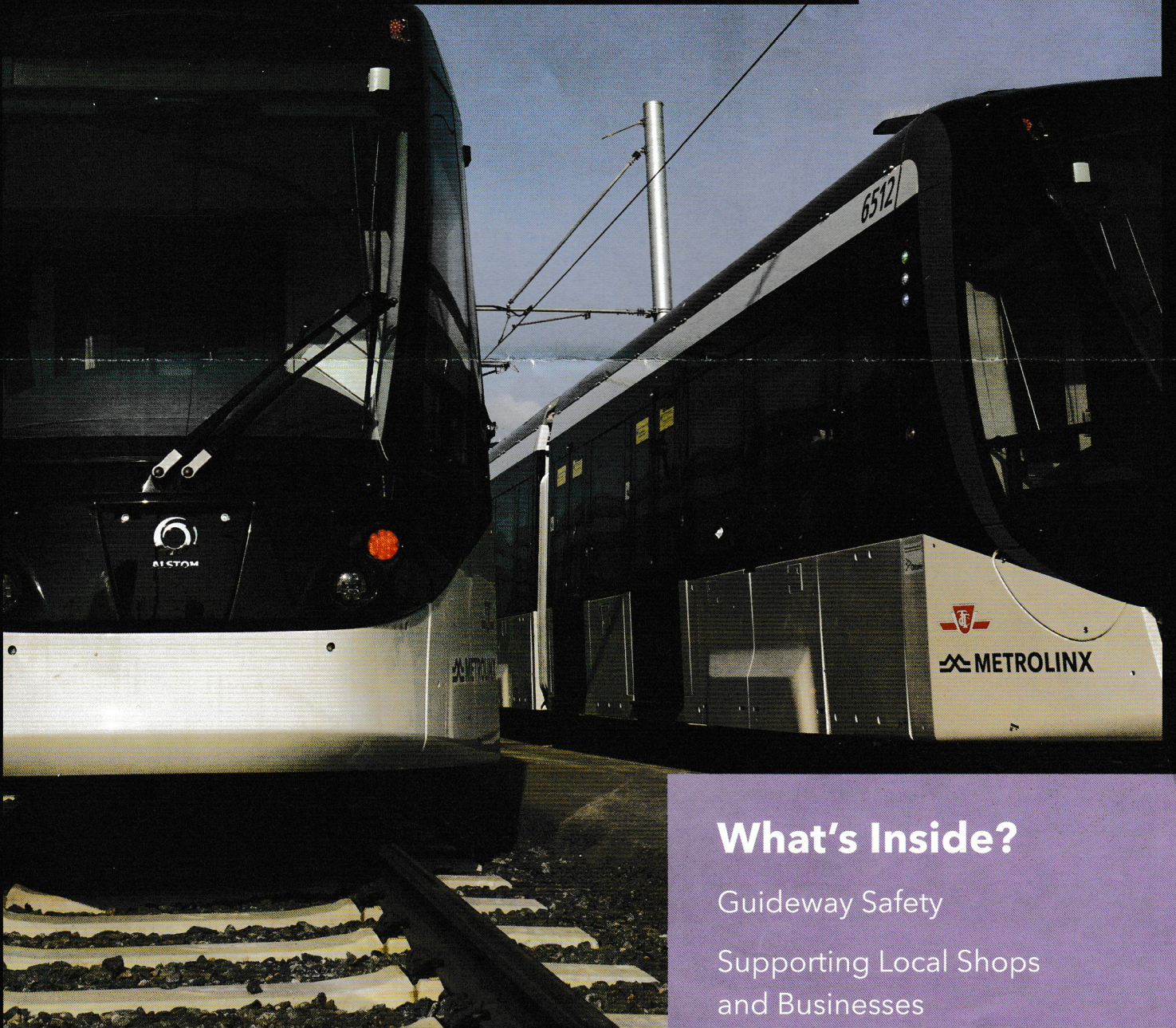


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Finch West LRT Newsletter



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Take Out, Take Care, Be Safe

It matters where we shop, and supporting local businesses helps strengthen the Finch West community and grow the local economy. Many small and independently owned businesses are in local malls or plazas, which provide goods and services to people in the neighbourhood. Check out these retailers in your area:

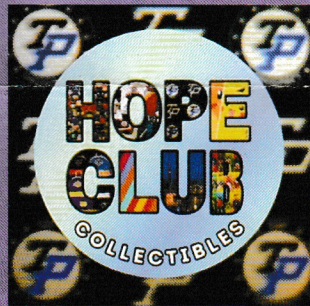


Gianfranco Hair Design

1 York Gate Boulevard, Yorkgate Mall | 416 - 650 - 5902

We offer cutting edge, creative and progressive hair design for women, men and children. Offering a full range of hair services, including hair colouring, hair extensions and weaves, hair treatments, hair relaxers, permanent waving, as well as up-do's, just to name a few! We also provide a variety of aesthetics. From a full-service nail salon to facial and body waxing, as well as eye lash extensions, Gianfranco Hair Design has you covered.

Store hours: Monday - Friday: 10 a.m. - 9 p.m., Saturday: 9:30 a.m. - 6 p.m. and Sunday: Noon - 5 p.m.

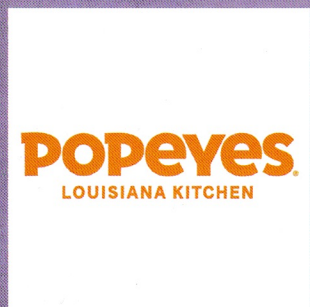


Hope Club Collectibles

1530 Albion Road Unit#51A | 416 - 318 - 7024

Hope Club Collectibles is a small trading card business located in the heart of the finch west community, in The Albion Mall. We are a collectibles store that specializes in sports cards, Pokémon cards, trading card games plus much more! Our passion is helping people grow, learn and educate themselves within this exciting hobby. We welcome anyone who wants to learn more to our store. Come see us today!

Store hours: Monday - Friday, 10:30 a.m. - 8:30 p.m., Saturday, 11 a.m. - 6 p.m., Sunday, noon - 5 p.m.



Popeyes

3931 Keele Street | 416 - 633 - 6083

As a locally owned and operated Popeyes, we serve as a gathering place where people from the finch west community come together to enjoy delicious food and socialize. Our menu includes a variety of value meals and promotions, making it a go-to choice for people looking for a tasty and budget-friendly meal.

Contact us today and enjoy our fresh and delicious chicken at your home or work.

Store hours: Monday - Thursday and Sunday, 11 a.m. - 11 p.m. Friday and Saturday, 11 a.m. - 1 a.m.



Finch West has so much to offer, it's no wonder we're building transit here!

If you are a local business owner and would like to be profiled or mentioned in our newsletter, send us an email at TorontoWest@metrolinx.com and we'll be sure to connect with you.

Light Rail Vehicle and Guideway Safety



Photo: A Light Rail Vehicle at Finch West Station.

With the new guideway in place light rail vehicles (LRVs) are on the move. Safety is important for pedestrians, cyclists and motorists as they commute along Finch Avenue West.

Here are some safety tips to keep in mind:

- Entering the guideway is prohibited at all times, includes walking, driving or biking.
- Cross the street at designated crosswalks or intersections and remember to look both ways and obey traffic signals at all times. Wait for the "walk" signal and for traffic to come to a complete stop before crossing.
- LRVs will follow normal traffic signals. When crossing a street with an LRV at a red light, make eye contact with the operator before crossing in front of it.
- Do not jaywalk or cross in front of parked vehicles.
- Do not try to beat or race an oncoming LRV to cross a street. Wait until it clears the intersection.
- Be seen when you are on the scene. Wear bright coloured clothing, especially at night. Attaching reflective items is a good idea as well!
- While LRV testing is ongoing, there will be signs to advise people what is happening, with new traffic controls installed to ensure pedestrian and vehicular safety. Do not move or deface these items - they are for everyone's safety.
- While the LRVs are being tested, their doors will be opening and closing just like they will be during regular operations. It is prohibited to board an LRV during testing.
- The Finch West LRT is powered by high voltage electricity running through the Overhead Catenary System (OCS) cables and wires. Do not climb any structure to touch or handle any cables or wires. If you see a cable or wire on the ground, stay clear of it and contact emergency services immediately.
- Until the Finch West LRT becomes fully operational, construction work is continuing at many sites across Finch Avenue West. All work sites are off-limits to the public and it is prohibited to enter them. For your safety, do not go behind fenced areas.

Permanent Traffic Signals Near Completion

All new permanent traffic signals at the 29 intersections across the Finch West LRT alignment are on track to be installed in the coming months.

The new traffic signals will guide motorists safely and quickly along Finch Avenue West in conjunction with the operating LRT. There are changes to signalling in the area, including U-turn signals and advanced left turn signals, which will ensure smooth, consistent and fast traffic flow along Finch Avenue West.

Once the traffic signals are in place, Finch West LRT teams will focus on rail signal installation and testing at all 29 intersections across the alignment.



Photo: Permanent traffic signals at Finch Avenue West and Highway 27 intersection, view east.

Major Finch West Light Rail Transit (LRT) Progress

Throughout the fall and winter, the Finch West LRT achieved numerous important milestones, including 100 per cent installation of 22 km of rail, 481 Overhead Catenary System (OCS) poles and cabling, 116 canopies, as well as completing the guideway and duct bank and all structural and architectural works at Finch West station and Humber College station.

Currently, final paving, light rail vehicle (LRV) testing and final certifications and permanent power works are ongoing across the Finch West LRT alignment.



Photo: Jane and Finch platform, rails and overhead catenary system.

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Finch West LRT

Light Rail Safety

The Finch West LRT - An Overview

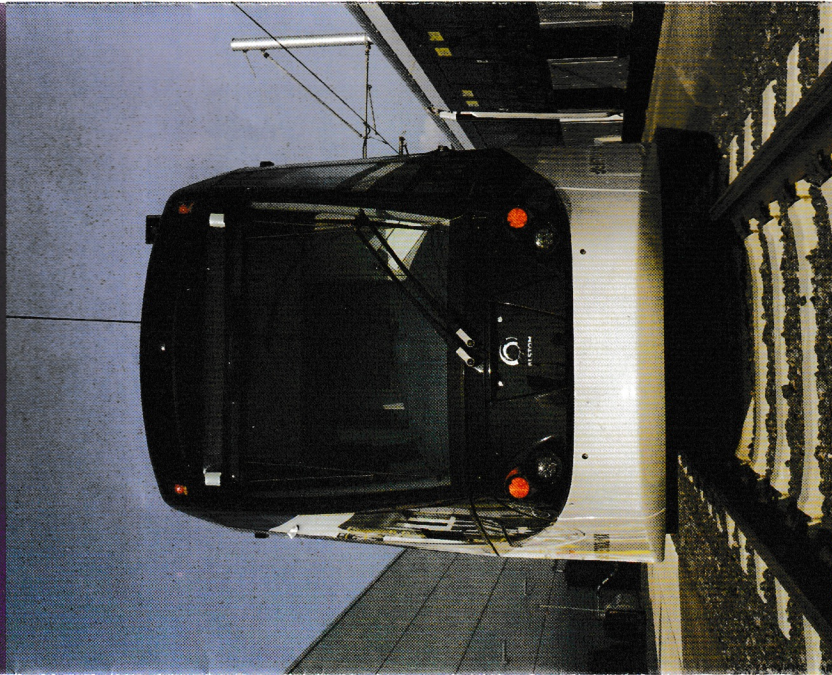
The Finch West LRT, is a 10.3-kilometre, 18-stop light rail transit (LRT) line, which spans from Finch West station on Line 1 Yonge-University at Keele Street, to the north campus of Humber College, near the intersection of Highway 27 and Humber College Boulevard.

This new line replaces the 36 Finch West bus route and once in operation by the Toronto Transit Commission (TTC), the 18 light rail vehicles (LRVs) in the Finch West LRT fleet are scheduled to arrive at stops approximately every 6 minutes during peak hours.

All Finch West LRT LRVs, stops, and stations are fully accessible for wheelchairs and strollers.

To ride, all you have to do is pay your fare, then enjoy the quick, smooth and safe ride.

The new line will transform transit in northwest Toronto and make it easy to get to where you need to be.



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Transforming Transit in Northwest Toronto

Finch West LRT Safety Tips

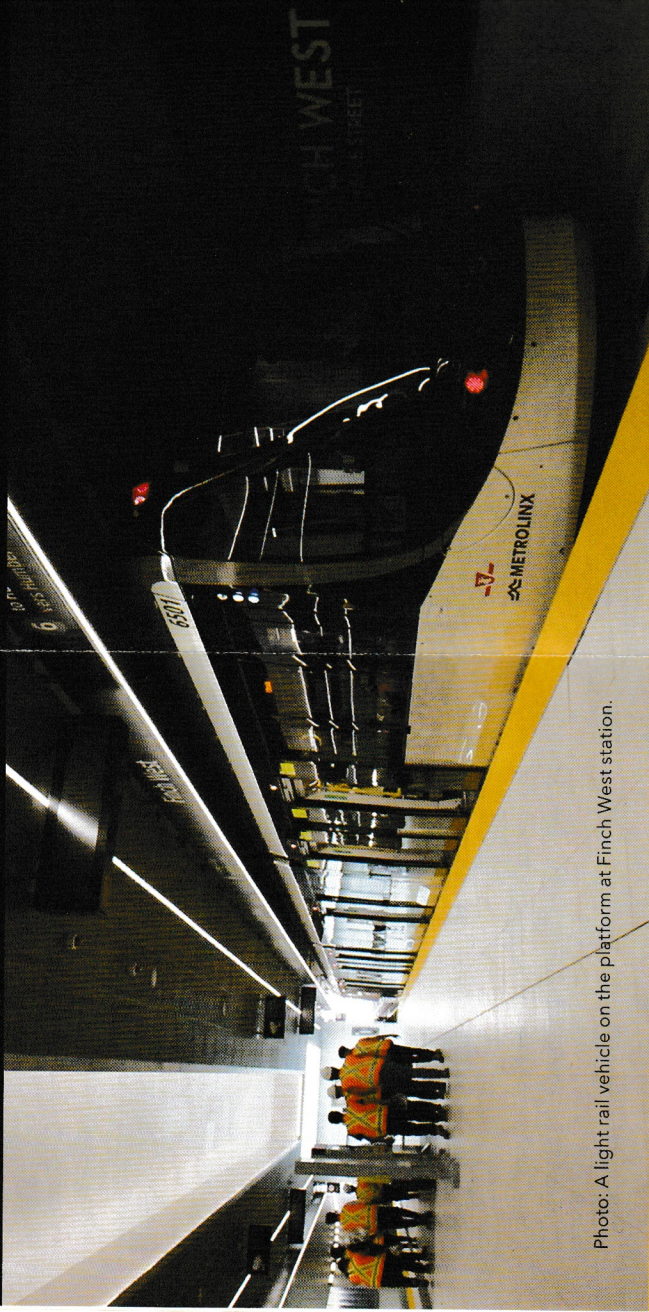


Photo: A light rail vehicle on the platform at Finch West station.

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Photo: The high voltage overhead catenary system on the guideway at the Jane and Finch stop.



Photo: The Humber College station platform. Keep safe and stay back from the yellow safety band as vehicles arrive and depart the stations and platform stops.

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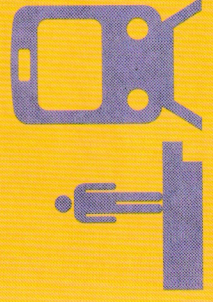
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Be Alert



**Follow
Signs &
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Be Safe

Traffic Patterns are Changing on Finch Avenue West to Right-In, Right-Out

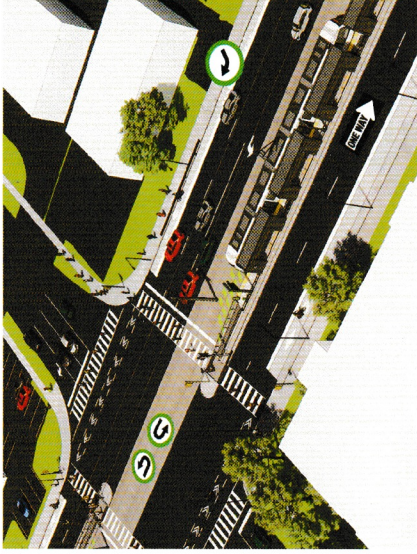


Illustration: Right-in, right-out streetscape with U-turns at intersections.

The LRT guideway and track is being installed down the centre of Finch Avenue West from Highway 27 to Keele Street. As the guideway is being installed, there are important changes to how motorists use intersections and lanes in this area.

U-turns and Dedicated Left-turn Signal

- Signalized intersections will have a dedicated left-turn signal and lane.
- Drivers can only turn left or make a U-turn when the left-turn arrow is illuminated.
- Left turns and U-turns are not permitted when through traffic proceeds.

Mid-Block Destinations

- Mid-block destinations will become right-in/right-out only onto Finch Avenue West.
- To access mid-block entrances on the other side of the road, motorists can make U-turns at signalized intersections when the left-turn signal is illuminated.

Stay in touch:

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