



Transforming the Gardiner/Lake Shore Corridor

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We are Asking for Council's Support to Undertake an Environmental Assessment for Partial Removal of the Gardiner



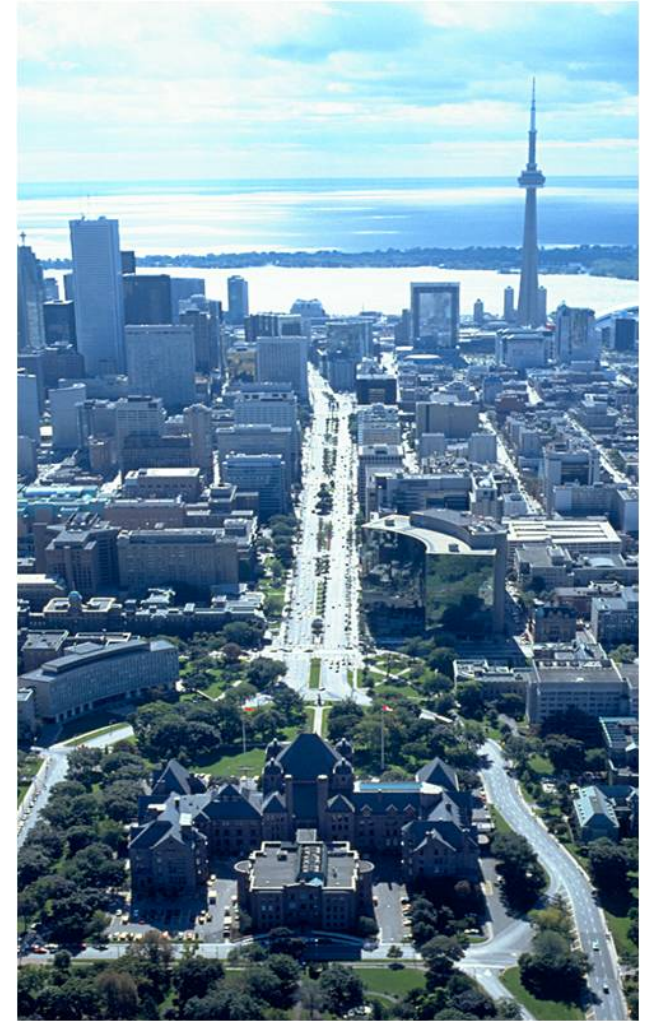
Background – Chronology

- 2000 – Waterfront Revitalization Task Force Report
- 2002 – TWRC Development Plan & Business Strategy
- 2003 – Unanimous Approval for Central Waterfront Secondary Plan
- 2003 – City Council Directive
- 2004 – WT Technical Study on a Gardiner/Lake Shore (partial takedown Spadina East)
- 2008 – Partial Takedown Recommendation (Jarvis East)



Recommendation – Incremental Approach

- Initiate an Individual Environmental Assessment for the partial takedown of the Gardiner at Jarvis to the DVP



Scope of the Environmental Assessment

- Preliminary analysis shows that the EA must address outcomes, options and modes related to the partial take-down in a comprehensive transportation strategy





West Don Lands
Precinct

DVP

Cherry St

Parliament St

Lower Sherbourne St

Lower Don Lands
(Port Lands)

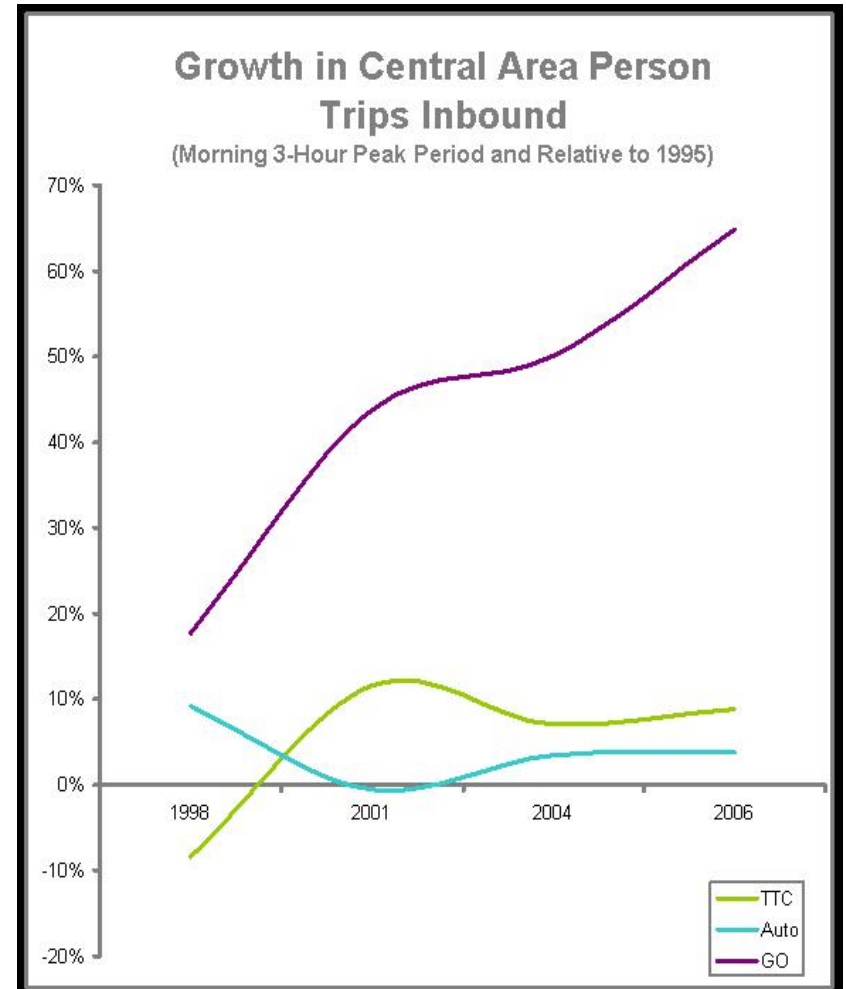
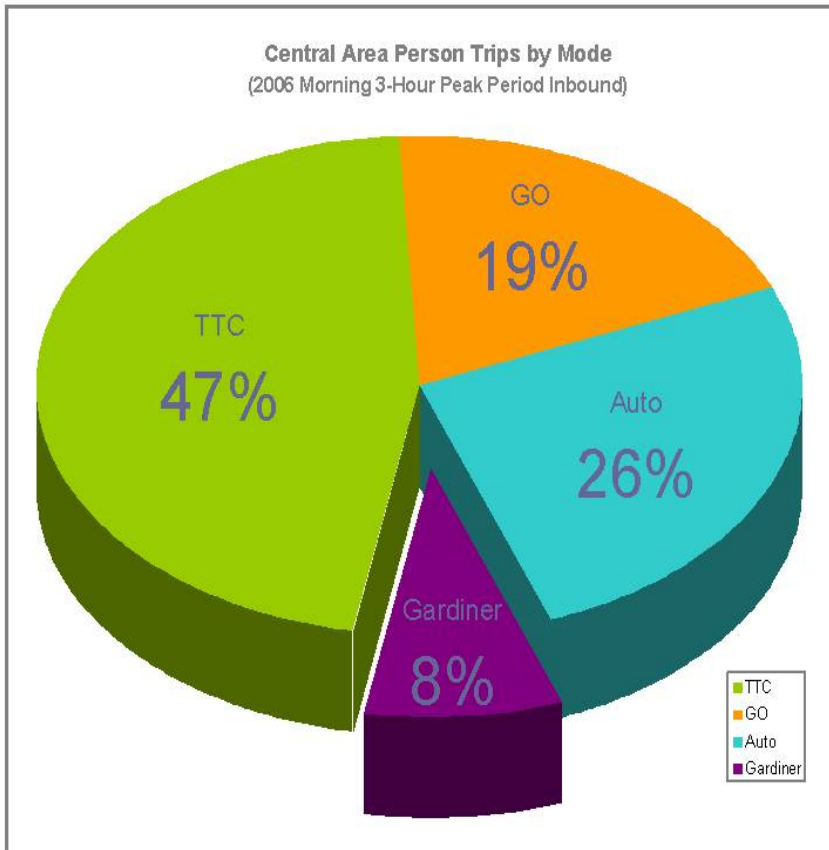
East Bayfront
Precinct

Lower Jarvis St

Lower Yonge
Precinct



Role of the Gardiner



Sustainable Modes will Accommodate Future Growth

- Underlying assumption of all options Waterfront Toronto has analyzed
- GO Transit and TTC will have the biggest impacts on reducing reliance on the Gardiner, east of Jarvis
- \$17.7 billion provincial transit service expansion underway
- Metrolinx Regional Transit Initiatives will improve inter-municipal transit use





Maximizing Benefits of Revitalization



Due Diligence for the EA

Traffic modeling

- Undertaken jointly by the City and Waterfront Toronto as part of initial due diligence for seeking the environmental assessment
- EMME/2 model was used for forecasts and analysis

Modeling Conclusions:

- Overall relatively minor changes in predicted travel times
- An at-grade boulevard design east of Jarvis Street can be managed and can result in a satisfactory overall network level of service
- A more detailed micro-simulation model, will be undertaken in the proposed Environmental Assessment

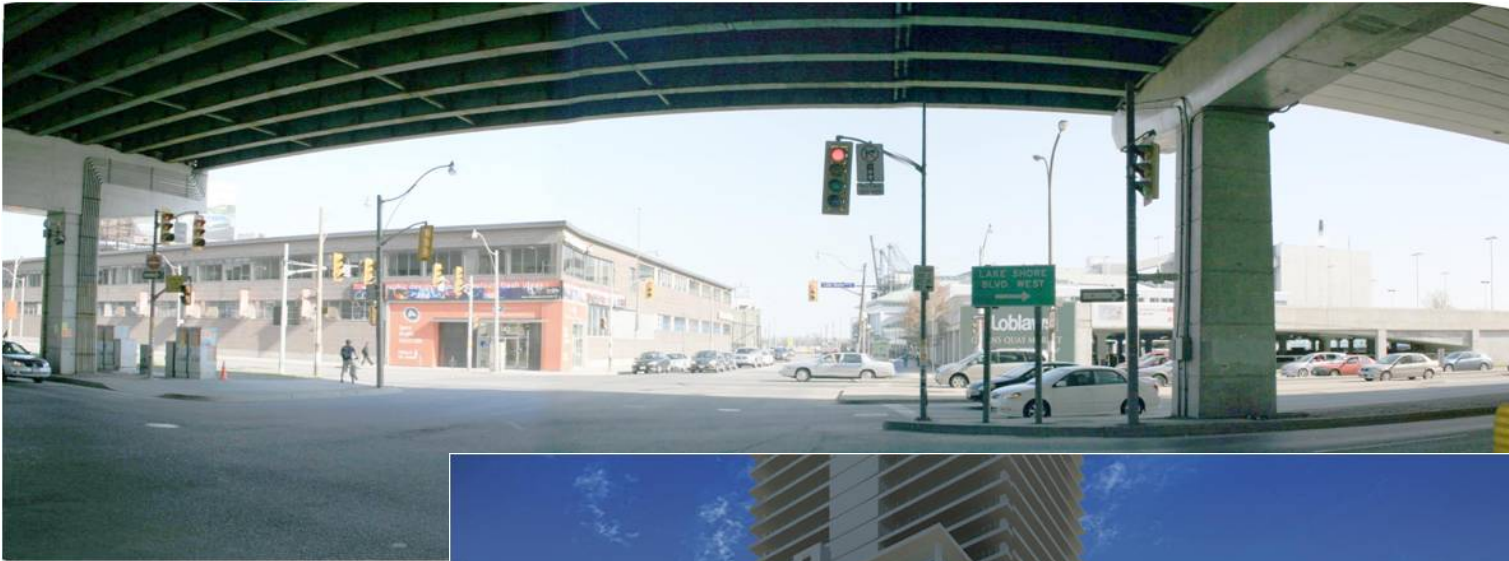
The objective was to determine whether there were any issues that would preclude seeking an Environmental Assessment

Development with Gardiner in Place





Jarvis Street looking south





Sherbourne Street looking south





Parliament Street looking south/west





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