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Present:

Name	Representing
Christopher Wong	Lee's Food Products
Corinna Shanahan	Lee's Food Products
Andrew Sherbin	Edward Jones Financial
Caron Court	Resident
Greg Lichti	Resident
Donna Starkey	Blue Star Property Management
Paul Young	South Riverdale Community Health Centre
Marilena Rana	GIO Rana's Restaurant
Bruce Nagy	Councillor McMahon's Office, Ward 31
Brad Daniels	Resident/Landlord 1256-58 Queen
Sharon Foster	Resident/Landlord 1256-58 Queen
Rebecca Renwick	Stakeholder
Paula Fletcher	Councillor Ward 30 – Toronto Danforth
Lito Romano	TTC
Sarah Currie	TTC
Akram Yoannis	TTC
Rick Holli	TTC
Adrienne Long	TTC
Brenda Quan	TTC
Jeff Spence	AECOM
Kim Storey	Brown and Storey Architects
James Brown	Brown and Storey Architects
Lara Tarlo	City of Toronto- Urban Design
Mark Vanelsberg	City of Toronto-Transportation Public Realm
Penlope Palmer	City of Toronto- Technical Services

Regrets:

Annette Sullivan	Resident
Peter Oliver	Canadian Tire Corporation
George Politis	Duke of York Tavern
Ian Ashdown	Avondale Retirement Residence
Margaret Blair	Resident
Mike Jones	Stakeholder
Mary Muszak	Price Choppers
Michelle St-Amour	SoDa Bikes

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Distribution List: All Attendees (see above)

Item No.	Discussion	Action By
1,2	<p>Introductions/Purpose of Meeting</p> <p>To present streetscaping elements and parameters for sections of Leslie and Queen Street within the Study Area, as well as hear ideas and receive input. The study area includes, Leslie Street, from Lake Shore to the first house north of Queen, as well as Queen Street East, from Jones Ave to Hastings Ave.</p> <p>Provide overview of construction that is expected on Leslie St.</p>	n/a
3	<p>Background (presentation attached)</p> <p>TTC provided a presentation on the project scope and status update.</p>	n/a
4	<p>Streetscaping Elements and Parameters</p> <p>Brown and Storey provided a presentation on the existing conditions within the study area.</p> <p>Following initial questions a roll map of Leslie Street was laid out and attendees were invited to provide comments and suggestions directly on the drawing.</p> <p>Shaded areas on the roll map indicated available space for streetscaping.</p> <p>Discussion</p> <p>Comments from the initial discussion:</p> <p>TTC provided the following comments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - \$750,000 is the allocated budget for streetscaping of the study area. - Landscaping for the perimeter of the facility will be funded separately 	n/a

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Traffic Study indicates 4 lanes must be maintained in roadway thus limiting the amount of space we have for streetscaping. -Traffic lanes on Leslie should not be narrower than 3.3 metres. -Pedestrian and cyclist safety should be considered in any re-design of Leslie Street, including intersections and mid-block entrances to the commercial plazas. -TTC will use multi-use poles where feasible in order to reduce sidewalk clutter. -The poles on the east side of Leslie St. do not have the required bearing capacity- (ie limited use). -City of Toronto Transportation have been asked to participate in all future working group meetings, and public meetings associated with Streetscaping, Construction Staging and Traffic Management. -City of Toronto Transportation has commented on the traffic counts and is of the opinion that the numbers being used are satisfactory for this exercise. <p>Participants provided the following comments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Consider street lighting similar to that on Queen and Broadview. -Consider contacting Galen Weston for funds to beautify the property along Loblaws. -Consider bumping out Mosley or including other traffic calming measures to make this roadway safer. -Improve planting area around the Duke of York Pub. -Consider narrowing the entrance to the Loblaws and Tim Horton’s Plaza, allowing more opportunities for streetscaping. -Consider re-aligning Eastern Ave at Leslie Street to make it safer for cyclists and pedestrians. -There have been a number of injuries involving cyclists in this corridor, including one fatality at Leslie and Eastern Ave. 	
<p>4.1</p>	<p>*Action - Investigate alternative funding sources for streetscaping ie Urban Design, Public Realm.</p> <p>Confirm if this area received recent funding for streetscaping from the City.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">COT Planning</p>



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4.2	<p>*Action – Confirm lane width dimension along Leslie Street and Queen Street (road and sidewalk) to determine feasibility of increasing scope of streetscaping elements.</p>	TTC/COT Transportation
4.3	<p>*Action – Provide information regarding feasibility of burying overhead utilities underground on Leslie in response to Councillor Fletcher.</p>	TTC
5.	<p>Construction Staging and Traffic Management Considerations for Leslie Street.</p> <p>Staff presented an overview of the utilities that must be relocated. A Construction Staging Working will be set up to deal specifically with the process for this part of the project. Given that most everyone in the room has an interest on this topic, TTC staff provided a brief overview on the scope of work that is expected.</p> <p>Work will take approximately two years, however this could vary depending on the level of freedom given to the contractor; ie short term pain for long term gain. Allowing the contractor more freedom, may reduce the number of working days.</p> <p>Discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -TTC invited members of the Streetscaping Working Group to participate in the Construction Staging Working Group, scheduled to meet in early October 2011. -Any Ideas and concepts that are developed will be presented at a Construction Staging Public Meeting, scheduled for mid-November 2011. <p>During Construction:</p> <p>Participants provided the following comments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Roadways must be maintained for trucks to enter businesses. - Request for no exemption to the noise bylaw hours, i.e. outside of 7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. - Parking must be maintained, no elimination of on-street parking 	



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	<p>during construction.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Maintain sidewalk access to residential units. -This should not be considered a public meeting for traffic management. This issue must be addressed with City of Toronto Transportation. - Updates on the Streetscaping issues raised this evening will be presented at the next meeting on September 28, 2011 	
5.1	*Action- Councillor requested that City of Toronto Transportation Services lead a meeting with the community on Traffic Management	TTC
5.2	*Action – Provide update regarding opportunities to replace lead water pipes into homes and businesses	TTC/COT Transportation
6	<p>Next Steps</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Next meeting of the Streetscaping Working Group is scheduled for September 28, 2011 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm at the Toronto EMS- 895 Eastern Ave. NOTE:THIS MEETING HAD BEEN CHANGED TO DECEMBER 6, 2011 (same time and location) -Progress update will be provided. -Notice for the Construction Staging Working Group Meeting scheduled for early October will be sent out two weeks prior to the meeting. 	

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40

Minutes Signed by: Sarah Currie

TITLE: Public Affairs Advisor-Strategic Partnerships-Transit Expansion Department

DATE: September 22, 2011

Attachments:

Presentation by TTC –September 14, 2011

Presentation by Brown and Storey September 14, 2011

