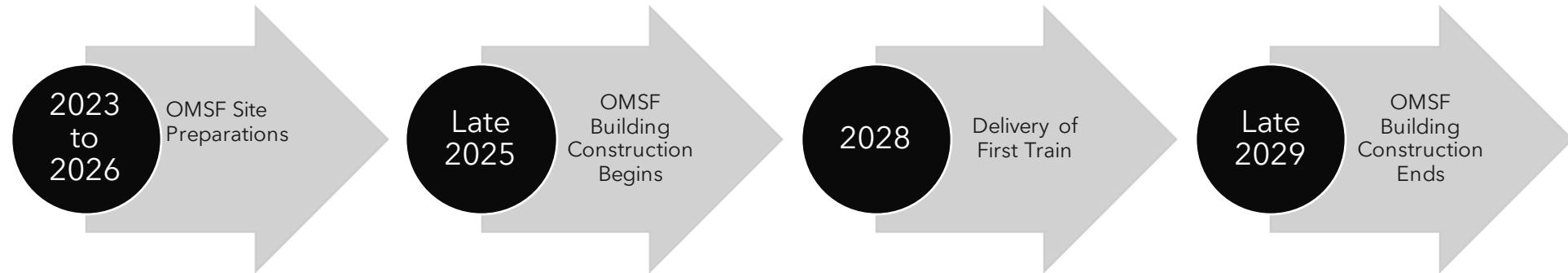
The trains will run as frequently as every 90 seconds.

On-board features will include Wi-Fi, double wheelchair areas, charging stations and spots for bicycles.

To create the safest experience possible for Ontario Line riders, each station will include full platform edge screens and doors to prevent transit riders and debris from entering the track area when the train is not in the station.



# What's Happening When



# 20 Overlea Boulevard - Islamic Society of Toronto

Maintenance and Storage Facility construction requires the relocation of the Islamic Society of Toronto (IST) and other tenants from 2 and 4 Thorncliffe Park Drive.

The IST and other tenants will be relocated into the fully renovated existing building at 20 Overlea Blvd. This will be the home of the new Mosque and business hub.



## Business Relocation

- **Iqbal Foods** - Expected to relocate within the community.
- **Access Storage** - The Thorncliffe Park location has closed.
- **Wendy's/Tim Hortons** - Owners will reach out to Metrolinx once move to new location is complete.



## Transit Oriented Community

- TOCs are handled by Infrastructure Ontario which is a separate entity from Metrolinx.
- Development concept submitted to the City in October 2023.
- Three sites designated for TOC use.
- TOCs are expected to increase housing supply (including affordable housing) and jobs
- Updates are available on Infrastructure Ontario's website.



## Employment Opportunities

- Metrolinx, along with its partners hosted a job fair at the Cypriot Centre in Thorncliffe Park on January 24, 2024.
- Over 1,300 attendees- a lot of whom were from the community.
- Lessons learnt to be applied to future job fairs.



# Contact Metrolinx and Stay Connected

Metrolinx commits to keeping the community informed by providing Ontario Line updates and addressing questions and concerns effectively, and quickly.

Visit our community office near you:

**Thorncliffe Park:**  
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