

PATH Master Plan Study

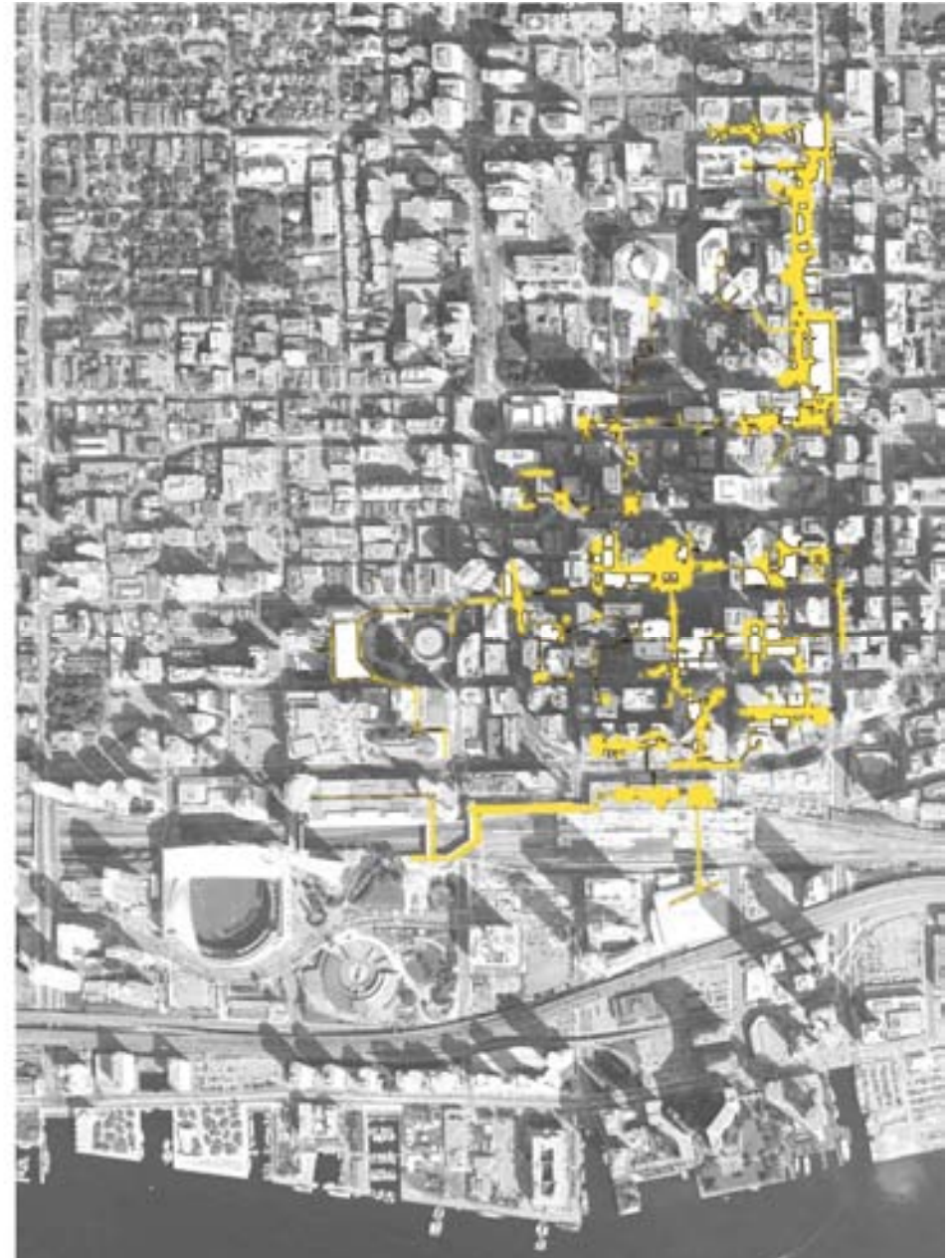
Stakeholder Interviews

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The Challenge

to create and implement a successful **vision, design guidelines and policies** to guide the growth and enhancement of the PATH System over time.



Project Deliverables

- Master Plan Report
- Updated Design Guidelines
- Recommended Policies and Implementation Tools

Our Team



Project lead & management
Vision, Design Strategy and
Guidelines
Planning analysis and
implementation
Consultation and facilitation



Urban Transportation
and Pedestrian Flow
Expertise
Data Collection and
Analysis



Real Estate Advice,
Expertise and Analysis

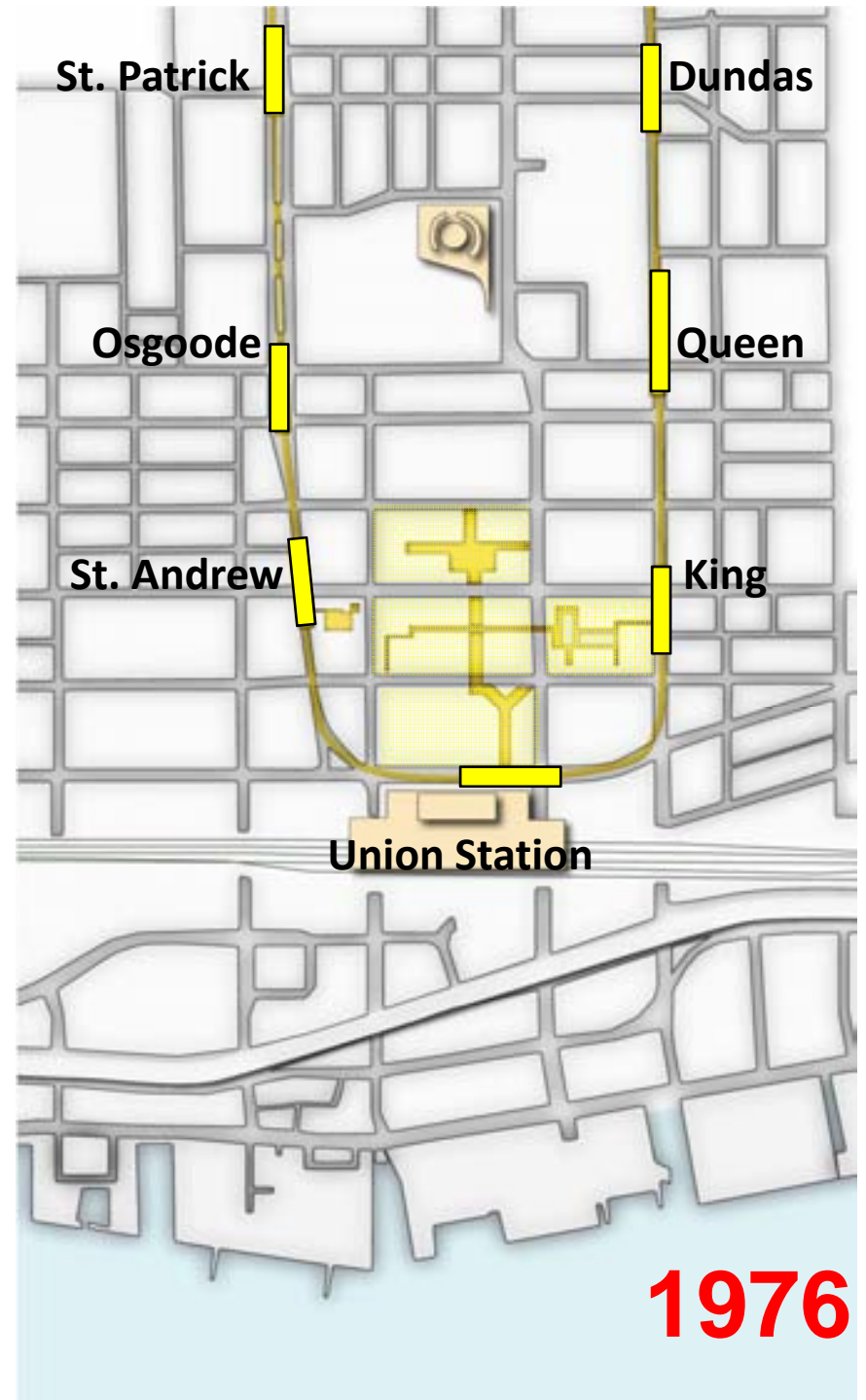
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Toronto Industrial Engineering Program

PATH: How it started

1917: 5 tunnels completed in the downtown core.

1927: Union Station opens and connects to the Royal York Hotel

1970's: PATH connects to the Richmond-Adelaide and Sheraton Centres, providing shopping and convenient access for thousands of commuters.



Today: A diverse network

1987:

City assumes responsibility for signage, maps and identity markers

(Individual property owners control the physical PATH segments)

1990's:

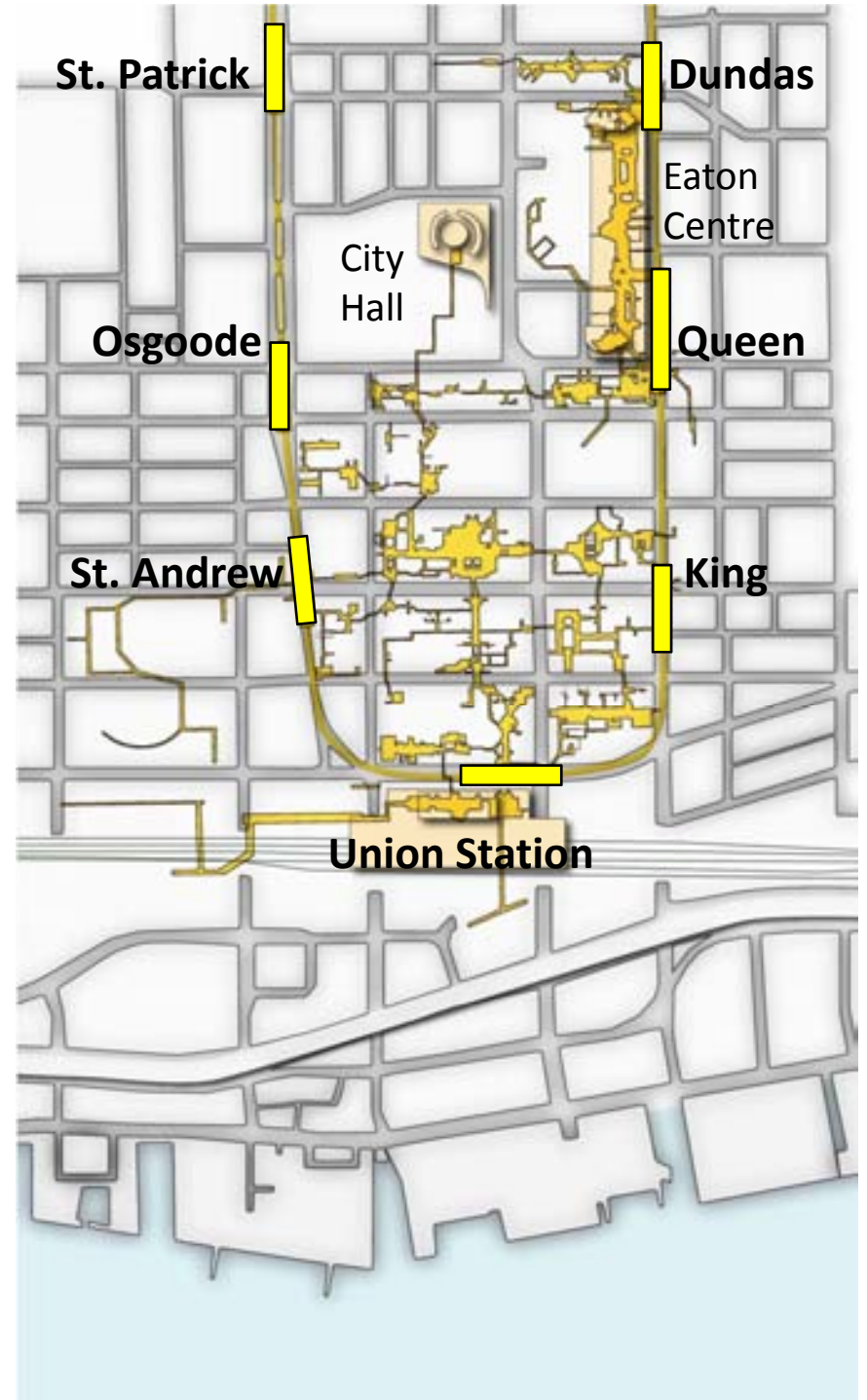
City implements a new signage and wayfinding strategy

Today:

Over 125 grade level access points

North Access: Toronto Coach Terminal

South Access: South Convention Centre



The PATH by Numbers:

28 km	Length
4 million sq. ft.	Retail space
1200	Retail shops and services
125	Grade level access points
367,000	Daily TTC Subway station users connected to the PATH
130,000	Daily GO Commuters through Union Station

The PATH Connects to:

50+	Office buildings
20	parking garages
6	Hotels
6	Cultural destinations
5	Subway stations
5	Residential condo buildings
3	Post secondary schools



City Hall



Public Services



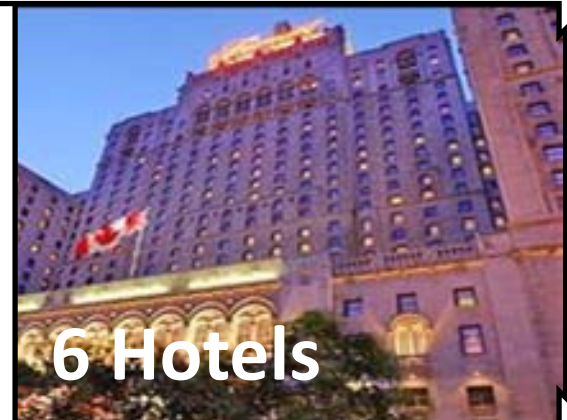
3 Schools



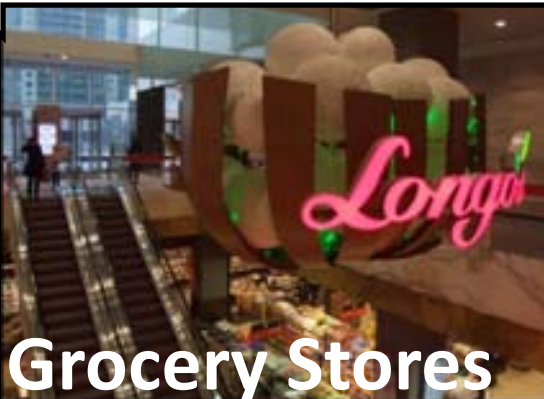
5 Condos



50+ Office Towers



6 Hotels



Grocery Stores



**+
5 Subway stations**



6 Cultural Sites

With success, new challenges:

THE PATH

GO UNDERGROUND

Untangling our subterranean maze is one of Toronto's greatest pedestrian challenges

WORDS BY SUZAN KREPOSTMAN

It's a Tuesday evening and it's pouring outside. You need to get from your downtown office to a dinner spot a few blocks away — what do you do? Well, like many Torontonians who

below it and determines what will be depicted on the wall. This is problematic when, for example, one bar doesn't want to direct people to its competitor on



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THE DEEPS

A PATH through the maze

Can Toronto's bewildering warren grow without creating more confusion?

Sep 16, 2007 08:09 AM

LESLIE SCRIVENER



Globe 1.0.

NOTES FROM UNDERGROUND

TOURIST ATTRACTION ...OR **PSYCHO**-PATH?



any beach-loving Americans to stay calm. At a time when many people might think things worse, a year away from the 10th anniversary of the Sept. 11 attacks, the city's efforts to make it more comfortable for the public to a repeat of the Sept. 11 attacks is a repeat of the Sept. 11 attacks. The city's efforts to make it more comfortable for the public to a repeat of the Sept. 11 attacks is a repeat of the Sept. 11 attacks.

Toronto wants its underground city to be a 'destination,' but right now, PATH is little more than a dizzying warren of fast-food joints and empty spaces. Tenille Bonoguore navigates the maze

THE LABYRINTH I find some space with no workers & seemingly endless I almost didn't know for finding tucked below Kin mean fast, thank





Narrow corridors



Long, circuitous routes

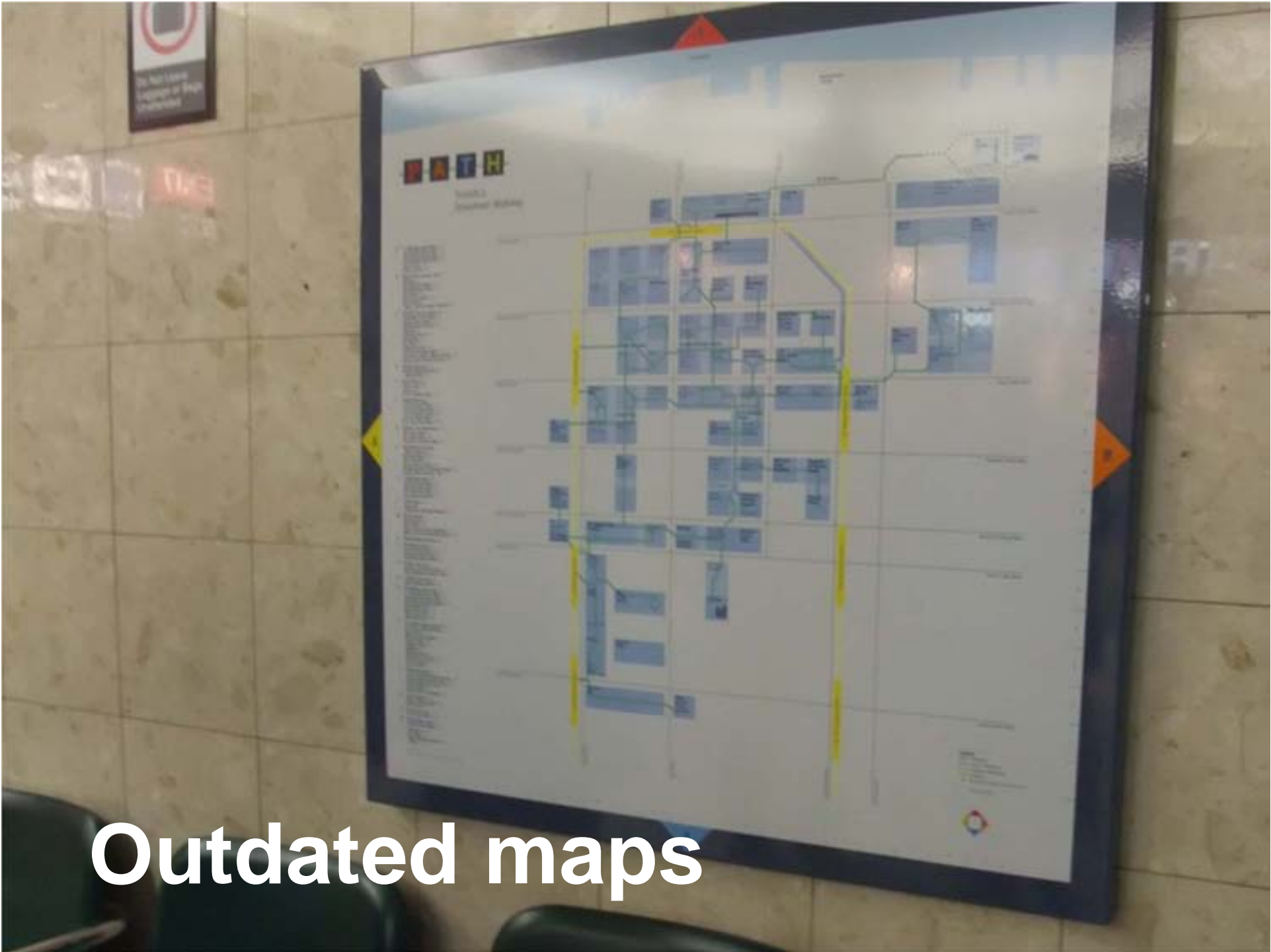


Dark, blank walls



**Hidden
signage**

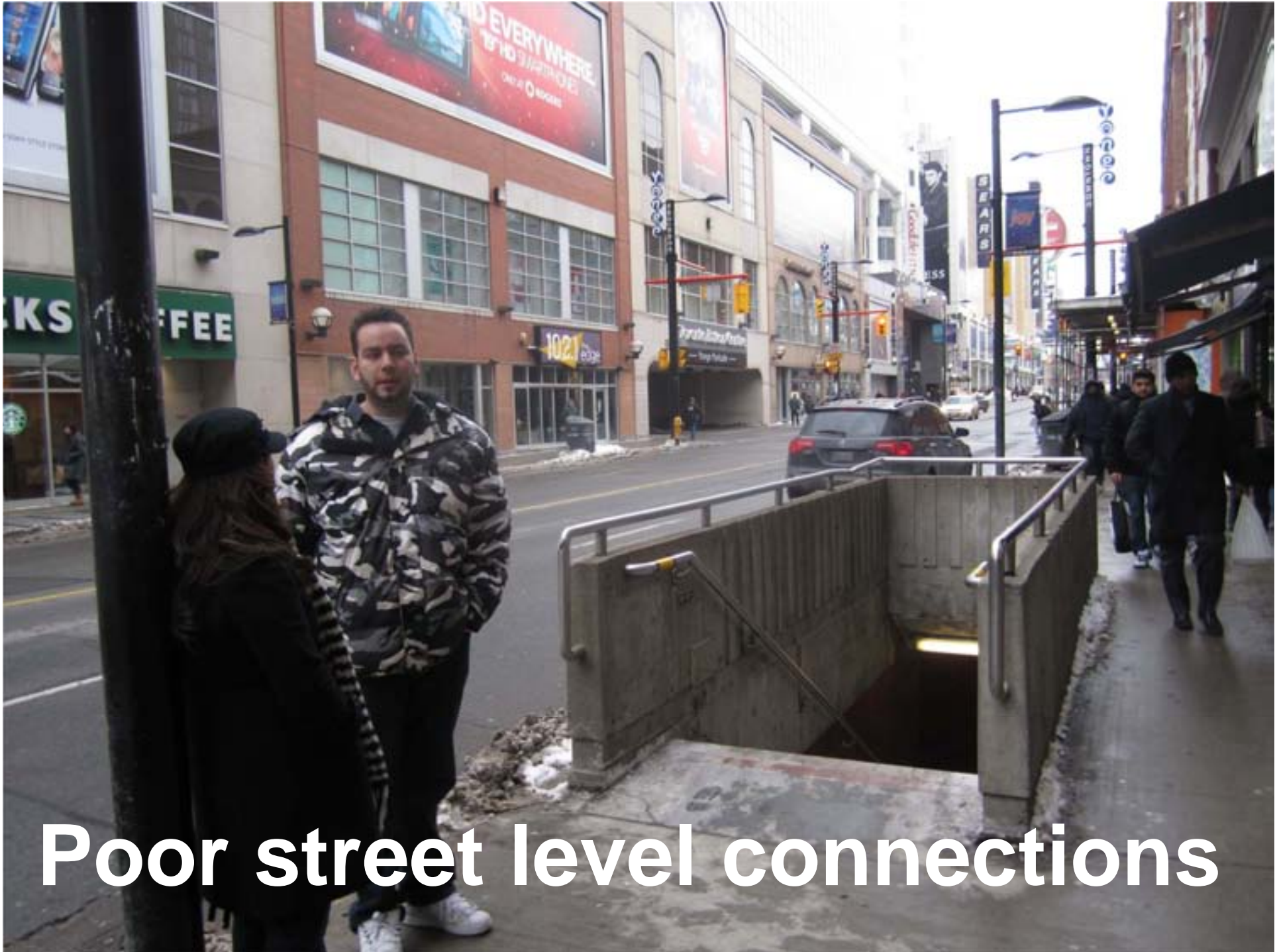




Outdated maps



Slippery floors



Poor street level connections

Recent & Current Improvements

Adding daylight and other design improvements



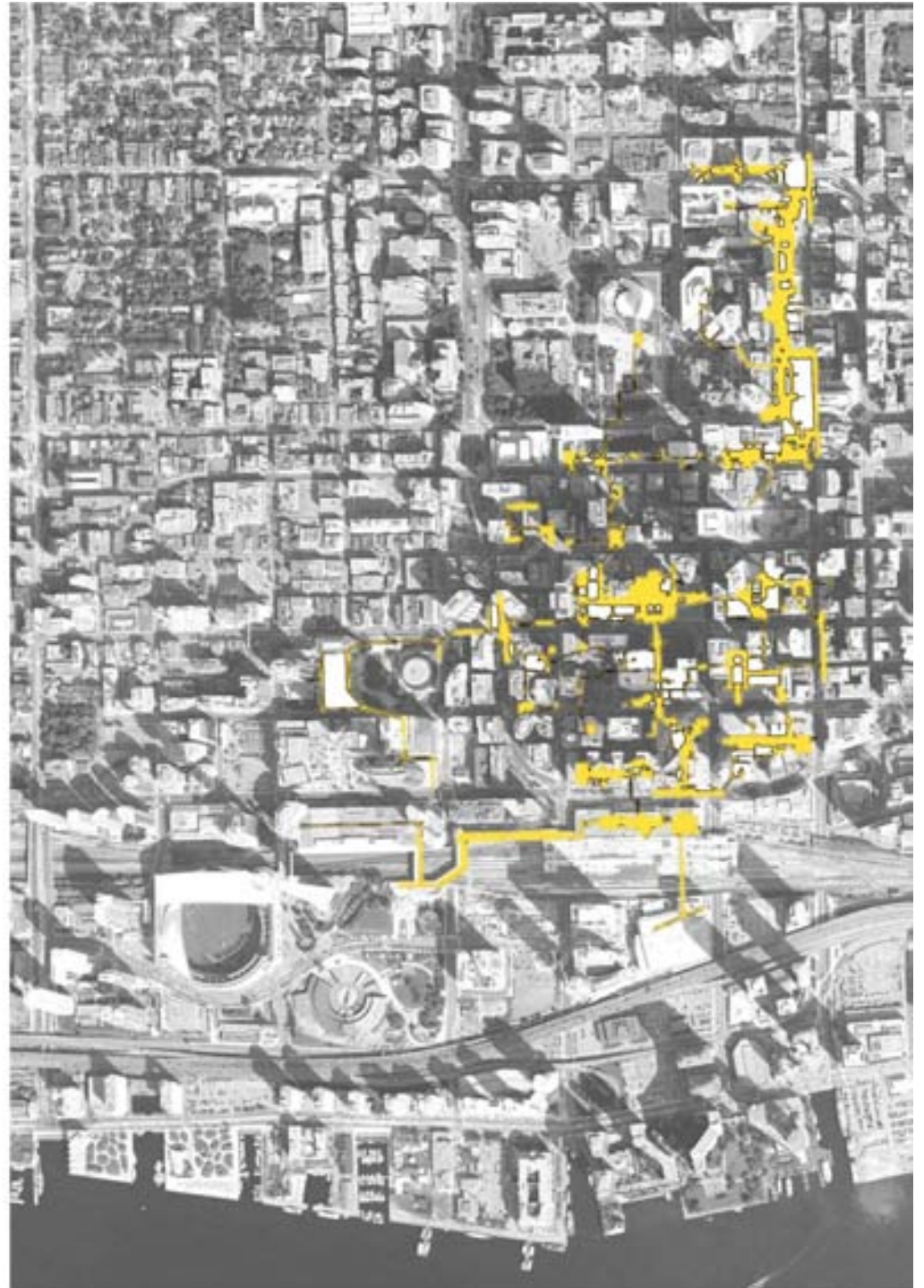
Today.....

...and Tomorrow?



How and Where to Grow?

*Clear,
Comprehensive and
Complementary*



CLEAR

An intuitive and design-oriented approach to way-finding

Simple, straightforward routes and connections

COMPREHENSIVE

Planning for a comprehensive network connecting the right destinations

Providing adequate capacity where its needed most

COMPLEMENTARY

Ensuring that future growth supports active street life

What is the future role of the PATH?

Potential Growth:

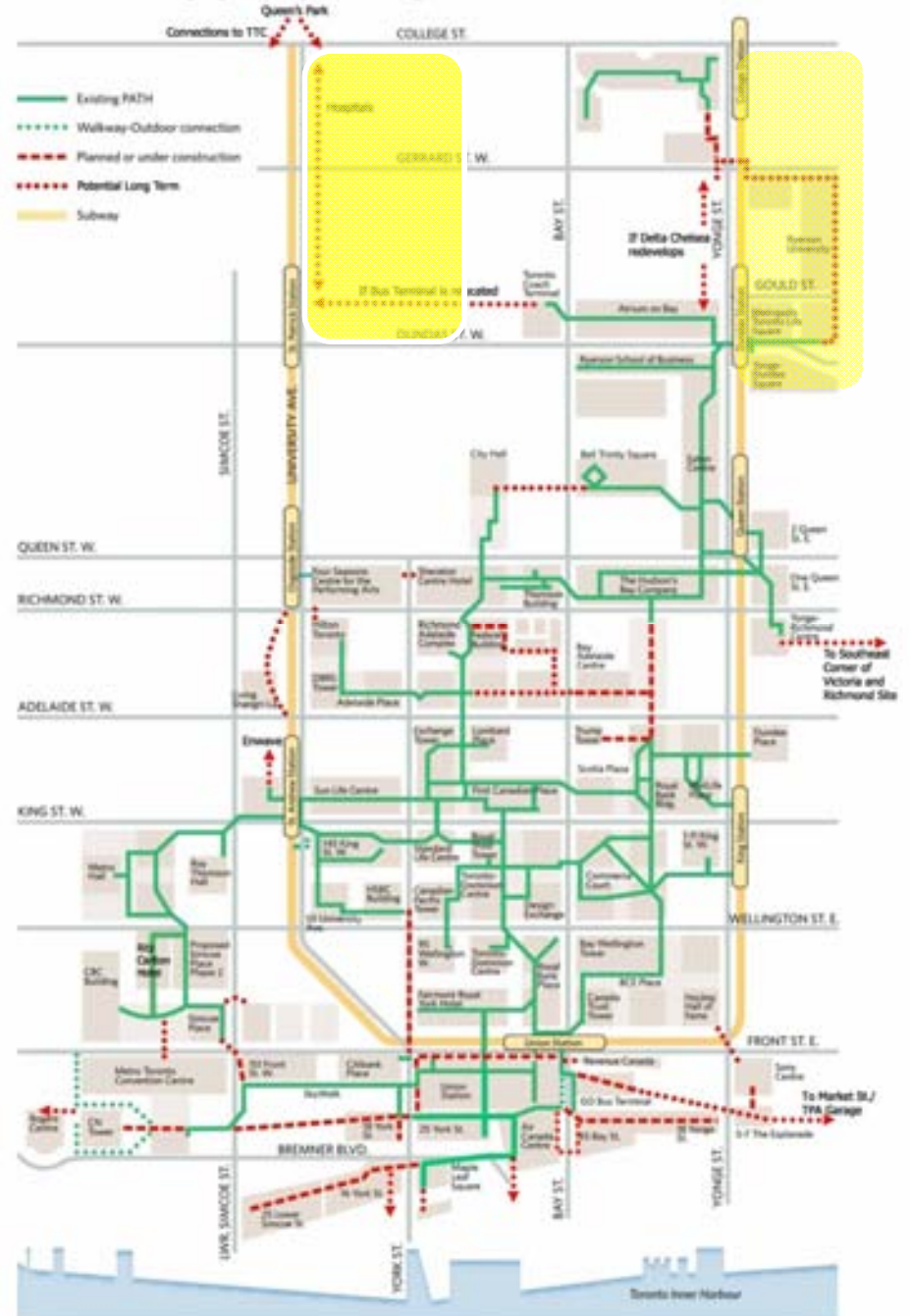
NORTH:

- Hospitals
- Ryerson University

The long PATH into the future

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Preliminary Draft (Jan 13, 2011)



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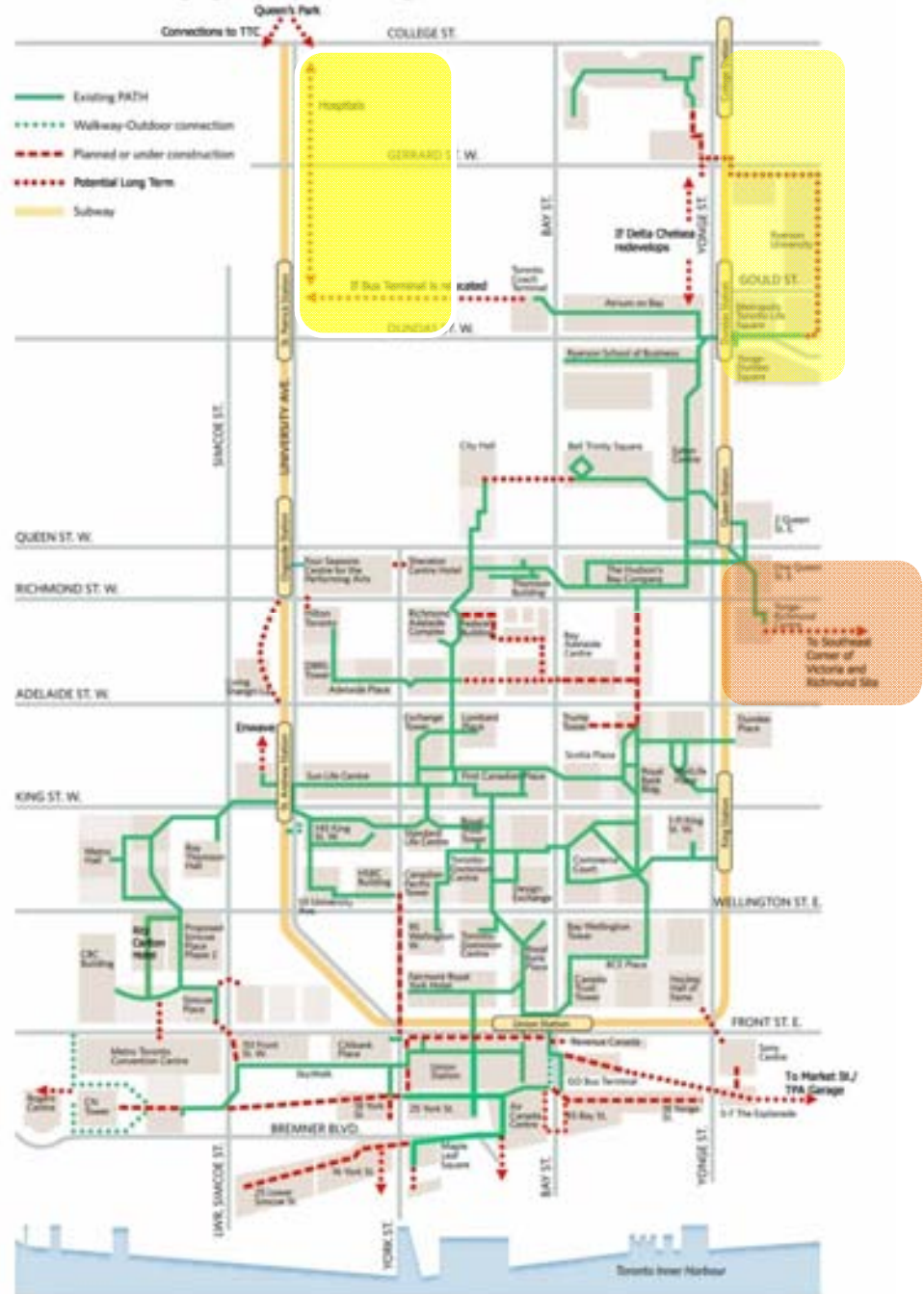
EAST:

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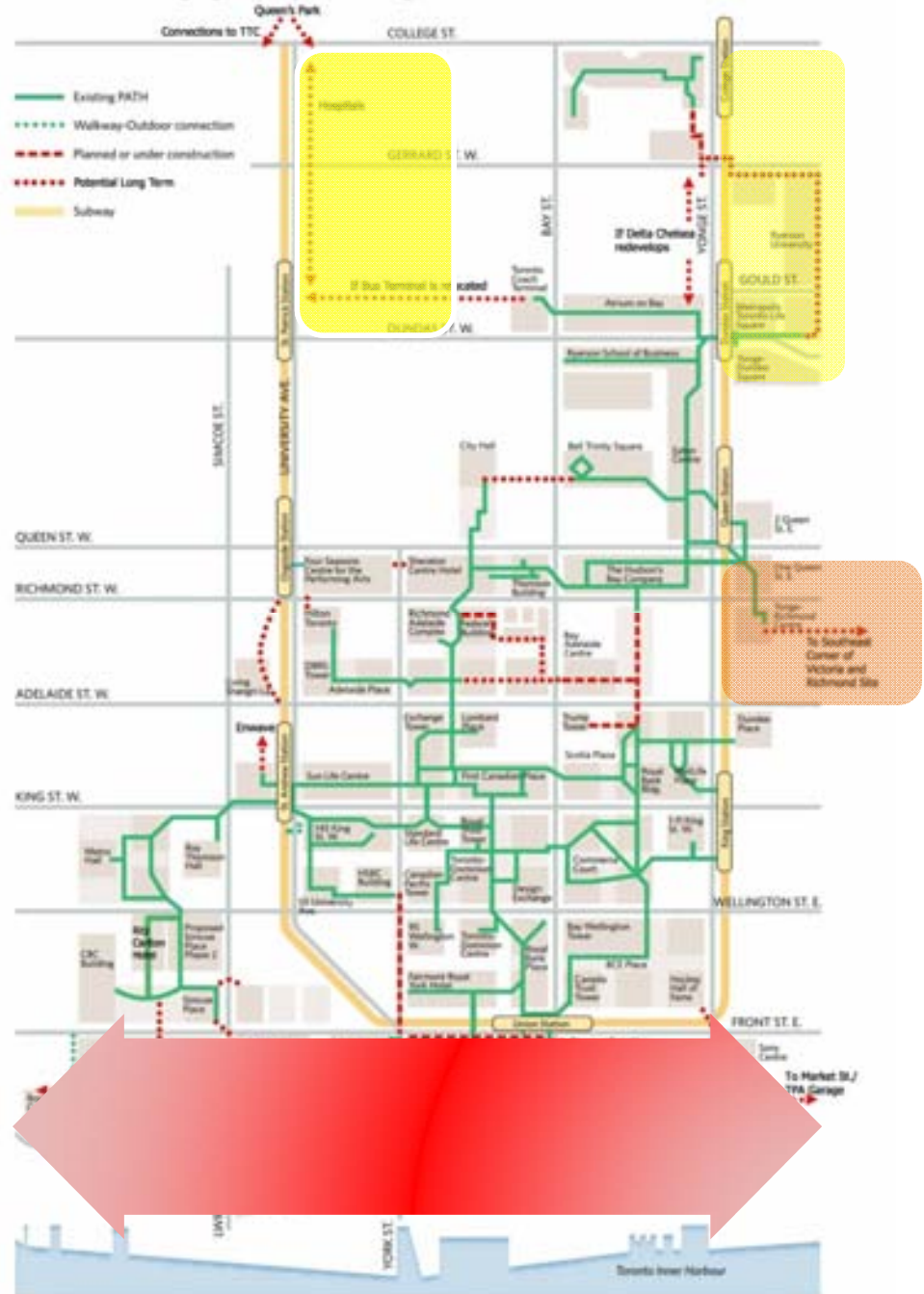
SOUTH:

- South East of Union Station
- South West of Union Station, potentially to the Rail lands

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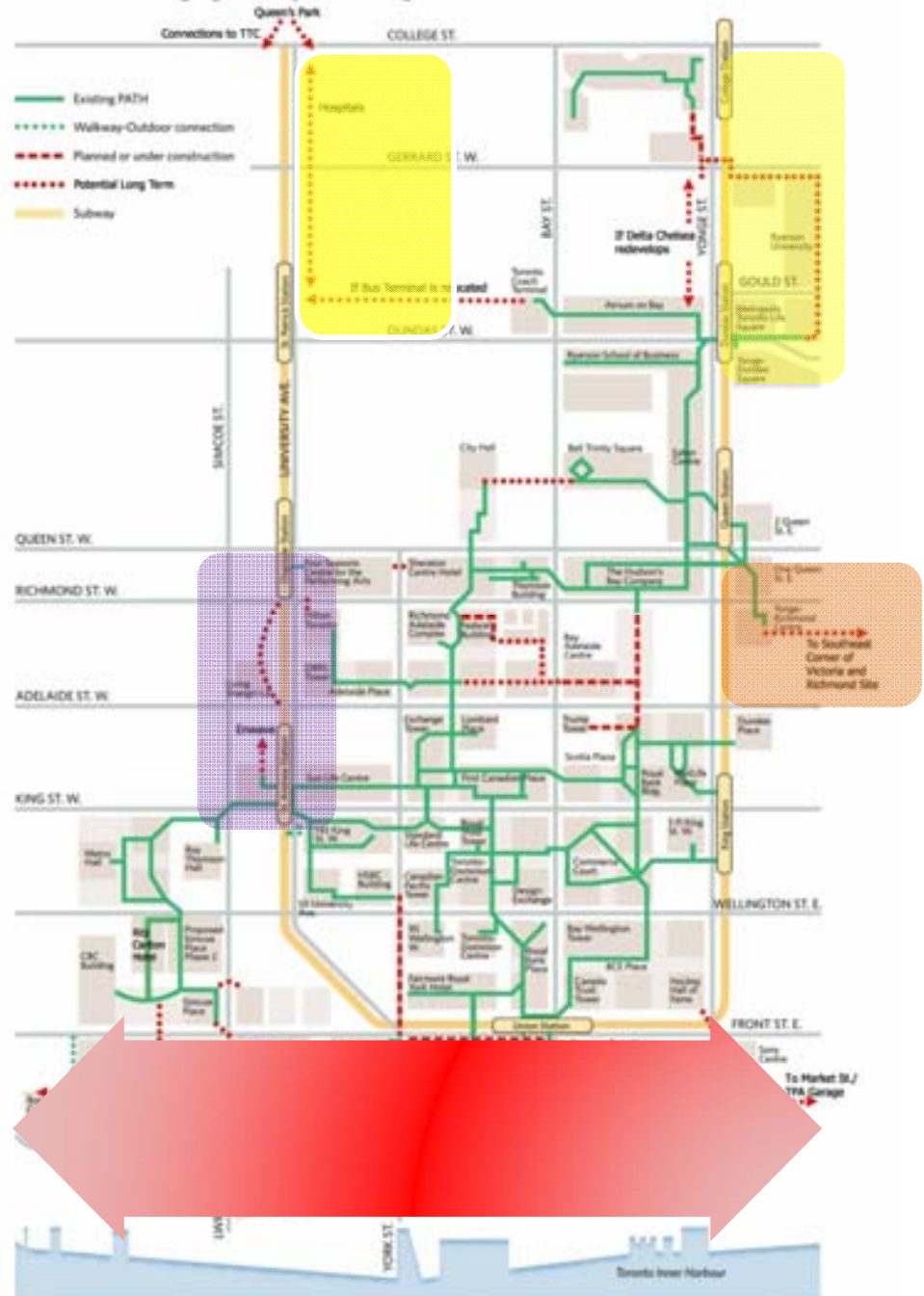
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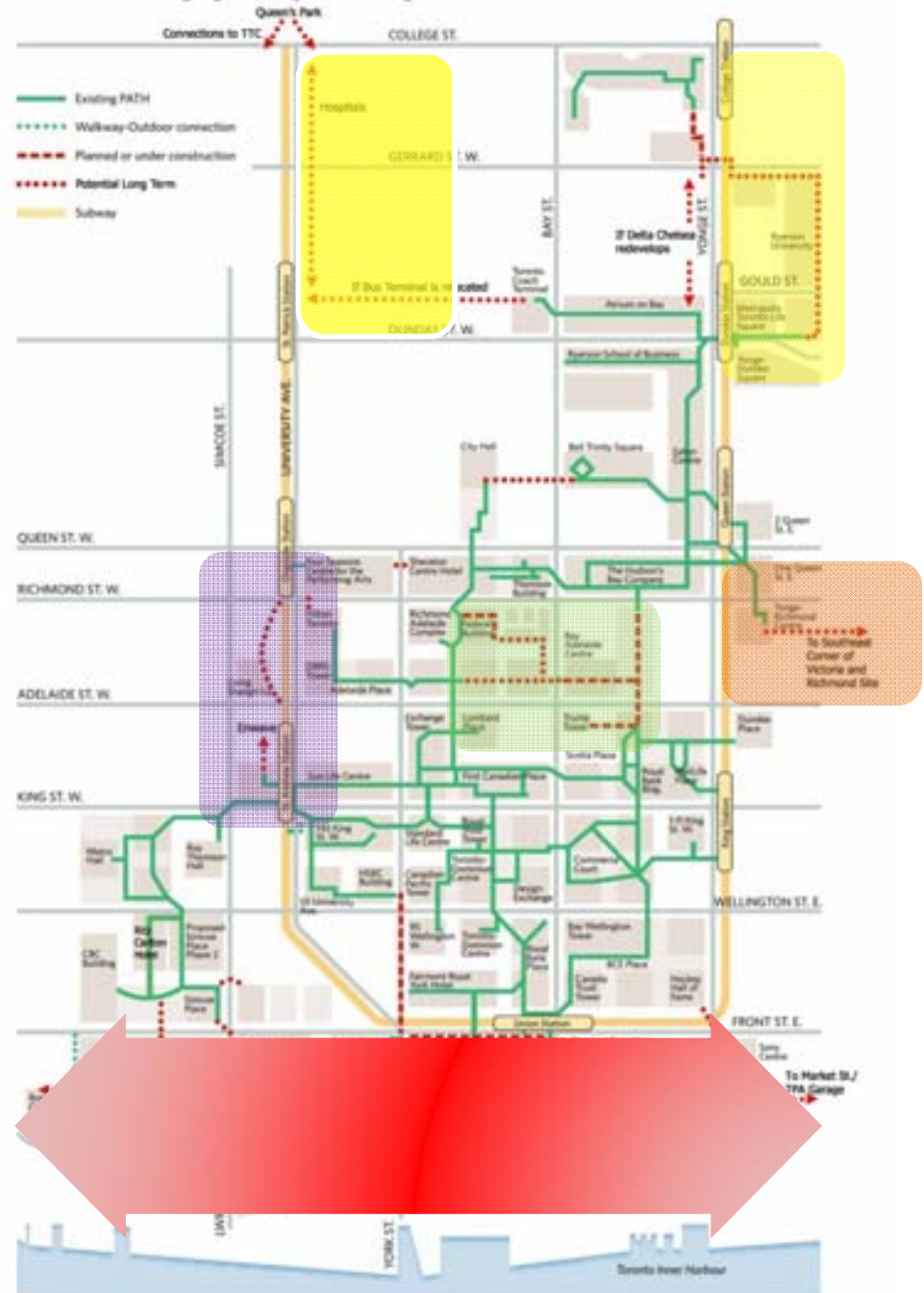
CENTRAL:

- Union Station - North West
- Adelaide St. (north side) to Trump

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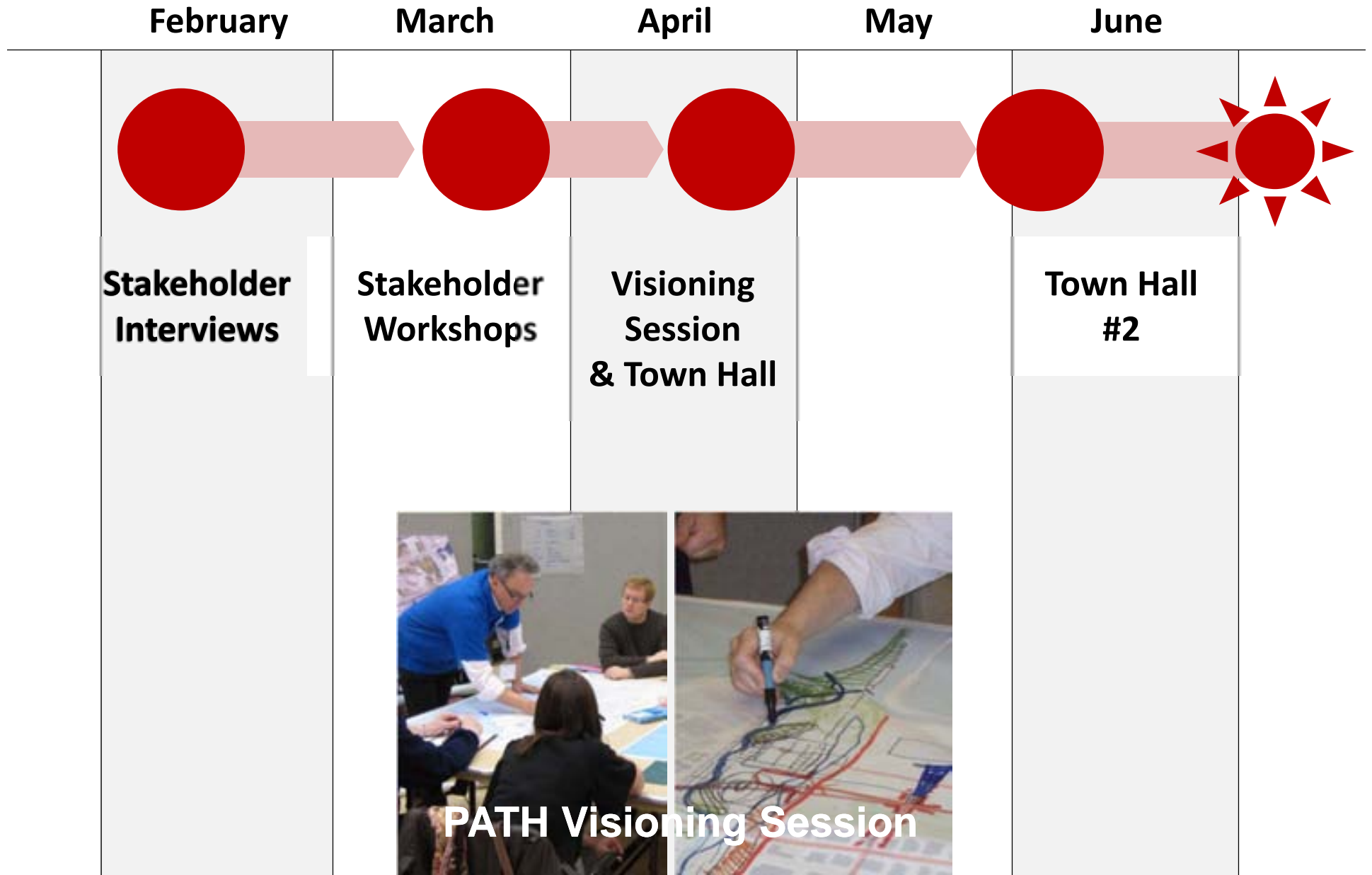
How do we get there?

Project work plan and schedule

The Work Plan: *Public Engagement*

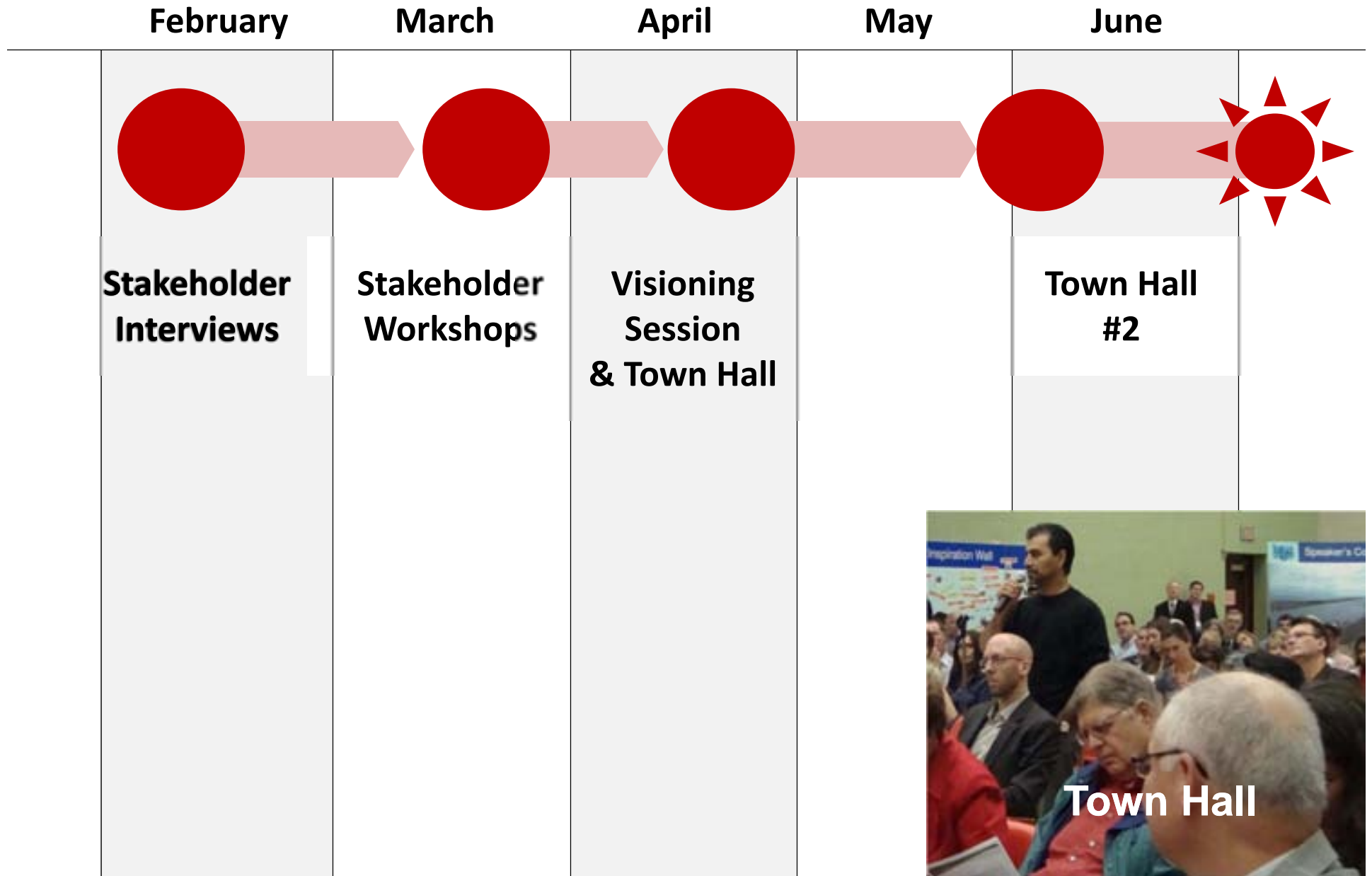


The Work Plan: *Public Engagement*



PATH Visioning Session

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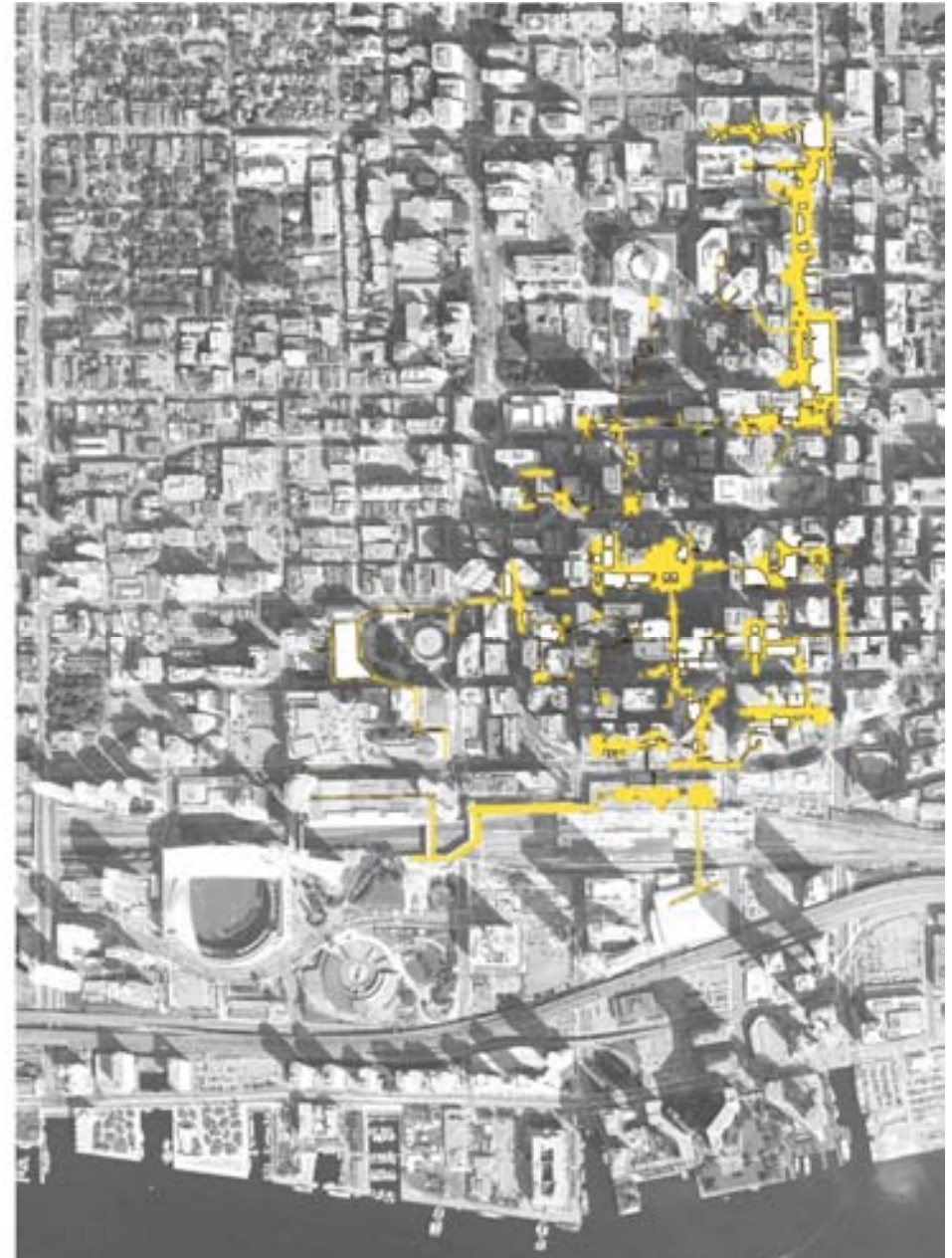
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