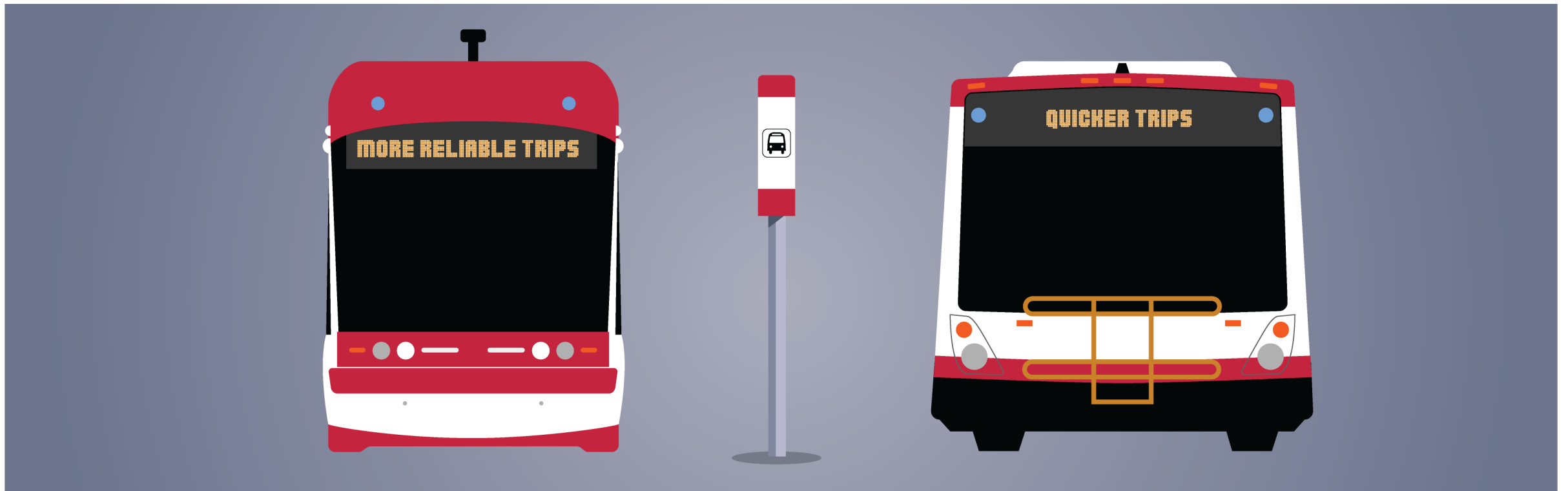


# RapidTO: Bus & Streetcar Priority

Phase 1 Consultation (October to December 2021)





# Phase 1 of RapidTO: Bus & Streetcar Priority

- The TTC and City of Toronto are developing a plan that will deliver safe, efficient and equitable bus and streetcar service through transit priority.
- Tell us which criteria should be used to determine which roadways should be studied between 2022 and 2031.
- Which criteria are most important and should be weighted more than others?



# Problem: Slow & Unreliable Service

- 70% of all journeys on the TTC include a trip on a bus or a streetcar (2016).
- 22% of buses and 34% of streetcars experienced delays between January 2019 and February 2020.
- Traffic congestion significantly impacts the speed and reliability of buses and streetcars.
- People who drive and cycle experience the same traffic congestion as people who use transit.



# What We've Heard in the Past

- Improve service reliability and speed, particularly for buses and streetcars.
- Improve efficiency of transit vehicles by giving them priority at signalized intersections.
- Improve connections between TTC routes and other transit providers.
- Improve accessibility, comfort and spacing at transit stops and waiting areas.
- Consider community context and engage local residents to ensure solutions meet the community's needs.



# RapidTO Consultation Process

The TTC and City of Toronto will engage the public through a three-phased consultation to develop and deliver RapidTO: Bus & Streetcar Priority:

- Phase 1: Understanding Your Priorities – October to December 2021  
(We are here)
  - a) Public & Stakeholder Consultation
  - b) Project Team Review & Analysis
- Phase 2: Identifying Top Roadways – 2022
  - a) Public & Stakeholder Consultation
  - b) Project Team Review & Analysis
  - c) Report to Executive Committee
  - d) Report to City Council



# RapidTO Consultation Process

- Phase 3: Roadway-Specific Studies – 2022 to 2031 (Each bus and streetcar roadway will undergo this three-year process)
  - a) Engineering Studies
  - b) Design & Consultation
  - c) Implementation



# Approved Policies & Plans

- RapidTO: Bus & Streetcar Priority (RBSP) is supported by the City's Official Plan and TTC's 5-Year Service Plan and 10-Year Outlook, which set out to move more people faster with more reliable and comfortable transit services.
- The City's COVID-19: Impacts & Opportunities identifies RBSP as a recommended action as part of COVID recovery.
- RBSP will play an important role in Keeping Toronto Moving.
- RBSP will help TransformTO goals by investing in making transit a practical travel option so we could reduce vehicle use and reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions.

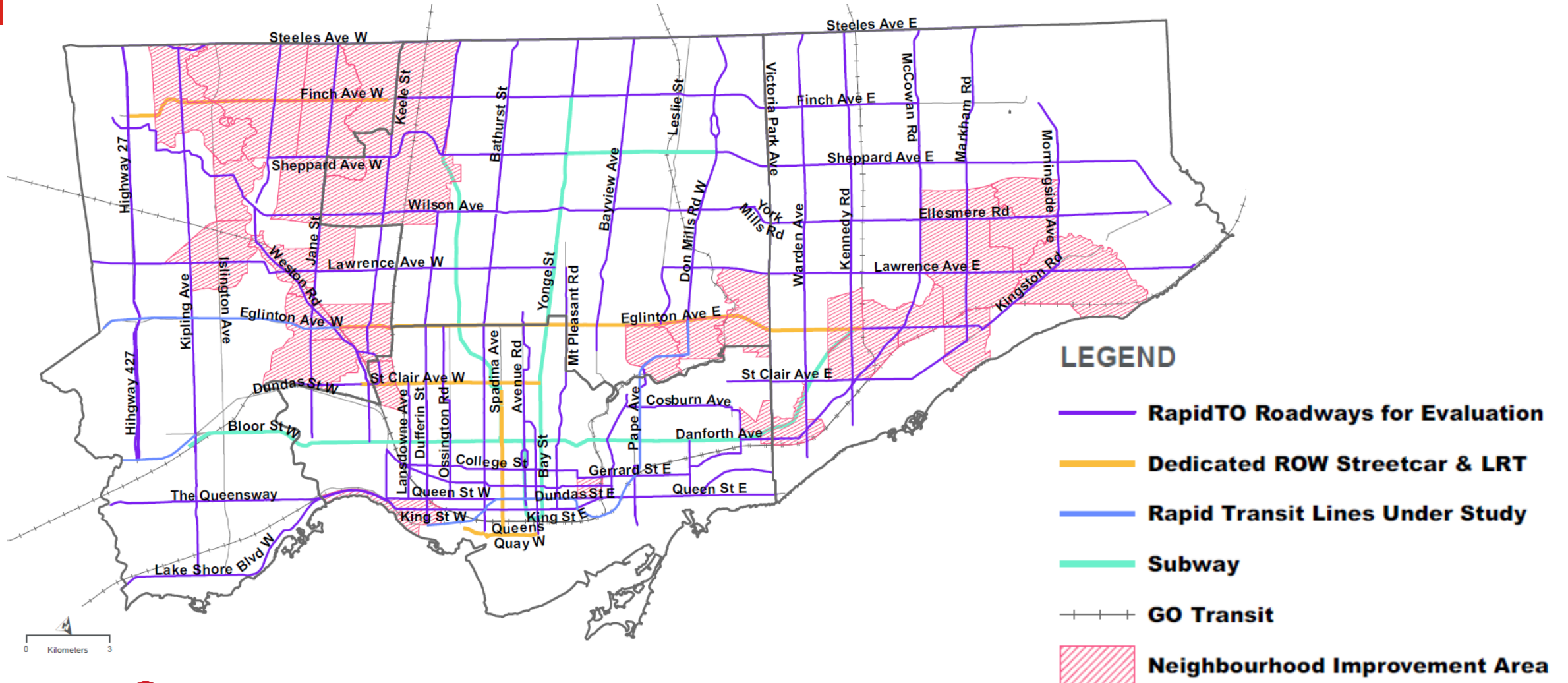


# Addressing COVID-19 & Transit Equity

- TTC bus ridership decreased to as low as 21% of pre-pandemic levels in 2020.
- Bus routes serving equity-deserving communities did not decline as much as in other locations.
- RapidTO: Bus & Streetcar Priority will support increasing ridership after COVID-19, especially for the city's most equity-deserving communities.
- The City's COVID-19: Impacts & Opportunities report has identified that improving transit can help serve priority areas that need investment to improve access to employment, healthcare and community services.



# Addressing COVID-19 & Transit Equity





# Phase 1: Understanding Your Priorities

- **Connections:** Provide transit priority to buses and streetcars on routes connecting to existing and future rapid transit.
  - Connections to existing rapid transit
  - Connections to future rapid transit
- **Ease of Implementation:** Improve roadways where transit priority projects could be implemented within the next five years or beyond.
  - Implementation before 2026
  - Implementation after 2026
- **Equity:** Improve bus and streetcar service in neighbourhoods with high numbers of residents in equity-deserving groups, including but not limited to low income, racialized groups and women.
  - Equity-deserving neighbourhoods



# Phase 1: Understanding Your Priorities

- **Growth:** Improve bus and streetcar service in neighbourhoods where significant population and job growth are expected.
  - Population growth
  - Job growth
- **Ridership:** Improve roadways with bus and streetcar services carrying the most people.
  - Transit users
- **Safety:** Focus on roadways with bus and streetcar service where safety improvements would provide the most benefit to vulnerable road users (e.g. transit riders, pedestrians and people who cycle).
  - Collision history



# Phase 1: Understanding Your Priorities

- **Travel Experience:** Improve roadways with bus and streetcar service to ensure quicker and more reliable service with reduced crowding.
  - Travel times
  - Reliability
  - Crowding
- **Other:** Suggestions received through public feedback during consultation.



# Phase 1: Online Survey

## RapidTO: Bus & Streetcar Priority – Phase 1 Survey

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Understanding Your Priorities

Tell us what is important to you when choosing bus and streetcar roadways to prioritize in the plan.

Connections

Ease of Implementation

Equity

Growth

Ridership

Safety

Travel Experience

Other

Connections

Provide transit priority to buses and streetcars on routes connecting to existing and future rapid transit.

Connections to Existing Rapid Transit

Roadways connecting to existing TTC subway, UP Express, GO Transit stations or neighbouring municipal rapid transit (e.g. MiWay, Pulse, vivaNext, Züm).

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Connections to Future Rapid Transit

Roadways connecting to future rapid transit (e.g. Eglinton Crosstown East/West, Finch West LRT, Waterfront LRT, Ontario Line, SmartTrack, GO Expansion, Scarborough Subway, Yonge North Subway Extension).

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### Understanding Your Priorities

How would you choose bus and streetcar routes to prioritize in the City of Toronto? Use the stars to tell us! Use five stars for the most important factors and one star for the least guiding your choices.

#### Connections

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Comments:

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# Phase 2: Identifying Top Roadways

- Based on the public feedback received in Phase 1, we will present the top roadways as part of RapidTO: Bus & Streetcar Priority for City Council approval.
- You will have another opportunity to comment on the results of the evaluation and give additional feedback.



# Phase 3: Roadway-Specific Studies

- In Phase 3, you will have a say in shaping the design of the roadway suitable to your community.
- Transit priority can make our transit system more reliable, reduce delays and make transit travel times shorter.
- Transit priority can help remove some of the congestion impacts to our bus and streetcar routes.
- Transit priority also provides relief on overcrowded bus and streetcar routes.
- There is no one-size-fits-all approach in implementing transit priority.
- Examples of transit priority:
  - Intersection & signal improvements
  - Bus lanes
  - Customer comfort improvements at stops



# Get Involved

Visit [toronto.ca/RapidTO](https://toronto.ca/RapidTO) to:

- learn more about the project
- complete the online survey
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