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Changes to Front Street at Union Station

Municipal Class Environmental Assessment Notice of Study Commencement & Public Information Centre #1

We invite you to view project materials and speak with the project team at our first Public Information Centre. Details are as follows:

Date: Monday, July 5, 2010
Time: 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Location: Union Station, 65 Front Street West
 Main Floor, West Side (towards the Skywalk)



Background

Union Station is the busiest transportation hub in Canada, serving upwards of 200,000 passengers every business day. As GO Transit expands, this number is expected to double in the next 10-15 years. The City of Toronto is currently studying options to reconfigure Front Street West from Bay Street to York Street that will accommodate the additional pedestrian traffic crossing Front Street and that will create a monumental civic pedestrian realm from building face to building face.

Important opportunities to transform the street include:

- Designing a grand civic plaza
- Creating a mid-block pedestrian crossing
- Improving the intersections and widening sidewalks
- Considering changes to traffic lanes and the layout of taxi stands and pick-up/drop-off areas



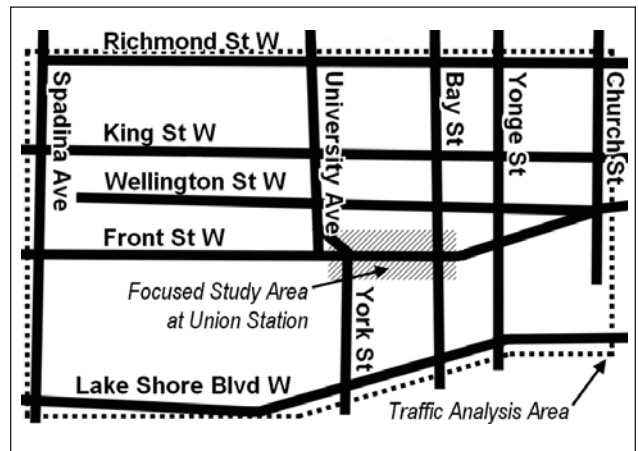
The Process

The study is being carried out as a Schedule "C" Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA), which includes identifying the problem/opportunity to be addressed, developing and evaluating a reasonable range of alternative solutions, and providing opportunities for public input at key stages.

We Would Like To Hear From You

Public consultation is an important part of this study. You are invited to learn more about this project and to share your insights and opinions through various means, including a detailed webpage, a Facebook page, surveys and the two Public Information Centres.

To get connected, please subscribe to our e-mail list at: toronto.ca/union_station/front



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The City of Toronto is studying options to reconfigure Front Street West from Bay Street to York Street. Here is why...



GO Transit service expansion will result in an estimated doubling of current ridership.

Union Station is the busiest transportation hub in Canada. Every year, it handles more passengers than Pearson International Airport, Canada's busiest airport. Every business day, Union Station serves more than 165,000 GO Transit passengers, along with thousands of TTC and VIA Rail customers. Over the next 10-15 years, pedestrian activity at Union Station is expected to double as a result of GO

Transit expansion. Proposed frequent train service to Pearson Airport and improved TTC services will also contribute to increasing the number of passengers who will be using Union Station.

Plans have been approved for improving Union Station and its surrounding area.

The *Union Station Master Plan (2004)*, *District Plan (2006)* and *Revitalization Recommended Approach (2007)* address the needs for improving the flow of passengers, restoring historical elements, ensuring a safe, clean and beautiful environment, and providing vibrant retail opportunities. This Front Street study is one part of realizing these plans.

Street changes are only one part of the plan.

The re-configuring of Front Street is only one of many major projects planned for improving the pedestrian environment around Union Station. Other planned changes include a new Northwest PATH pedestrian tunnel link, the TTC subway platform expansion, as well as a recently created southern entrance from Union Square close to the Air Canada Centre.



Safe and efficient pedestrian travel is the top priority.

On Front Street between Bay Street and York Street pedestrians outnumber vehicles 10 to 1 during the peak periods. Following directions from the *Union Station District Plan*, the City is considering the creation of a "Pedestrian Priority Zone" that ensures safe, direct, comfortable, attractive and convenient walking access to and from Union Station across Front Street. The needs of cars, taxis, buses, bikes and other private vehicles will be addressed in a sensible approach that follows the primary needs of pedestrians.

Designs will balance historical significance with modern needs and opportunities.

The redesign of Front Street will follow established *Heritage Precinct Guidelines* to preserve the historical importance of the area while allowing for creative and contemporary design solutions. The result will be an expanded and improved civic space that satisfies the functional needs of this transportation hub, while featuring historical architecture and blending with the existing and on going streetscape improvements in the surrounding district.

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