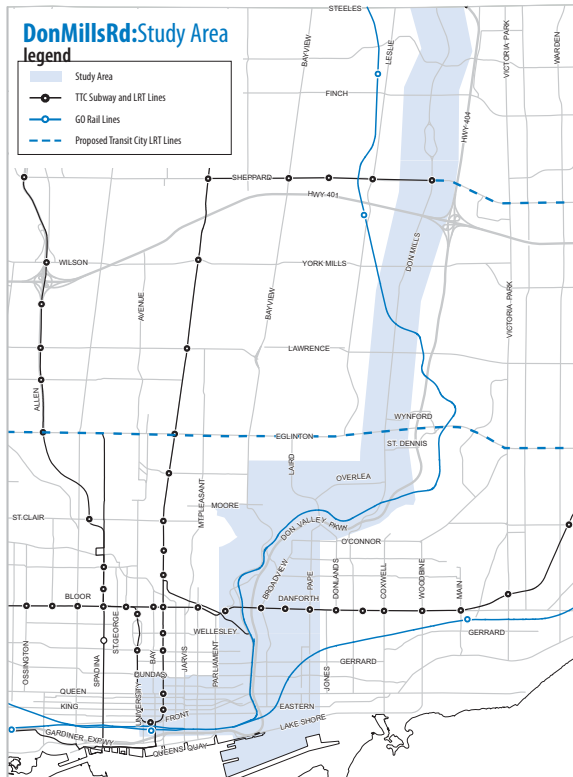




Don Mills Road

The City of Toronto and the TTC are carrying out an Environmental Assessment (EA) to identify a light rail transit route in the Don Mills Road corridor extending from Steeles Avenue to the Bloor-Danforth Subway, with options for providing continuous service to the downtown.



June 2008: Open Houses

Two series of public open houses will take place during the EA study process. Our first series open houses will showcase the light rail transit route, alternative design concepts and preliminary identification of the issues. Please join us at one of the following locations.

Your input is important to us!

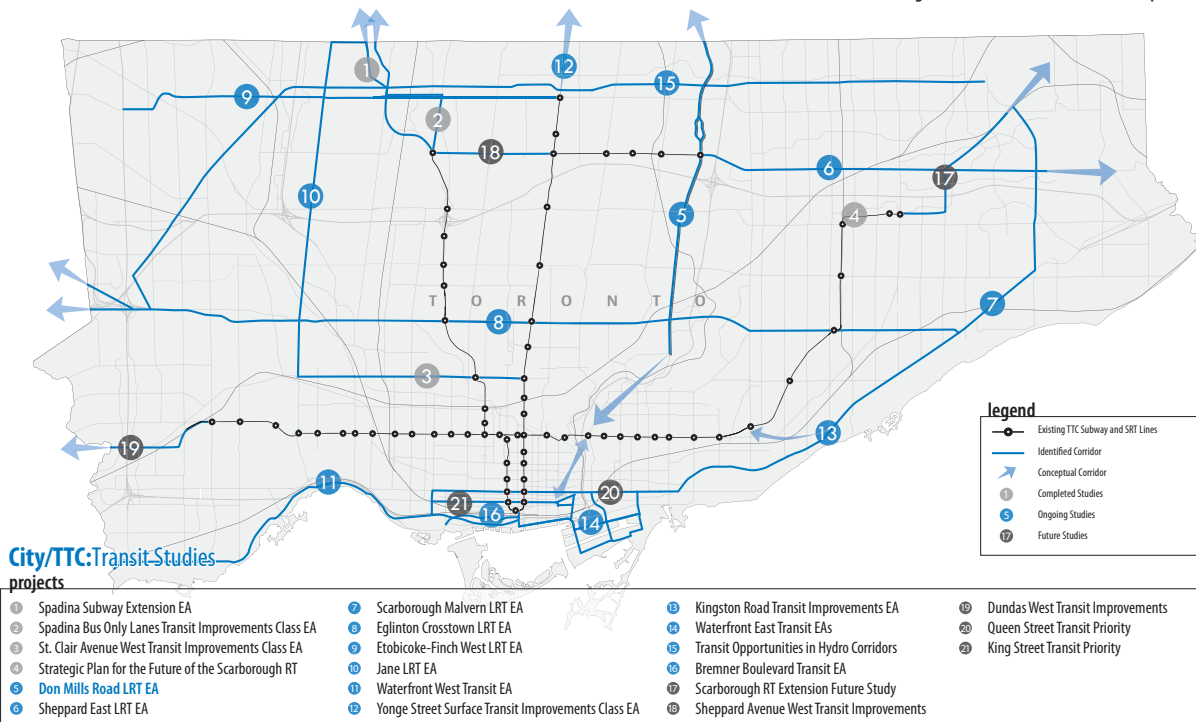
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| 1 Tuesday, June 10th
Rosedale Heights S.S.
6:00pm – 8:30pm
711 Bloor Street East | 2 Tuesday, June 17th,
East York Town Centre
6:00pm – 8:30pm
45 Overlea Blvd. | 3 Wednesday, June 18th
Don Mills Subway Station
3:00pm - 7:00pm |
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This study builds on work conducted in 2006-07 to prepare an Individual EA Terms of Reference for transit improvements in the Don Mills corridor. In light of the new Transit Class EA process and TTC's Transit City Plan, the project team has changed the scope of the previous study to follow the provisions of the new Transit Class EA process.

The new Transit Class EA process for municipal transit projects allows municipalities to implement their transit policy objectives in a more streamlined and cost effective manner. More information about this new process is available on the Ministry of the Environment website:
www.ene.gov.on.ca/envision/env_reg/ea/english/EAs/mea_class_amend.htm

As part of this study, a series of routing and transfer/connection options will be examined. Some key connections to be evaluated are at Don Mills Subway Station/Sheppard East LRT, the Bloor/Danforth subway, and the Eglinton Crosstown LRT. Also new road and transit lane designs will be analyzed, evaluated and selected for the corridor.

In addition to the Don Mills corridor, the City and the TTC are currently involved in a number of transit-related studies throughout Toronto. Shown on the map below.



StudyProcess: What will Happen?

Q Why has the Don Mills Road corridor been selected for transit improvements?

A In May 2005, Toronto City Council adopted the recommendations of the Don Valley Corridor Transportation Master Plan. The Master Plan investigated various options to increase the person-carrying capacity in the corridor extending from Steeles Avenue to Lake Ontario and from Leslie Street/Bayview Avenue to Victoria Park Avenue. Among the initiatives recommended as high priority improvements in the Master Plan, is the introduction of improved higher order (TTC) transit service along Don Mills Road between the Don Mills Station (Sheppard Subway) and Bloor-Danforth Subway, with options for providing continuous service to the Downtown. More recently the TTC released its Transit City Light Rail Plan, identifying a Don Mills LRT line as one of the transit corridors to be studied.

Q What is an Environmental Assessment?

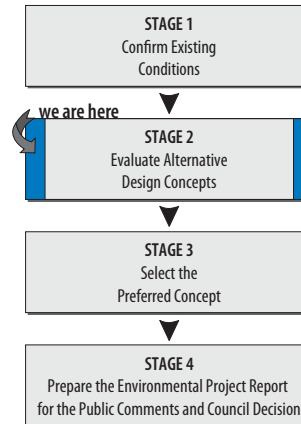
A An Environmental Assessment (EA) is a study which assesses the potential environmental effects and benefits of a project on the environment. For more information on the EA process check: www.ene.gov.on.ca/envision/ea

Q When are Environmental Assessments done?

A Environmental Assessments should be conducted as early as possible in the planning and proposal stages of a project for the analysis to be valuable to decision makers. Well-timed and well-organized Environmental Assessments result in better decision-making that supports sustainable development.

Q What are the main stages of this EA, and when will it be completed?

A The Don Mills Road LRT EA is being conducted in four main stages:



The study report will be presented to Toronto City Council in early December.

Q Why get involved?

- To learn more about the project and ask questions of the project team
- To represent the needs of your community
- To have a say in what happens in your community.

Toronto's Transit City: Light Rail Plan

TTC's new Transit City Plan, unveiled in March 2007, establishes a network of rapid transit expansion in Toronto. The Plan will provide fast and reliable public transit service, increase the mobility of Toronto residents, and provide system-wide connections to existing and future transit services. Don Mills Road is included among the corridors identified in the Plan. More information on the Transit City Plan is available at: www.transitcity.ca

The Transit City Plan proposes to introduce Low Floor Light Rail Vehicle service along the Don Mills corridor. Light rail transit is defined as a form of public transit that uses rail technology for vehicles operating in an exclusive lanes both on and off the road.

Conceptual Vehicle Types*



Amsterdam, Netherlands



Strasbourg, France



Stockholm, Sweden

* Sample representation of vehicle technology. Vehicles not restricted to specific manufacturer

How To: Contact Us

Anyone who wishes to participate in the study is welcome to do so. Your input is valuable to us! You can also get involved in different ways:

- Attend an **Open House**
- Visit the project **website** to get information and updates on the study: www.toronto.ca/involved/projects/don_mills
- Have your name added to the project **mailing list** to receive study updates
- Watch for information in **local newspapers**
- Contact the **project team**: Public Consultation Unit

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