



# Don Valley Corridor Transportation Master Plan

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## Study Initiation

*The City of Toronto has initiated a Transportation Master Plan Study for the Don Valley Corridor, within the boundaries of the City.*

### What is this study about?

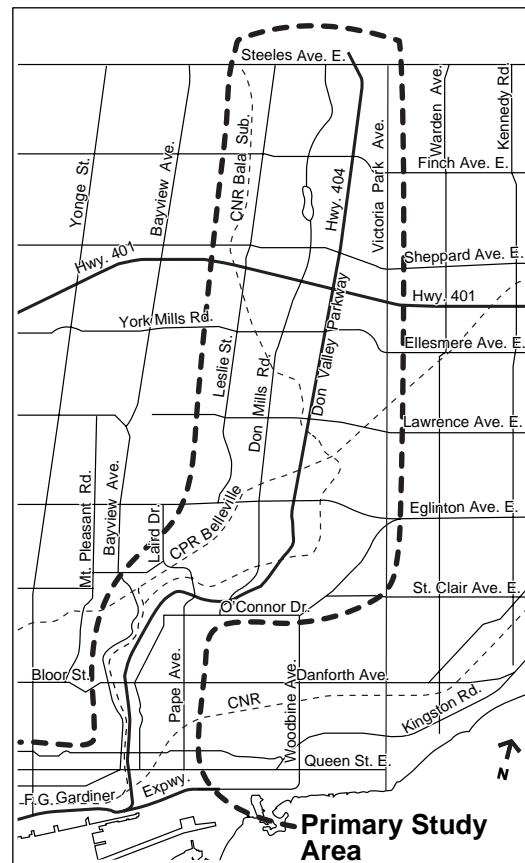
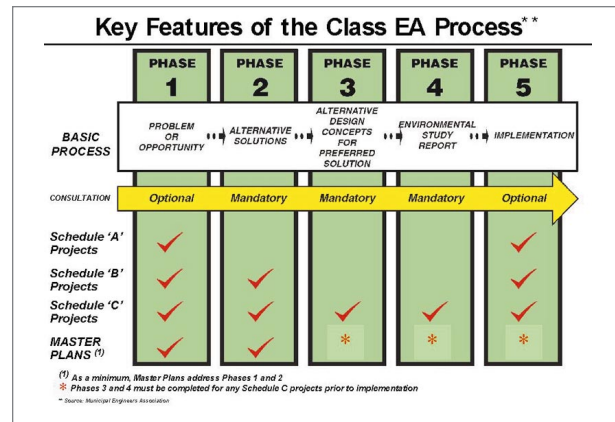
The Study will assess opportunities to improve transportation operations and person-carrying capacity in the Don Valley Corridor. The City Planning Division of Urban Development Services is preparing the Study in accordance with the Master Planning process described in the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (EA) document for municipal projects.

### What is the Master Planning Process?

Master Plans are long range plans which integrate infrastructure requirements for existing and future land use with environmental assessment planning principles. At a minimum, Master Plans address Phases 1 and 2 of the Municipal Class EA process which establish needs and evaluate alternative solutions respectively. This approach explicitly recognises that there are real benefits in terms of better planning when long range comprehensive studies are undertaken over an integrated, area-wide basis. The figure on the upper right shows the key features of the Municipal Class EA Process.

### What is the Study Area?

The Study Area encompasses the area bounded by Leslie Street/Bayview Avenue in the west, Steeles Avenue to the north, Victoria Park Avenue to the east and Gardiner Expressway/Lake Shore Boulevard at the south. The map on the right shows the approximate limits of the Study Area. Transportation services that extend beyond the Study Area may be addressed in the study where their increased use would reduce travel demands in the Don Valley Corridor (e.g. Stouffville GO Rail line).



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## What alternatives are going to be considered?

The Don Valley Corridor is the key transportation corridor connecting downtown Toronto to the north and eastern areas of the City, Highway 401 and Highway 404. The majority of roads in the corridor are at capacity during weekday peak periods. This creates operational and capacity constraints not only for autos but for buses and other vehicles using the same facilities. The newly adopted Toronto Official Plan emphasizes the need for increasing transportation capacity through improved operations and, more significantly, improved person-carrying capacity. To that end, this study will investigate options such as:

- operational/capacity improvements at strategic locations in the corridor (e.g. ramp, intersection and road improvements)
- dedicated car pool / transit lanes
- improvements and enhancements (physical and operational) to existing transit facilities
- parking facilities along major transit routes
- new transit service opportunities.

## What are possible outcomes of the study?

The Study is likely to identify a staged program of transportation improvements in the Don Valley Corridor. Some of these improvements may be short-term or immediate operational improvements and others may be longer-term improvements. There may also be projects that will require further study or completion of a Class Environmental Assessment.

## When will the study be complete?

The study commenced in November 2002. The Master Plan Environmental Assessment is expected to be complete by fall of 2003. It is expected that study findings and recommendations will be reported to City Council in early 2004. There will be several opportunities for public involvement throughout the study as mandated by the Class Environmental Assessment process.

## Who are the agencies involved in the study?

There are three agencies who are directing this study; the City of Toronto, Toronto Transit Commission and GO Transit. This study represents a coordinated, cooperative effort within the Don Valley Corridor.

## Who can I contact if I have questions about this study?

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For further information on this study, please visit the "Don Valley Corridor Transportation Master Plan" website on the City of Toronto website:  
[www.toronto.ca/planningstudies](http://www.toronto.ca/planningstudies)