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Ontario Continues with Progress on Scarborough Subway Extension

Province releases Request for Proposals for the station building contract to help deliver modern rapid transit

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[Ministry of Transportation](#)

TORONTO – The Ontario government is advancing a major works contract for the three-stop Scarborough Subway Extension, one of Ontario’s four priority subway projects in the Greater Toronto Area (GTA). This is part of the government’s plan to build Ontario by getting shovels in the ground on key infrastructure projects.

The Province has issued the Request for Proposals (RFP) for the Stations, Rail and Systems contract, inviting three qualified teams to submit detailed plans for how they will design and build stations and emergency exit buildings, fit the tunnel with track and signals, and install and commission the systems required for operations.

“Our government has a clear vision to build Ontario through critical transportation projects. Since announcing Ontario’s historic subway investment for the GTA, we have worked diligently to bring on board the most qualified and experienced teams to help us move forward on these vital projects,” said the Honourable Caroline Mulroney, Minister of Transportation. “As we continue to advance the three-stop Scarborough Subway Extension at an unprecedented pace, we are one step closer to finally delivering rapid transit to support the families, businesses and communities of Scarborough.”

The approximate 7.8-kilometre Scarborough Subway Extension is being delivered in two large contracts. In May 2021, Strabag was awarded the advance tunnel contract to assemble the tunnel boring machine, which will begin tunneling this spring.

“Partnerships are key to delivering major projects like the Scarborough Subway Extension,” said the Honourable Dominic LeBlanc, Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs, Infrastructure and Communities. “Our Government will continue to work collaboratively with the Government of Ontario to get transit built in the GTA and across the province.”

Last year, the Government of Canada announced its commitment to fund 40 per cent of eligible costs, more than \$10 billion, for Ontario’s four priority subway projects in the GTA, including the Ontario Line, the three-stop Scarborough Subway Extension, the Yonge North Subway Extension and the Eglinton Crosstown West Extension. Federal funding for the Yonge North Subway Extension is conditional on federal Treasury Board approval.

“This is another step forward in getting the Scarborough Subway Extension built. I'm proud that the City of Toronto is working with the Province of Ontario and the Government of Canada to get transit built,” said John Tory, Mayor of Toronto. “This project will benefit Scarborough and our entire city. Thank you to the provincial government for moving ahead with this extension as quickly as possible.”

Quick Facts

- The three shortlisted teams were selected based on criteria identified in the Request for Qualifications (RFQ) process that began in September 2021. Criteria included design and construction experience, as well as financial capacity to deliver a project of this size and complexity.
- Under Ontario’s innovative Progressive Design-Build procurement model, Infrastructure Ontario and Metrolinx will evaluate the submitted proposals and award the development contract to the successful team in fall 2022. The construction contract will be awarded in mid-2024.
- The three-stop Scarborough Subway Extension is one of four priority subway projects in the GTA and part of the largest subway expansion in Canadian history. It will extend the Toronto Transit Commission’s (TTC) Bloor-Danforth Line 2 by approximately 7.8 kilometres, from Kennedy Station to a new terminus at Sheppard Avenue and McCowan Road.
- The [Preliminary Design Business Case](#) estimates the Scarborough Subway Extension will provide 38,000 people with walking distance access to rapid transit and see 105,000 daily boardings by 2041.
- In February 2020, Ontario and the City of Toronto [announced the signing](#) of the Ontario-Toronto Transit Partnership Preliminary Agreement, confirming their partnership to deliver on the government’s plan and build the four priority subway projects faster.
- In July 2020, the [Building Transit Faster Act](#) became law, providing the province with the tools to expedite the planning, design and construction process of the four priority transit projects.
- In June 2021, the [province announced the official ground breaking](#) for the Scarborough Subway Extension.

Quotes

"Our government remains committed to moving as fast as possible to deliver this important subway extension for the communities of Scarborough. This milestone brings us closer to providing residents with a transit network that has been overlooked for far too long. We look forward to continuing to work with our industry partners to accelerate this transit expansion to ensure people can get to where they need to go safely and on time, while also creating new economic and employment opportunities for residents in and around Scarborough."

**- The Honourable Kinga Surma
Minister of Infrastructure**

"We are committed to moving as fast as possible to deliver this subway extension for the people of Scarborough. With milestones like today's announcement, our government remains on track to improve the transit ridership experience for people throughout the GTA for generations to come."

**- The Honourable Stan Cho
Associate Minister of Transportation**

"The best way to ensure our transportation infrastructure keeps up with the pace of growth in Scarborough and across the GTA is by building public transit. We will keep working in collaboration with our provincial partners to advance projects like these, that get Canadians where they need to be, while helping us meet our climate goals."

**- The Honourable Bill Blair
President of the Queen's Privy Council for Canada and Minister of Emergency Preparedness, and Member of Parliament for Scarborough Southwest**

"Premier Ford and our government are delivering on our promise to bring a subway to Scarborough. The people of Scarborough will finally get the transit that they deserve. Our government is delivering a transportation system that provides rapid, environmentally responsible, world-class transit to our community."

**- The Honourable Raymond Cho
Minister for Seniors and Accessibility and Member of Provincial Parliament for Scarborough North**

"As our government delivers more project milestones, the people of Scarborough are one step closer to enjoying the modern, fast and reliable transit experience that they have patiently waited for. Our government remains committed to swiftly building the largest transit expansion in Canadian history to bring more jobs and opportunity to Scarborough."

**- Vijay Thanigasalam
Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Transportation and Member of Provincial Parliament for Scarborough—Rouge Park**

"Another important milestone in delivering first class public transit to the residents of Scarborough. Our government is committed to improving the quality of life of our residents. This subway project will create thousands of local jobs, drive much-needed housing development and cut travel times for Scarborough riders who rely on transit everyday. By advancing this project, our government is keeping its promise to build critical transit infrastructure for the benefit of all Scarborough residents. The days of Scarborough being in isolation is over. Better things to come for Scarborough-Agincourt and Scarborough residents."

- Aris Babikian

Member of Provincial Parliament for Scarborough–Agincourt

"With the tunnel boring machine assembly well underway at the launch shaft site for the Scarborough Subway Extension, I am thrilled with the latest news that we have also shortlisted teams for the stations, rail, and systems contract. We are truly making great strides in finally getting this built and bringing a world-class subway extension to the deserving people of Scarborough."

- Christina Mitas

Member of Provincial Parliament for Scarborough Centre

"The Scarborough Subway Extension will make a major difference in the lives of people across our community. I'm thrilled to see this project get one step closer to becoming a reality. Our Government will continue to build more public transit across the GTA to ensure everyone can get where they need to be, safely and efficiently."

- Salma Zahid

Member of Parliament for Scarborough Centre

"We are exceptionally pleased to invite these experienced teams to share their proposals for delivering the stations, rail and systems for the Scarborough Subway Extension. This is a new contract form, with a very different approach to project development and planning than Ontario's traditional P3 contracts. It represents an example of how we are working closely with the market to select the right approach to deliver these projects as quickly as possible. This subway extension will bring direct subway service further into Scarborough and provide more modern, rapid transit options for customers around the region."

- Phil Verster

President and CEO, Metrolinx

"Fast, efficient and accessible transit is crucial for the residents of Scarborough and the GTA. The Progressive Design-Build procurement model is being used for the Stations, Rail and Systems component of the Scarborough Subway Extension project, allowing us to work collaboratively with the successful proponent through the design phase. Today's RFP release is another important step forward in this exciting project."

- Michael Lindsay

President and CEO, Infrastructure Ontario

Additional Resources

[Infrastructure Ontario: Teams Shortlisted for Scarborough Subway Extension – Stations, Rail and Systems Contract](#)

[Learn more about Ontario's priority transit projects](#)

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