

Public Notice

In accordance with the *Heritage Railway Stations Protection Act* and the *Heritage Railway Stations Regulations*, notice is hereby given that VIA Rail Canada Inc., as owner of Ottawa Station, located at 200 Tremblay Road, in the City of Ottawa, proposes to build elevated passenger platforms to provide to passengers a level access to train car vestibules, thereby eliminating the use of stairs to enter and exit the train cars.

The elevated passenger platforms will provide a more modern transportation and adapted service to the travelling public by:

- ✓ Enhancing passenger experience and level of service
- ✓ Meeting regulatory accessibility standards for passengers with limited mobility
- ✓ Facilitating passenger embarkation and debarkation and baggage handling
- ✓ Improving passenger and operator health and safety
- ✓ Reducing Station stop time for through trains.

In addition, VIA proposes to refurbish the Station's interior to provide a more direct access to the Station concourse from the East and West Station parking lots.

The proposed construction interventions will include:

- ✓ The construction of heated and weather protected elevated passenger platforms
- ✓ The upgrade of the existing tunnel under the tracks to facilitate access to the passenger platforms
- ✓ Provision of elevators, escalators and staircases to meet accessibility standards
- ✓ Enhancements to passenger security
- ✓ Removal of the existing platform canopies and replacement by new canopies
- ✓ Station interior refurbishment to improve pedestrian and passenger circulation
- ✓ Construction of a canopy located at the North-West corner of the Station to provide better connectivity between the VIA Station and the light rail City of Ottawa Station, to be commissioned in 2018.

The proposed construction activities will be undertaken in phases, following receipt of approval under the Act.

Pursuant to subsection 7(1) of the Act, any person that wishes to oppose this activity may do so by filling a written statement setting out the reasons for the objection and any relevant facts, with the

Minister of the Environment
10 Wellington Street, 28th Floor
Gatineau, Quebec
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Any such opposition must be filled within sixty (60) days of June 23, 2015, date upon which the application to approve the project will be submitted to the Minister. A copy of such statement of opposition must be sent to VIA Rail Canada at the address set out below.

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Further information with regards to the proposed work at the station may be obtained by contacting the above VIA Rail representative.