

St.Clair Ave. West Transit Improvements Class EA Study: Revised Problem Statement

The St. Clair streetcar route carries about half of all trips made on most of St. Clair Avenue West, at various times of the day. The quality, speed, and reliability of this transit service are degraded, at various times of the day and week, by recurring obstruction and delay caused by other vehicular traffic. These detrimental effects of traffic on the streetcar service are expected to worsen over time, because traffic volumes and congestion will increase due to forecast increases in population and employment in and around the City over the next 20-30 years.

Toronto's Official Plan aims to make more effective use of the City's existing road capacity and to reduce congestion, pollution and energy consumption by encouraging more people to travel by transit. This requires enhancing the attractiveness of bus and streetcar services through improving their frequency, speed, reliability and comfort. The purpose of this study is to identify how to bring about such improvements to streetcar service on St. Clair Avenue West in a manner that recognizes the needs of other road users, reflects the revitalization objectives of the communities along St.Clair, contributes to the City's community building objectives, respects the policies of the Plan, and will be sustainable under future conditions.