

**DON MILLS ROAD TRANSIT  
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ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT  
TERMS OF REFERENCE  
  
CONSULTATION RECORD**

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## 1.0 INTRODUCTION

The City of Toronto and TTC have initiated an Individual Environmental Assessment for the Don Mills Road Transit Improvements Project under the *Ontario Environmental Assessment Act (EA Act)*. The Individual Environmental Assessment is necessary to meet *Environmental Assessment Act* requirements before the Minister of the Environment gives approval. The first step in an Individual Environmental Assessment is to develop a Terms of Reference, which is a “road map” of how the Environmental Assessment Study and public consultation will be conducted.

Public consultation is an important requirement under the EA Act. As the first step in meeting these requirements, the Project Team has consulted with the public and stakeholders on the Terms of Reference for the Don Mills Road Transit Improvements EA Study. This is the first point of public contact in an ongoing plan for involving the public during the key phases of the Environmental Assessment Process.

This report provides a record of public consultation conducted on the Terms of Reference, in accordance with the EA Act requirement (Section 5.1) that “such persons as may be interested” be consulted during the preparation of the Terms of Reference. Specifically, this report:

- 1) Describes the consultation activities undertaken;
- 2) Identifies the agencies and other stakeholders<sup>1</sup> consulted;
- 3) States the issues and concerns raised by the public and agency/stakeholders; and
- 4) Demonstrates how issues and concerns were addressed in the Terms of Reference.

## 2.0 OBJECTIVES

The objectives of public consultation during this stage of the study were to:

- 1) Introduce the public to the March 2006 Draft Terms of Reference (for the Don Mills Road Transit Improvements Environmental Assessment);
- 2) Give the public the opportunity to ask Project staff questions and provide comments on the Draft Terms of Reference;
- 3) Gain public and stakeholder input on the Draft Terms of Reference, including any recommendations or refinements;
- 4) Receive feedback on issues that were of interest/concern;
- 5) Receive feedback from the public on their preference for being kept informed and involved with the Environmental Assessment;

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<sup>1</sup> In this study, the term “agency” refers to other government and related formal agencies, boards, committees or commissions (abc’s). The term “stakeholder”, refers to incorporated or organized bodies such as environmental groups, Business Improvement Associations (BIA’s), ratepayer/neighbourhood associations, and private companies not associated with government (abc’s) that have an interest in the project. The term “public” refers to the general public or other interested party (e.g. resident) not included as an agency or stakeholder identified above.

- 6) Offer the public the opportunity to get on the Project mailing list (email and regular mail) to keep them informed about future opportunities for continued public participation in the EA Study process; and
- 7) Identify other stakeholders to be involved in the EA Study.

### **3.0 CONSULTATION METHODS**

The City of Toronto's Public Consultation and Community Outreach Unit (Policy, Planning, Finance and Administration Division) is facilitating the delivery of public consultation program for this study.

Three Public Open Houses were organized, and all display information was posted on a dedicated study website ([www.toronto.ca/involved/projects/don\\_mills](http://www.toronto.ca/involved/projects/don_mills)). The Open House material was activated on the website during the week of April 3rd, 2006. Information posted on it will be available for the duration of the Study.

An open house format was chosen since it provides an excellent format for detailed examination of the proposal through the use of information boards, maps and diagrams and permits greater time flexibility for visitors. Open houses provide an opportunity for staff to engage in one-on-one or small group dialogue regarding specific issues and concerns.

Key government agencies were sent letters in December 2005, requesting their comments on the December 2005 Draft of the Terms of Reference document. Specifically, they were asked to provide comments and input regarding any areas of concern, including information concerning relevant guidelines, policies, or approval requirements that should be taken into consideration and any initiatives committed, planned or being proposed by the agency. This is discussed in more detail in Section 7.

### **4.0 PROMOTION AND NOTIFICATION**

#### **4.1 General Public**

The public open houses for the Don Mills Road Transit Improvement Environmental Assessment Terms of Reference were advertised using various methods which included; ads in newspapers (refer to details in Table1), posting the project website, and copies of the Notice ads were also displayed at Don Mills, Broadview and Pape Subway Stations.

The Notice used for the newspaper ads and TTC media release can be found in Appendix I of this Consultation Record.

**Table 1: Newspaper Notice Ad Details**

<b>Newspaper</b>	<b>2006 Publication Date(s)</b>	<b>Promotional Impact</b>
<i>North York Mirror</i> (East section)	March 29 and April 1	Local
<i>North York Mirror</i> (South section)	March 29 and April 1	Local
<i>City Centre Moment</i>	March 24 and 31	Local
<i>East York Mirror</i>	March 24 and 31	Local
<i>Metro</i>	March 29	City-Wide
<i>The Toronto Star</i>	March 30	City-Wide

In addition, the Notice was mailed or emailed to individuals and groups included on the mailing list for the Don Valley Corridor Transportation Master Plan (approximately 250 names). Additional mailing addresses were also collected by email and telephone calls received as a result of the web site posting.

#### **4.2 Government Agencies and Stakeholders**

Affected or interested government agencies (including First Nations groups) were advised of the study in writing in December 2005. These agencies and other interested stakeholders known to the Project Team were advised of the Public Open Houses in March 2006.

Stakeholders were identified from the Stakeholder list compiled during the Don Valley Transportation Master Plan study (2003-2005) and referrals from study area Councillors and District City staff. Those stakeholders identified after April 2006 received information from the Project Team about the Draft Terms of Reference and an invitation to participate in the EA study.

The following documents the various agencies and stakeholders contacted.

#### **Government Agencies:**

##### Federal

- CN Rail
- Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency
- Environment Canada
- Fisheries and Oceans Canada
- Health Canada
- Indian and Northern Affairs Canada
- Public Works and Government Services Canada
- Transport Canada

### Provincial

- GO Transit
- Ministry of the Attorney General
- Ministry of Culture
- Ministry of the Environment (EA and Approvals Branch; Central Region; Water Policy Branch)
- Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing
- Ministry of Natural Resources
- Ministry of Public Infrastructure Renewal
- Ministry of Transportation (Transportation Planning Branch; Central Region)
- Ontario Realty Corporation
- Ontario Secretariat for Aboriginal Affairs

### Municipal

- Toronto and Region Conservation Authority
- Toronto Catholic District School Board
- Toronto District School Board
- Toronto Fire Services
- Toronto Ambulance Services
- Toronto Police Service
- Toronto Cycling Committee
- Todmorden Mills Museum & Arts Centre
- Other City of Toronto Divisions not part of the Project Team (i.e., Parks, Water, Technical Services, Economic Development & Culture)

### First Nations

- Mississaugas of the New Credit First Nation
- Association of Iroquois and Allied Indians

## Stakeholders:

### Ratepayers and Businesses

- Bennington Heights Ratepayers Association
- Cadillac Fairview Corporation (Fairview Mall)
- Courville Coachway Condominium Corporation
- The Danforth BIA
- Don Mills Ratepayers Association
- Drumsnab Road Association
- Drumsnab/Castle Frank/McKenzie Concerned Residents
- Flemington Park Neighbourhood Services
- Greektown on the Danforth BIA
- Governor's Bridge Residents Association
- Henry Farm Community Association
- Muirhead Area Residents Association
- Shepway Residents Association
- Thorncliffe Neighbourhood Office
- Leaside Property Owners Association
- Loblaws Properties Inc.
- North Rosedale Residents Association
- South Rosedale Ratepayers' Association
- York Condominium Corporation 269
- York Condominium Corporation 132
- Greektown on the Danforth BIA

### Environmental

- Friends of the Don
- Pollution Probe
- Toronto Field Naturalists
- Task Force to Bring Back the Don
- Don Watershed Regeneration Council
- Evergreen – Don Valley Brick Works

### Transportation

- Canadian Pacific Railway
- Ontario Trucking Association
- Pedestrian Planning Network
- Rocket Riders Transit Users Group
- Streetcars for Toronto
- Transport 2000

## 5.0 PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE ACTIVITIES

Three Open Houses were held to solicit public input on the Terms of Reference. All Open House venues are accessible by public transit and are wheelchair accessible. Table 2 provides an overview of the events.

Upon arrival at the Open Houses, visitors were greeted by staff, invited to sign-in (to be included on the Project mailing list), and were given a package of handout materials (see Appendix II).

The handout material included:

- Project Fact Sheet – provided an overview of the project and the framework for the Terms of Reference to date
- Open House Panels – black and white printout of the display panels
- Comment Sheet – asked optional questions about the project Terms of Reference, a space for any type of comment as well as email and 24-hour comment line information

**Table 2: Open House Locations and Attendees**

Location	Date	Time <sup>2</sup>	Number of Visitors		
			Sign-In	Not Sign-In <sup>3</sup>	Total
<b>Rosedale Heights Secondary School</b> 711 Bloor St. E., just east of Parliament St. Across the street from Castle Frank Subway Station	Monday April 3, 2006	6:00 to 9:30 p.m.	60	10	70
<b>Fairview Public Library</b> 35 Fairview Mall Dr. just east of Don Mills Rd. Just north of Don Mills Subway Station	Wednesday April 5, 2006	5:00 to 9:30 p.m.	22	5	27
<b>East York Town Centre Mall</b> Next to Zellers. On the 25, 81, 88 and 100 TTC bus routes	Tuesday April 11, 2006	4:30 to 8:30 p.m.	45	100	145

Visitors then had the opportunity to view a series of display panels which provided information on the study. Generally, the display panels included information on the:

- Environmental Assessment components and process;
- Purpose of the Environmental Assessment study and Terms of Reference;
- Background and planning context for this study;
- Existing conditions and travel characteristics in the study area;
- Preliminary study area;
- Examples of Alternatives to be considered (vehicle technology options, physical configuration alternatives, routing and service options);
- General evaluation categories;
- Invitation to comment; and
- Next steps

Project Team members were available through out the events to discuss the Project and any issues or concerns and to provide any clarification where needed.

<sup>2</sup> Each event was open for different time periods due to the availability of facilities.

<sup>3</sup> Based on estimates provided by staff in attendance.

Comment areas (with tables, seating and comment forms) were set up to encourage members of the public to make their comments and feedback on the Draft Terms of Reference. Comment boxes (for immediate deposit of a comment form), pre-paid envelopes were made available at the open houses. This is in addition to the other communication methods (project email address, comment telephone line and a fax number) already in place for the study.

Copies of the March 2006 Draft Terms of Reference were available for review at the open houses or for mailing (upon request).

### Multilingual Services

Canada Census data indicates that a relatively high concentration of non-English speaking residents live in the area of the Open House held at the East York Town Centre, which includes Flemingdon Park and Thorncliffe Park. The two main languages spoken in that area are Urdu and Tamil. Thus, a translator for each language was present for the April 11 event to respond to questions, provide information and encourage interaction by individuals wishing to converse in those languages. Large signs were posted in the mall in each language to advertise this service. Approximately 30-40 visitors were served by these translators.

## **6.0 PUBLIC AND STAKEHOLDER CONSULTATION RESULTS**

### **6.1 Open House Attendance**

As summarized in Table 2, a total of approximately 240 visitors attended the three Open Houses. Although the requested date for returning comments was April 30, 2006, comments were accepted until May 26, 2006. As of May 26, 2006, approximately 35 comment sheets, emails and telephone calls were received. Any comments received after May 26, 2006 will be taken into consideration, but are not included in this report.

Records of all comments and Project Team response are on file, and can be obtained by contacting the EA Project Team. All personal contact information collected through the study is strictly confidential and will not be released by the City of Toronto or TTC.

### **6.2 Public Input**

A comment sheet was given to all visitors upon sign-in at the Open Houses (see Appendix II). The sheet also included details about the project's telephone comment line, email address, fax number and mailing address. Pre-paid envelopes were made available to those who wished to send in comments following the event. The 24-hour comment line was verbally communicated to accommodate persons with literacy difficulties.

The first question on the form asked: "Is there anything that you think should be addressed in the Terms of Reference?" Subsequent questions asked the person's opinions on the important factors to be considered in choosing vehicle technology, preferred route, and evaluation categories. Space was also provided for other general comments. Visitors were also asked to provide ratings on the effectiveness of the Open House and the information

provided. These comments will be used for use in preparing future public consultation activities for the Environmental Assessment study. Appendix III provides a summary of the comment sheets received and the Project Team's response. All input and comments received were carefully reviewed, and revisions made to the Draft Terms of Reference as appropriate and necessary.

### **6.3 Other Stakeholders**

The majority of individuals and groups categorized as stakeholders, and also attended the Open Houses were registered as members of the public upon sign-in at the Open Houses. Thus, it is not possible to provide an exact number of stakeholder groups that provided comments on the draft ToR and material presented at the Open House.

In addition to the public Open Houses three separate stakeholder groups requested individual meetings with the Project Team to specifically discuss their individual concerns. Their comments are included among the Key Issues table included in Appendix III. Meetings were held with the following groups:

- Drumsnab / Castle Frank / Mackenzie Concerned Residents (May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2006);
- South Rosedale Ratepayers' Association (June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2006); and
- Task Force to Bring back the Don (July 19<sup>th</sup>, 2006)

## **7.0 GOVERNMENT AGENCY CONSULTATION**

In December 2005, key government agencies were sent letters requesting their comments (by January 27, 2006) on the initial Draft of the Terms of Reference document. Specifically, they were asked to provide comments and input regarding any areas of concern, including information concerning relevant guidelines, policies, or approval requirements that should be taken into consideration and any initiatives committed, planned or being proposed by the agency. A listing of the key agencies consulted and the comments received are included in Appendix IV. The December 2005 Draft of the Terms of Reference was updated to reflect the input received from the various agencies. Overall, the comments were supportive in nature and did not include any significant concerns or omissions. Comments also included descriptions of additional approvals or mitigation to be implemented during conceptual and detailed design of the project.

Representatives of several government agencies also attended the Open Houses, and provided comments directly to the Project Team subsequent to the Open Houses.

## **8.0 CITY COUNCIL REVIEW OF DRAFT TERMS OF REFERENCE**

In order to seek input into the Terms of Reference process and endorsement to proceed toward completion of the ToR document and submission to the Ministry of the Environment, a Draft ToR and accompanying Staff Report (dated August 15, 2006) was submitted to City of Toronto Planning & Transportation Committee for consideration at its meeting of September 5<sup>th</sup>, 2006 and subsequently to City Council at its meeting of September 25, 26 and 27, 2006.

City Council resolved to proceed with the ToR with amendments to the Staff Report recommendations. The principal amendment directed staff to redefine the purpose of the study as a review of continuous transit improvement options for the corridor between Don Mills Station (Sheppard subway) and the Downtown Core. As part of the study process, Council also directed that the EA be integrated and coordinated with the environmental assessments for the Waterfront Transit projects (West Don Lands, East Bayfront, Port Lands) and for Kingston Road. In particular, the combined environmental assessments shall examine and evaluate transit needs and connections.

Accordingly, Council directed staff to modify the ToR for the Don Mills Road Transit EA to reflect the amendments to the Staff Report recommendations (and Draft ToR). The ToR for the Minister's approval incorporates those modifications.

## **9.0 NEXT STEPS**

A final version of the Terms of Reference will be submitted to the Ministry of the Environment for review and approval. This version will be posted on the project website, made available in public libraries throughout the study area. As required, a Notice of Submission will be placed in local and city newspapers and sent to the project mailing list.

If approved, it is anticipated that 2 subsequent rounds of public consultation events will be held during the Environmental Assessment study. These events will be scheduled to coincide with key points of the study where public input will be the most meaningful. In the meantime, and between public events, the public will be able to comment on the Project or ask questions by telephone, fax TTY and email. The Project Team will continue to consult with various government agencies and other stakeholders.

## Amendment (May 2007)

### **10.0 CONSULTATION AFTER SUBMISSION OF TERMS OF REFERENCE**

A number of comments on the ToR for this undertaking were received by the Ministry of the Environment (MOE) during the formal public review period after submission of the ToR by the City/TTC project team to MOE for approval. All comments were reviewed by the Project Team, and the ToR has been revised to incorporate and reflect these comments wherever possible.

With regard to comments received from government agencies, most comments resulted in clarification of specific points, or additional information and/or commitments being provided, such as information regarding applicable legislation, EA processes or approval requirements potentially affecting the undertaking. In all cases, the original written comments were addressed by the Project Team, without the need for additional consultation at this time.

The public and stakeholder comments reflected concerns from community residents, environmental groups and transportation-related advocacy groups. The comments that were received from these groups reflected issues or concerns that had been raised previously with the Project Team during the consultation process, prior to and during the ToR stage. The ToR has been revised to incorporate and reflect these comments wherever possible, and includes additional commitments by the Project Team for activities to be carried out during the EA stage.

The most extensive and significant comments were received from the Drumsnab / Castle Frank / Mackenzie/ Dale (DCMD) Concerned Residents (represented by Mr. Robert Rueter), and their consultant Tedesco Engineering (Michael Tedesco), who also represented the South Rosedale Ratepayers Association (SSRA). Their concerns were first summarized in letters dated March 2, 2007 and March 5, 2007, respectively.

As a result of the concerns raised by the DCMD Concerned Residents and Tedesco Engineering, and the wide range of comments received by government agencies and other stakeholders, the City/TTC Project Team formally requested a “time-out” period from the Ministry of the Environment’s review of the ToR to allow the Project Team to make the necessary revisions to the ToR incorporating and/or addressing the issues received. A maximum time-out of 8 weeks is permitted under Regulation 616/98.

After the City’s notification to MOE of its intent to further review the comments received from agencies and stakeholders, conduct any necessary consultation and amend the ToR, a series of correspondence were exchanged between City project team staff, the DCMD Concerned Residents (also on behalf of Tedesco Engineering) and SSRA to seek greater clarification regarding the Residents major issues and concerns and the Project Team’s comments and commitments related to those. The City/TTC Project Team believe that all of the concerns and suggested revisions made by the DCMD Concerned Residents have now been incorporated into the amended ToR, except for any revisions related to two issues:

1. The request to eliminate from EA consideration any design alternatives that would provide for a connection of a new Don Mills transit service to the street level of Castle Frank Station; and,
2. The opinion that any reference to a connection to the Bloor-Danforth subway should be excluded from the Description of the Undertaking and Purpose of the Undertaking.

It is the Project Team's position that it is not appropriate to delete any corridor or technology options currently identified in the ToR (including those recommended for further review by the DVCTMP) until a more comprehensive evaluation and comparison of the options is undertaken during the EA study. Further to discussions with staff of the Environmental Assessment and Approvals Branch at MOE and review of the DCMD Concerned Residents submissions on the ToR, the Project Team believes that this approach is appropriate and consistent with MOE's Terms of Reference guidelines regarding the identification of and rationale for alternatives.

The Project Team believes that the ToR identifies a reasonable number and range of corridor options to be assessed during the EA study based on the purpose and objectives of the study, the direction from City Council both in 2005 and 2006, and the options recommended for further assessment by the Don Valley Corridor Transportation Master Plan. Additional variations or sub-options identified during the study process will also be considered. All options will be considered equally and will be subject to the screening and evaluation process identified in the ToR.

**Appendix I**  
**Advertising and Promotion of Open Houses**

# Open House

## Don Mills Road Transit Improvements Environmental Assessment

The City of Toronto and the Toronto Transit Commission (TTC) are beginning an Environmental Assessment (EA) to study transit improvements along Don Mills Road from the Don Mills subway station south to the Bloor-Danforth subway line. A series of routing options, transit vehicle options and road and lane designs will be analyzed and evaluated.


The study is being carried out as an Individual Environmental Assessment under Ontario's Environmental Assessment Act. The first step in the process is to prepare a study Terms of Reference. The Terms of Reference guides the next steps of the Environmental Assessment and will include the project background and history, issues to be addressed by the EA study, the range of potential alternatives to be evaluated and a public consultation plan.


### Ask questions. Give us your comments.

See displays about the project, learn about the proposed study process and Terms of Reference, review the public consultation plan and speak to project staff by attending a Public Open House at one of three locations:

### Public Open Houses on the Environmental Assessment Terms of Reference

**Date:** Monday April 3, 2006  
**Location:** Rosedale Heights Secondary School  
 711 Bloor Street East  
**Time:** 6:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.  
 By TTC: A short walk south from Castle Frank station on the Bloor-Danforth subway.  
 Parking is located behind the school.

**Date:** Wednesday April 5, 2006  
**Location:** Fairview Public Library   
 35 Fairview Mall Drive  
**Time:** 5:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.  
 By TTC: A short walk north from Don Mills station on the Sheppard subway.  
 Free on-site parking.

**Date:** Tuesday, April 11  
**Location:** East York Town Centre (beside Zellers)   
 45 Overlea Boulevard  
**Time:** 4:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.  
 By TTC: Take the 25 Don Mills, 100 Flemingdon Park or 81 Thorncliffe Park buses to Overlea Boulevard.



**For more information on this study, to leave a comment, or to be placed on the project mailing list, please contact:**

Phone: 416-397-7777  
 Fax: 416-392-2974  
 TTY: 416-397-0831  
 Email: [donmillstransitea@toronto.ca](mailto:donmillstransitea@toronto.ca)  
 Website: [http://www.toronto.ca/involved/projects/don\\_mills/index.htm](http://www.toronto.ca/involved/projects/don_mills/index.htm)



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<i>The Toronto Star</i>	March 30

**Appendix II**  
**Open House Hand-Out Materials**

# Fact Sheet 1

## **Don Mills Road Transit Improvements**

### **Environmental Assessment**

*Note: This is only a project summary. Full details can be found at [www.toronto.ca/involved/don\\_mills](http://www.toronto.ca/involved/don_mills) or by calling 416-397-7777*

The City of Toronto and the Toronto Transit Commission are holding an Individual Environmental Assessment to:

- Identify, analyze, and evaluate alternatives (including vehicle technologies) for surface transit improvements along Don Mills Road, between the Sheppard Subway and Bloor-Danforth Subway.
- Identify a preferred design concept that increases transit capacity, service reliability and transit use within the Don Mills Road corridor and other nearby major transit markets such as the North Downtown (i.e. Yonge/Bloor, Queen's Park and University of Toronto employment areas).



**Existing Transit Along the Don Mills Corridor**

#### **Environmental Assessment**

An Environmental Assessment (or EA) is an evaluation of the potential impact of a proposed activity or facility on the various aspects of the environment surrounding it (e.g. physical, natural, social, etc.).

The EA for this project is called an Individual Environmental Assessment, has two stages and is scheduled to run from April 2006 until mid 2007. Final approval from the Ontario Ministry of the Environment is expected in early 2008. We are currently at Stage 1 of the process, as shown in the following chart.



Under the Ontario Environmental Assessment Act, the first step in the process is to develop a Terms of Reference. The Terms of Reference is a "road map" of how the Environmental Assessment and public consultation will be conducted.

#### **What will the Terms of Reference Include?**

The Terms of Reference document includes:

- Project Background/Content
- Project Objectives
- Environmental Assessment Study Purpose
- Preliminary Study Area
- Environmental Assessment Study Work Plan
- Public Consultation Plan

The Terms of Reference incorporates public, stakeholder, and government agency Comments. The DRAFT Terms of Reference is available to review on the study website ([www.toronto.ca/involved/projects/don\\_mills](http://www.toronto.ca/involved/projects/don_mills)). The completed Terms of Reference will be posted on the Ministry of the Environment's Environmental Registry ([www.ene.gov.on.ca](http://www.ene.gov.on.ca)) for a period of 30 days and require approval of the Minister of the Environment.

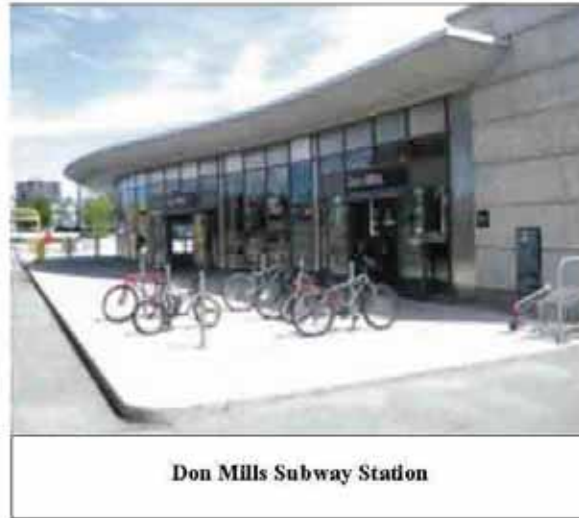
### How did we get to this Environmental Assessment?

In May 2005, Toronto City Council adopted the Don Valley Corridor Transportation Master Plan. The plan recommended 9 initiatives for improving transportation in the corridor.

### Routing Options

As part of this Environmental Assessment, a number of routing options will be studied. All options use Don Mills Road from Don Mills Subway Station south to the Don Valley Parkway. From this point, routing options include:

- A) To and from Castle Frank, Broadview or Pape Subway Stations **not** using a Redway Road extension to Bayview Avenue,
- B) To and from Castle Frank Subway Station using a one-way northbound extension of Redway Road from Bayview Avenue,
- C) To and from Castle Frank Subway Station using a two-way extension of Redway Road from Bayview,
- D) A transit station on Bayview Avenue, with a elevator or covered escalator connection to Castle Frank Subway Station, and
- E) New routing options identified during this study.



Don Mills Subway Station

[Colour Coding: Green – identified as part of Master Plan, Blue – directed by Toronto Council, Dark Yellow – new routings]

### Study Elements

Different elements will be studied to help determine a preferred solution including:

- Vehicle Technology Options – different bus and streetcar types
- Physical Configuration Options – different types of lanes for the transit vehicles
- Routing and Service Options - as outlined above in routing options

### Evaluation Categories

- Each route and technology will be evaluated using these major categories:
- Effects on transit service reliability, capacity, and use
- Effects on transportation service and operations
- Community effects (including social, cultural, business, property)
- Effects on Don Valley natural features
- Cost
- Flexibility for potential future extensions
  - Downtown Core (South of Dundas Street) and Waterfront district; and
  - North of the Sheppard subway and into York Region

### Comments, Concerns Questions?

- Open Houses or Workshops will be held at three key points during the Environmental Assessment Study. The first public consultation events were held on April 3, 5 and 11, 2006. Attend an Open House, talk to the Project Team, and give us your comments.
- **Attend** and participate in a future Workshop led by the Project Team. Get on the mailing list to be notified of future events.
- **Call** our 24-hour comment line – 416-397-7777
- **Email** your comments – [donmillstransitea@toronto.ca](mailto:donmillstransitea@toronto.ca)
- **Fax** your comments – 416-392-2974
- **Send** a comment form by fax, prepaid envelope (available at all Open Houses and Workshops)



Open House  
April 3, 5 and 11, 2006

COMMENT FORM

Please read Panel 02, which shows the contents of the proposed Terms of Reference  
Is there anything else that you think should be included in the Terms of Reference?

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Please read Panel 13, which shows vehicle options.  
What do you think is important in choosing a preferred vehicle technology?

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Please read Panel 15, which shows Routing Options  
What do you think is important in choosing a preferred route?

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Please read Panel 16, which shows evaluation categories.  
What categories do you think are most important?

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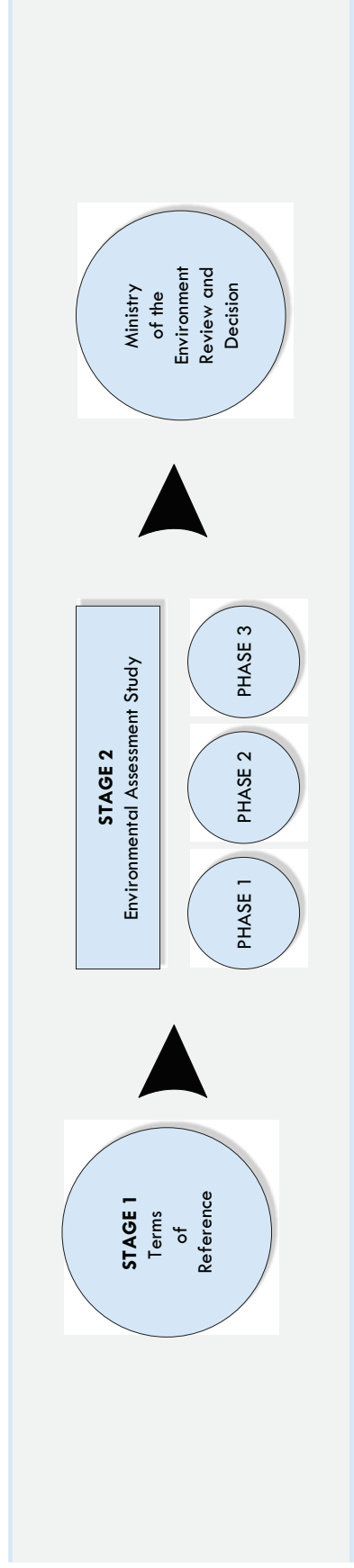
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## WHAT IS AN ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT?

- An Environmental Assessment is an evaluation of the potential impact of a proposed activity or facility on the various aspects of the environment surrounding it (e.g., physical, natural, social, etc.).
- The project is required to undergo an Individual Environmental Assessment before approval is given by the Minister of the Environment to proceed.
- Under the Ontario Environmental Assessment Act, the first step in the process is to develop a Terms of Reference.
- The Terms of Reference is a “road map” of how the Environmental Assessment and public consultation will be conducted.

## ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT PROCESS



# 02 | WHAT WILL THE TERMS OF REFERENCE INCLUDE?

## stage 1 2

The Terms of Reference document is a more detailed version of the information presented on the Open House panels, including:

- Project Background/Content
- Project Objectives
- Environmental Assessment Study Purpose
- Preliminary Study Area
- Environmental Assessment Study Work Plan
- Public Consultation Plan

The Terms of Reference incorporates public, stakeholder, and government agency Comments.

The draft Terms of Reference is available to review on the study website ([www.toronto.ca/involved/projects/don\\_mills](http://www.toronto.ca/involved/projects/don_mills)). Copies are also available to review at this Open House.

The completed Terms of Reference will be posted on the Ministry of the Environment's Environmental Registry ([www.ene.gov.on.ca](http://www.ene.gov.on.ca)) for a period of 30 days and require approval of the Minister of the Environment.