

Six Points Interchange Reconfiguration - Class Environmental Assessment Study

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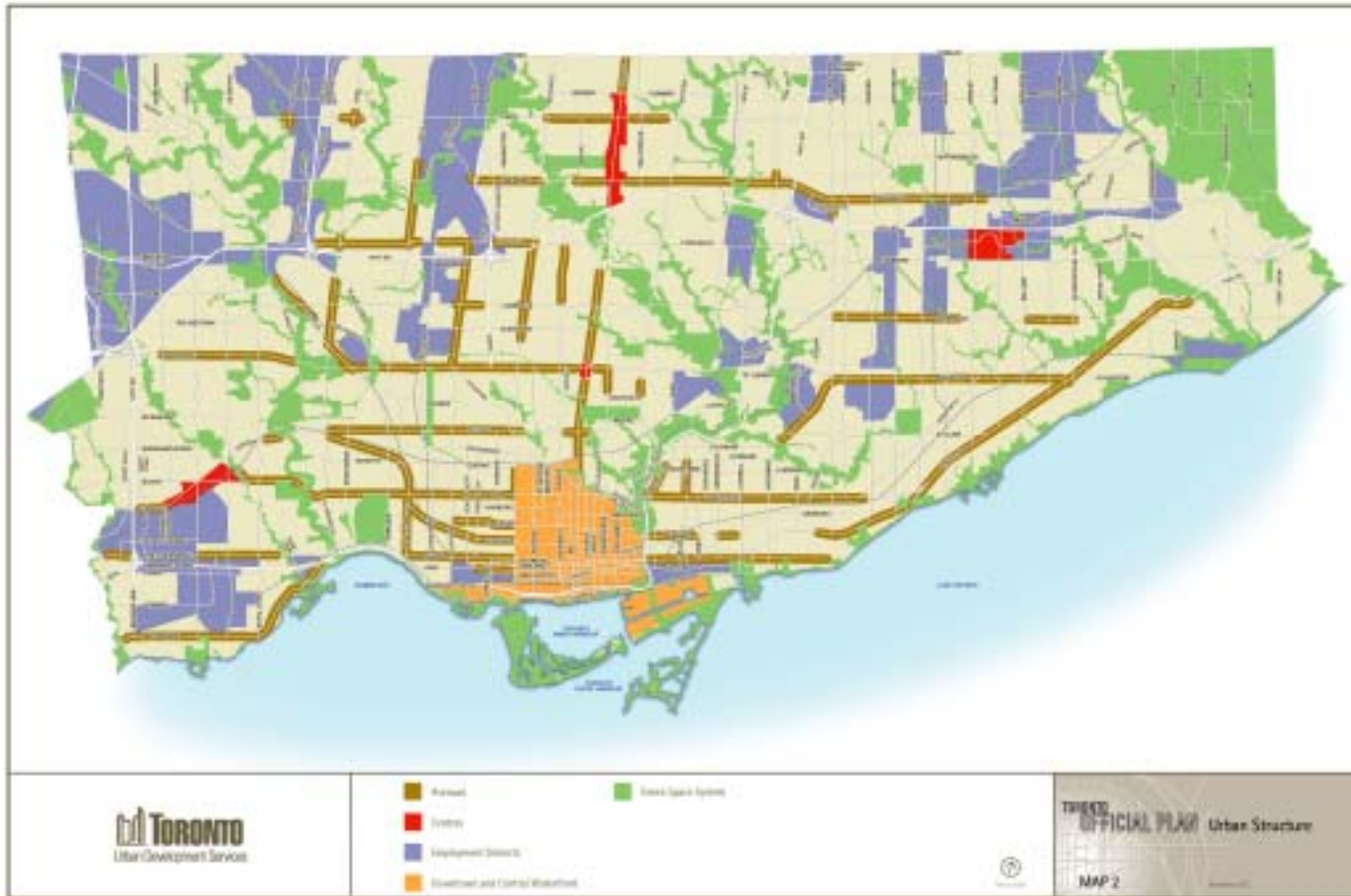
Introduction and Agenda

- Purpose of Meeting
- Presentation
 - Official Plan and Etobicoke Centre
 - Background
 - Environmental Assessment Process
 - Review of Alternatives
 - Criteria for Evaluation
 - Next Steps

Planning Context

- Six Points Interchange lies within the “Etobicoke Centre Secondary Plan” area
- Etobicoke Centre is one of four “centres” identified in the new City of Toronto Official Plan

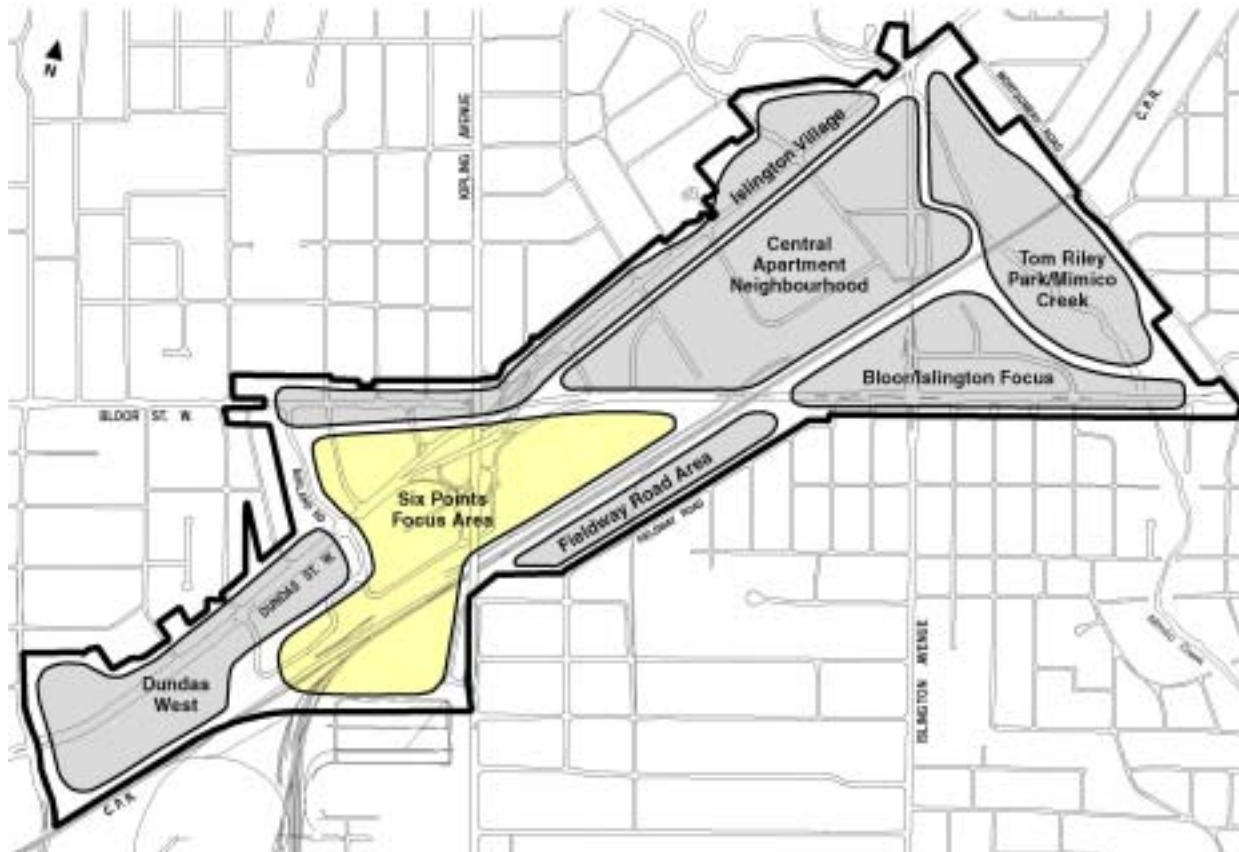
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Etobicoke Centre Areas

FIGURE 2
Etobicoke Centre
Secondary Plan



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- Was a “centre” under the old Etobicoke and Metro Toronto Official Plans
- Original “City Centre Secondary Plan” approved in 1987
- New “Etobicoke Centre Secondary Plan” and Zoning By-law approved in 2002

Why Change Six Points

- Achieve City Building objectives
- Free lands for other uses
- Westwood Theatre lands are a significant City asset

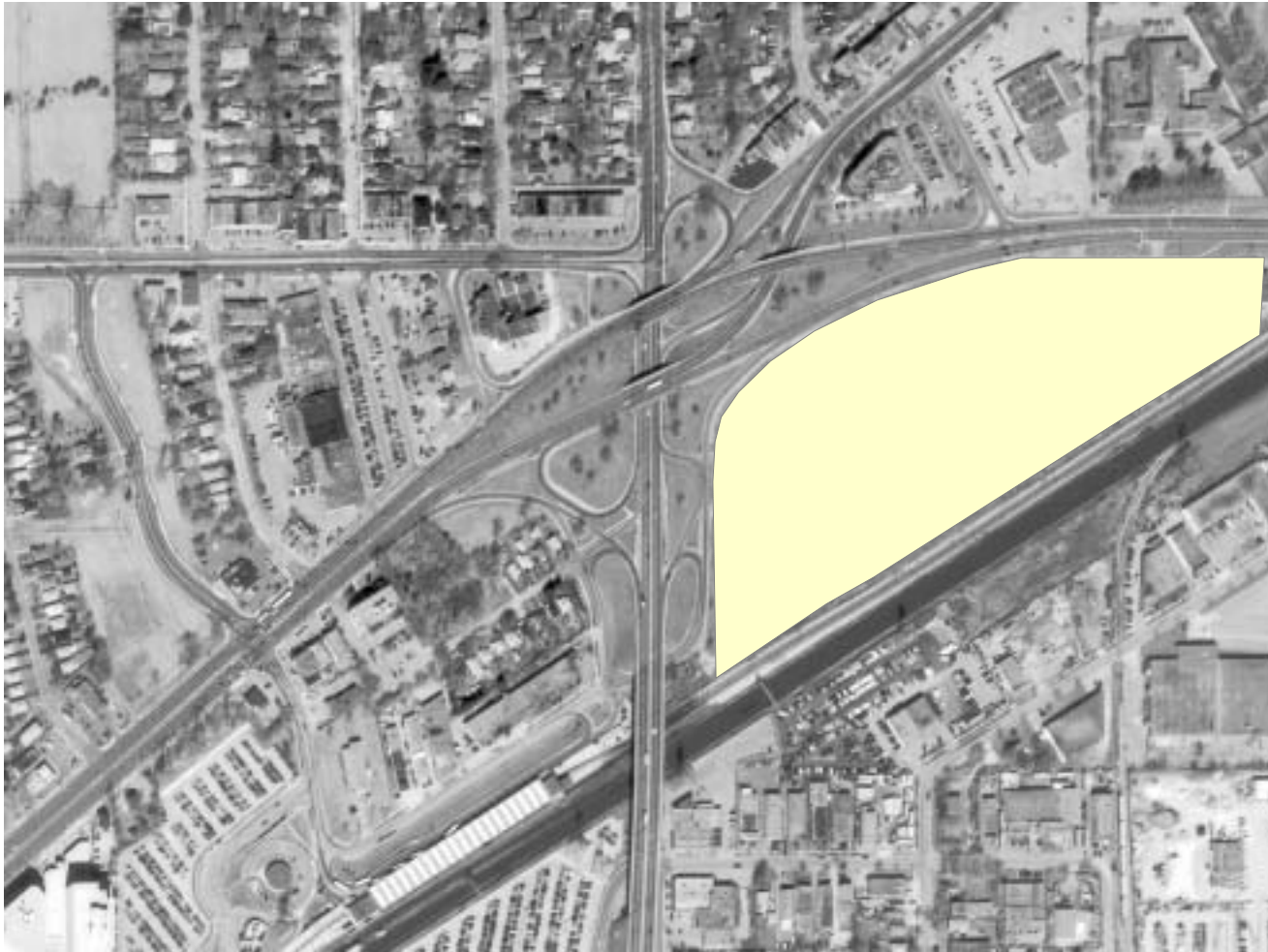
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Why Now

- A new design is overdue
- Must not preclude the opportunity to reconfigure the interchange
- Ensure opportunity to improve access to the Westwood Theatre lands

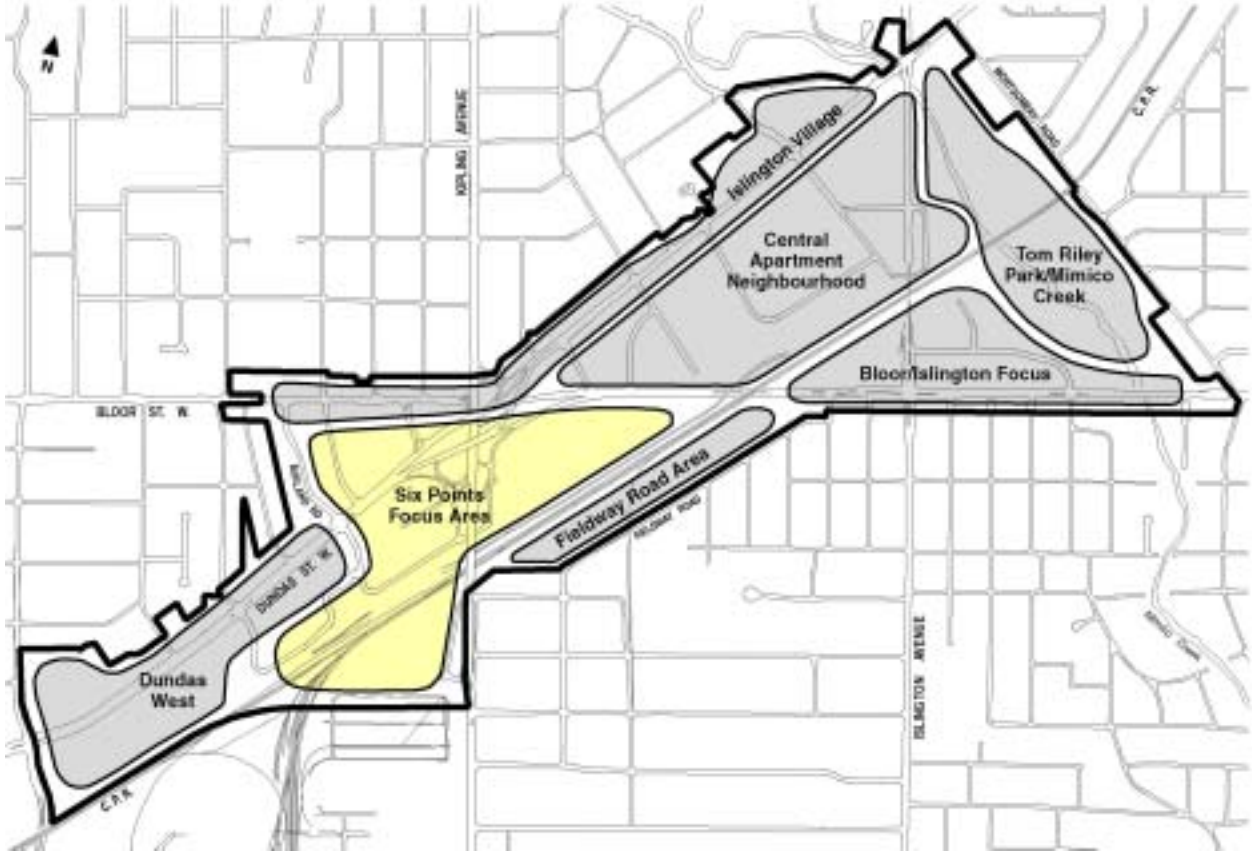
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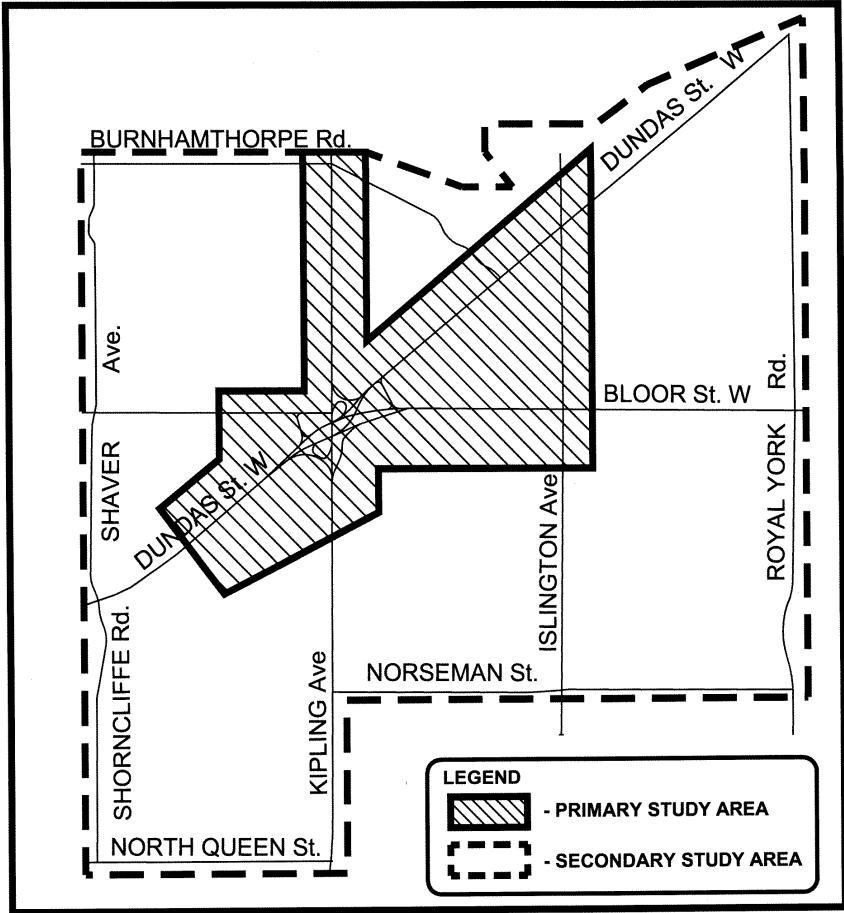
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Background



Background

- 1983 - Kipling/Islington Transportation Study
- 1987 - Etobicoke City Centre Secondary Plan
- 1989 - Six Points Interchange Redesign Study
- 1989 - Review of Design Proposals for Six Points Interchange
- mid 1990's - Potential Relocation of Etobicoke Civic Centre

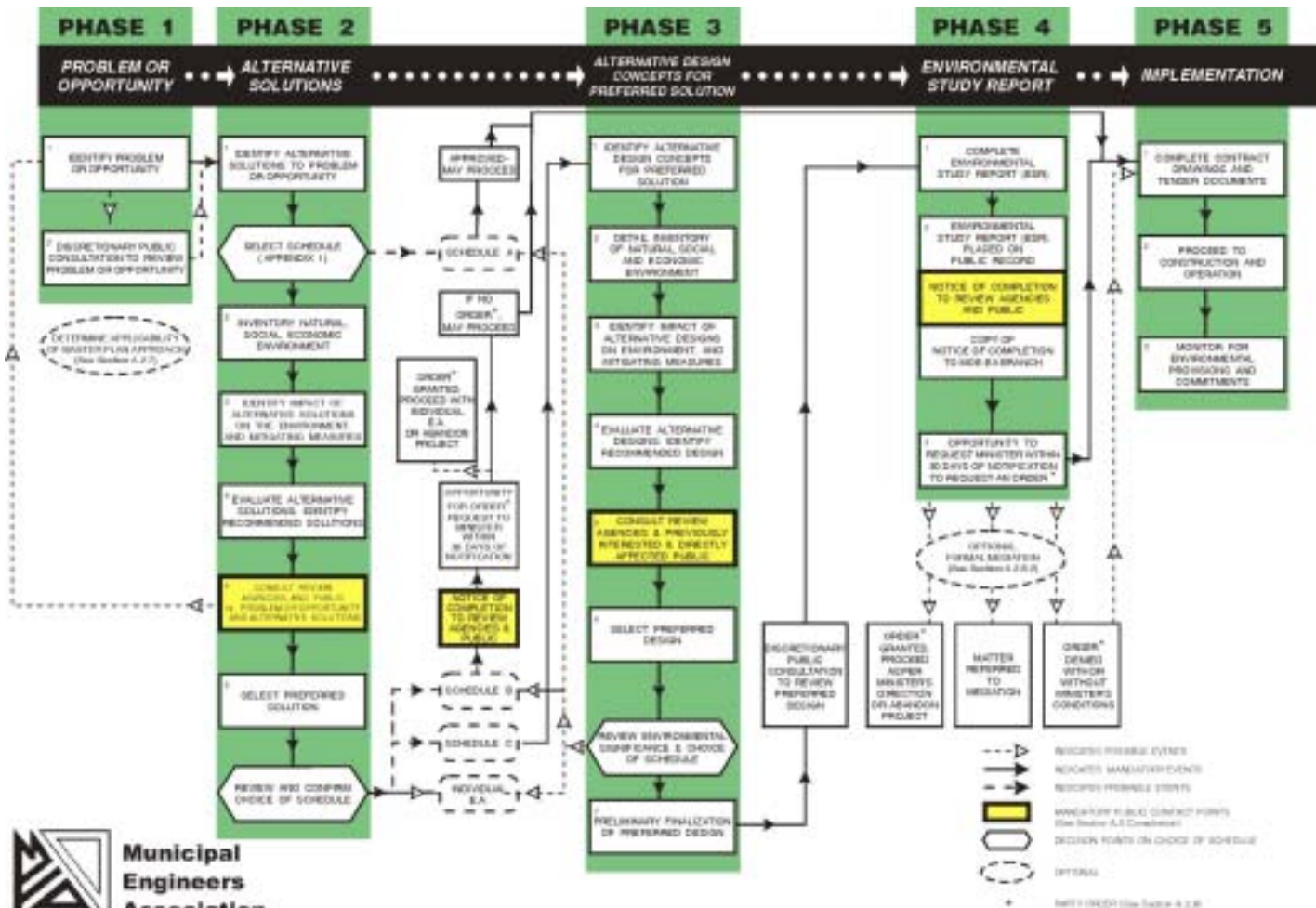
Study Purpose

- Examine options for the reconfiguration of the existing Six Points Interchange
- Recommend a preferred design and property protection plan consistent with new Etobicoke Centre Secondary Plan

Benefits

- Smaller footprint
- Improve compatibility of land uses
- Improve street pattern
- Improve pedestrian and vehicular access

Class Environmental Assessment



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- Phase 1 - Identify problem or opportunity
- Phase 2 - Identify and evaluate alternative solutions
 - (Public Meeting No. 1)
- Phase 3 - Identify and evaluate alternative design concepts for the preferred solution
 - (Public Meeting No. 2)
- Phase 4 - Prepare Environmental Study Report
- Phase 5 - Implementation

Needs and Opportunity

- Planning
 - Barrier effect
 - Compliance with the Secondary Plan
 - New West District Centre

Needs and Opportunity

- Capacity and Operational
 - Major transit corridor
 - Maintain traffic levels of service
 - Pedestrian and cyclist access

Problem Statement

- Simplify the road network layout
- Provide good pedestrian and cyclist connections
- Improve landscape and streetscape of area
- Maintain acceptable levels of service for traffic operations
- Maintain acceptable surface transit operations

Long List of Options

- Grouped into the following “families”
 1. Do Nothing
 2. Fully At-Grade
 3. Bloor-Dundas Connected with Grade Separation
 4. Bloor Connected with Grade Separation
 5. Bloor Not Connected with Grade Separation
 6. Roundabout and Ring Road

Initial Screening Criteria

- Make better use of surplus interchange lands
- “Normalize” intersections
- Arterial road continuity/connectivity
- No “above-grade” grade separations
- No significant impacts on active applications

Short List of Alternatives

1. Do Nothing



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2. Fully At-Grade Dundas Street Lc



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3. Fully At-Grade Bloor Street Local



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5. Dundas Street Underpass



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6. Kipling Avenue Underpass



Criteria to Evaluate Short List

- Land Use and Socio-Economic Impacts
- City Building Impacts
- Transportation Impacts
 - Transit
 - Traffic
 - Pedestrians
 - Cyclists

Criteria to Evaluate Short List

- Environmental Impacts
- Implementation Impacts
- Costs Impacts
- Business Case Impacts

Next Steps

- Confirm short list of options
- Evaluate select a preferred option
- Identify, evaluate and select alternative design
- Prepare a preliminary design
- Next Public Meeting and Open House