



## URA Members Meeting Minutes

Monday, March 30, 2025  
Unionville Train Station

### URA Directors in attendance:

Jóska Zérczi, Michael Gannon, Donna Day, Peter Miasek, Stella Yu, Roland Hoesin, Jack Ng, Adam Poon and Gene Genin

Absent: Sandra Tam and Bosco He

### Guests:

Colin Wong, Senior Project Manager for 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue Improvement, York Region  
Mark Hanlon, Program Manager, York Region Transportation Planning

### Officials:

Reid McAlpine, Councillor Ward 3, City of Markham

Attendance: Approximately twenty-four members and guests.

### 1. Call to Order and President's Introduction

On behalf of URA President, Jóska Zérczi, URA Director Peter Miasek called the meeting to order. Peter welcomed members and guests.

### 2. 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue Road Improvement (Colin Wong, Senior Project Manager, York Region)

Colin presented a comprehensive update on the planned widening of 16th Avenue between Woodbine Ave. and Kennedy Rd.

#### Construction Segments

The project is divided into three segments. The first, Leslie St. to Woodbine Ave., is scheduled for 2026–2029. The second, Woodbine Ave. to Warden Ave., runs from 2027 to mid-2029. The third segment, Warden Ave. to Kennedy Rd., also begins in 2027 with completion expected by mid-2030.

#### Multi-Use Path (MUP)

A multi-use path will run the full length of the corridor from Leslie St. to Kennedy Rd. Between Country Estate Dr. and Kennedy Rd., MUPs will be provided on both sides of 16th Ave. For the

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remainder of the corridor, the MUP will be located on the north side only, due to roadway easement constraints.

#### Signals and Noise Barriers

Two new signals will be installed along the Woodbine Ave. to Kennedy Rd. segment. Region-maintained noise barriers will be installed throughout the corridor.

#### Traffic Management During Construction

To maintain road capacity during construction, traffic will be shifted from side to side as work progresses.

#### Bridge Underpasses

As the Berczy and Bruce Creek bridges will not be raised, underpass paths beneath them are unlikely to be implemented. Path users will instead be directed to cross at the Country Estate Dr. intersection and the future signalized Normandale Rd. intersection.

#### Highway 404 Ramp

The Ministry of Transportation has not yet advised whether the Highway 404 exit ramp at 16th Ave. will be converted from a reverse to a parallel configuration — a change that may now be feasible given the closure of the formerly constraining Buttonville Airport.

### 3. Councillor Update (Ward 3 Councillor, Reid McAlpine)

Councillor McAlpine provided updates on the following topics:

#### GO Trains Expansion

The province's plan to implement 15-minute GO train service is currently experiencing delays. The primary challenge stems from the significant costs associated with upgrading or replacing existing level crossings. These expenses have emerged as a key obstacle, slowing down the progress of the project and affecting the timeline for introducing more frequent GO train service.

#### Honda Indy

Preparatory construction for the Honda Indy is scheduled to be completed by the end of June. During construction there will be intermittent road closures.

#### Kennedy Road Widening at YMCA Boulevard

The planned widening of Kennedy Road at YMCA Boulevard will include modifications to the existing medians, extending these changes along Kennedy Road all the way to Highway 7. This work aims to support improved traffic flow and accommodate future transportation needs in the area.

### Main Street Renovation Progress

With most road construction activities on Main Street now finished, several outstanding tasks remain to be addressed. These include repaving Victoria Avenue to ensure a smooth and safe driving surface, removing the old streetlights as part of infrastructure upgrades, and completing landscaping efforts to improve the overall streetscape.

### Main Street Parking Controversy

The issue of parking on Main Street remains contentious. The Main Street business association has put forward a recommendation to permanently prohibit all street parking along Main Street. This proposal has generated considerable debate among stakeholders, particularly regarding its potential impact on local businesses and visitors. Council is expected to review the matter and make a formal decision during their meeting in April.

## 4. Meeting Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm.