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COMMUNITY INFORMATION

RAILWAY BRIDGE REPLACEMENTS

STOUFFVILLE CORRIDOR

GO Transit is committed to making travel across the region easy. To support an expanded and strong public transit system, a number of new projects are underway to enhance passenger experience and improve service. One of these projects is the replacement of three timber trestle railway bridges along the Stouffville Corridor, between Unionville and Markham GO Stations.

New bridges will allow us to operate more efficiently and provide more reliable service to the thousands of commuters who depend upon us to get them where they need to go.

Federal Screening Environmental Assessment (EA) studies for each bridge have been completed, and a bridge replacement contract has been awarded to SEMA Railway Structures Ltd.

The work to replace the bridges will begin with the Rouge River Bridge in mid-February 2011 with the installation of new steel piles to support the new bridges concrete piers and abutments. Similar work will begin on the Bruce Creek Bridge in late February 2011.

This first phase of work for the Rouge River will be completed in April 2011. The pile installation for the Bruce Creek Bridge will be suspended at this time and will continue along with the start of work on the Robinson Creek Bridge later this year, in December 2011.

To minimize nuisance effects related to noise and dust on the community, the pile installation work has been scheduled during winter months.

Hours of work will be limited to between 8:30am and 4:30pm weekdays. Weekend work (between 7:00am and 7:00pm) will take place as needed and in accordance with municipal by-laws.

Construction crews will access each bridge from the rail corridor to ensure that trucks and machinery are not moving through nearby business and residential areas. Noise and vibration will also be monitored during the piling construction phase.

The final phase of work for the Rouge River Bridge, which includes the installation of the new bridge spans, will take place in August 2011. Installation of the new bridge spans for the Bruce Creek Bridge is scheduled for May 2012 and August 2012 for the Robinson Creek Bridge.

For more detailed information on bridge replacement construction progress, go to www.gotransit.com or contact our Customer Care Centre at 416-869-3200.

Thank you in advance for your patience and understanding as we work to complete this work safely and quickly.

