



## kingston road study

The City of Toronto and the TTC are studying how to best improve transit service along Kingston Road between Victoria Park Avenue and Eglinton Avenue East.

Over the past year, our project team has been reviewing all the feedback received through the last round of public consultations. The various options for transit improvements have been studied extensively. The third round of public open houses will be held in early April (see dates and locations to the right).

The open house sessions will provide an update on the following:

- The new Transit Project Assessment process
- Options and evaluation for routes to improve service
- Options and evaluation for transit vehicles
- Alternative physical layout and design of the transit facilities and road
- Design concepts for the intersection of Kingston Road and Danforth Avenue
- The preliminary preferred design for the corridor
- The benefits, impacts and mitigation measures related to the design; and
- Next steps

### Why is this study being done?

Kingston Road has always been home to businesses, schools, and residents, as well as a corridor for people travelling around the corner and across the city. In order to support the vitality of this corridor that ties so many neighbourhoods together and plan for the future, the City of Toronto has recognized that it must improve transit service in the area. Better transit service makes it easier to get to school, go shopping, go to work, and get around your community. Improved transit service in the area can also have benefits for GO Transit users, cyclists, and pedestrians.

The objectives of the study are to:

- respond to current and anticipated pressures in travel demand in the Kingston Road corridor;
- address growing automobile dependency by providing more reliable and convenient public transit services;
- support municipal and provincial policy objectives for more liveable, compact, economically viable, pedestrian and cycling oriented communities by providing an improved public realm and high quality public transit service;
- investigate how to best improve transit service along Kingston Road between Victoria Park Avenue and Eglinton Avenue East;
- look at ways of integrating existing streetcar service along Kingston Road with other transit services, including the subway and GO Transit in the area ;
- minimize any adverse impact that the above objectives will have on the natural and social environment.

This project in combination with a number of other studies completed and on-going in the study area creates a vision for the future of this area.

### Study Process: Transit Project Assessment Process

The study is now being carried out under the recently approved Transit Project Assessment Process which is regulated by the Ministry of the Environment. This means that:

- An assessment of the potential effects of new transit, mitigation measures and documentation, and full public consultation will be completed;
- We are currently in the Preliminary Planning phase, where the background work is done, and are preparing for the Transit Project Assessment Process, when decisions on the project will be made.

More information on the Transit Project Assessment Process is available on the Ministry's website at: <http://www.ene.gov.on.ca/en/eaab/transit-projects.php>

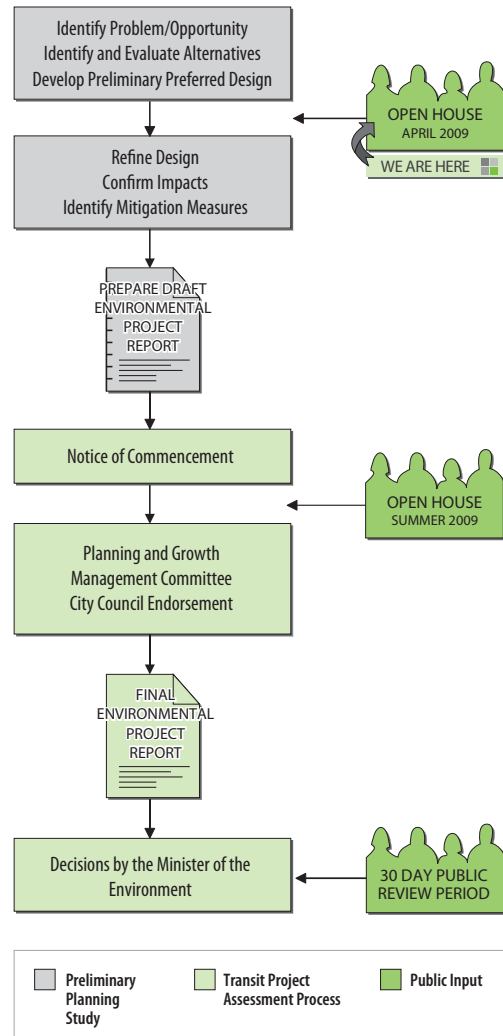
### Spring 2009: Open Houses

Please join us for our next open house events to learn more about this project and share your thoughts on what is being proposed:

- Monday, April 6, 2009**  
Scarborough Village Arena  
3600 Kingston Rd  
6:00pm-8:30pm
- Wednesday, April 8, 2009**  
Oakridge Jr. Public School  
110 Byng Avenue  
6:00pm-8:30pm
- Tuesday, April 14, 2009**  
Birchmount Park Collegiate Institute  
3663 Danforth Avenue  
6:00pm-8:30pm

Your input is important to us!

### Study Process



## Kingston Road: Alternative Route, Technology, and Configuration Options

As presented at the last round of public meetings, several alternatives were defined to improve transit service in the study area.

The project team has considered:

- Various routing options.
- What type of vehicle, bus, streetcar, or light rail transit (LRT) would best suit the corridor.
- How each vehicle could be integrated into existing streets, including:
  - Having a transit vehicle operate in mixed traffic, with or without signal priority;
  - Creating a High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) lane for transit, taxis, and cars with multiple passengers;
  - Operating transit in a painted, reserved lane adjacent to the curb;
  - Operating transit in a painted, reserved lane in the middle of road;
  - Operating transit in a protected "right of way", physically separated from regular traffic.

### Preliminary Preferred Transit Solution

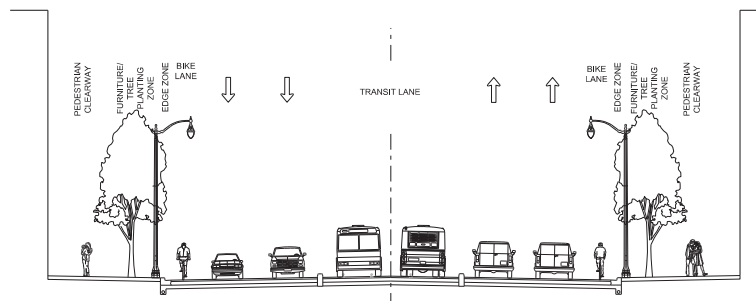
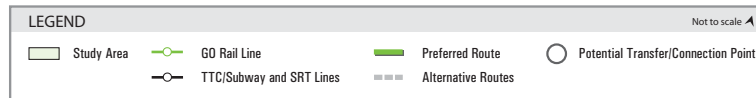
After extensive study and consultation, the preferred transit solution is to provide Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) along the Kingston Road/Danforth Avenue route with connections to the Bloor-Danforth subway at Victoria Park Station and to the proposed Scarborough-Malvern Light Rail Transit line at Eglinton Avenue East.

The BRT would operate in mixed traffic along Victoria Park Avenue from the subway station to Danforth Avenue and in a dedicated right-of-way in the centre of the road along Danforth Avenue from Victoria Park Avenue to Kingston Road and along Kingston Road from Danforth Avenue to Eglinton Avenue East. The existing grade-separated intersection of Danforth Avenue and Kingston Road would be reconfigured.

### Key Benefits

- Transit in a dedicated right-of-way will be more reliable with a higher quality of service than transit in mixed traffic lanes.
- Supports community planning policies and initiatives and is integrated with on-going planning studies in the area.
- Connection to Victoria Park Station and proposed Scarborough-Malvern Light Rail Transit will best serve transit passengers.
- Buses are more cost-effective than light rail transit, based on ridership projections.

More details on the preliminary preferred design solution, including the stop locations and intersection treatments will be shown at our upcoming open houses.

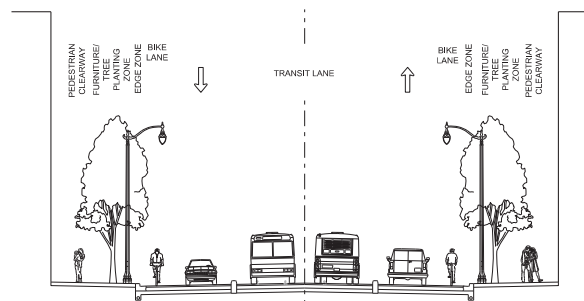


Proposed Kingston Road Cross Section

### HowTo: GetInvolved

Your input is valuable to us! You can get involved in the following ways:

- Attend an **Open House**
- Visit our **website** at: [www.toronto.ca/involved/projects/kingston\\_road\\_ea](http://www.toronto.ca/involved/projects/kingston_road_ea)
- Have your name added to our **mailing list**
- Watch for information in **local newspapers**
- Contact the **project team**:
  - call our 24-hour comment line at 416-392-6178
  - fax us at 416-392-2974
  - e-mail your comment to us at: [KingstonRoadEA@toronto.ca](mailto:KingstonRoadEA@toronto.ca)



Proposed Danforth Avenue Cross Section