

Online Survey Summary

The Update Downsview team released an online survey that was open from January 25 to March 2, 2022, to understand resident, worker, and visitor experiences and aspirations for the Downsview area, as well as obtain feedback on existing conditions. The survey received 189 responses.

The survey questions were primarily organized through the Study's six core themes: mobility; infrastructure, energy and environment; parks and open space; built form and land use; community services and facilities; and community benefits and economic development.

Key findings from the online survey are summarized below.



Top five priorities for the future of Downsview:

- 1) Create a mixed-use, complete community where residents and workers can access all their daily needs.
- 2) Ensure buildings and streets prioritize walking, biking, and transit use.
- 3) Strengthen connectivity within the Secondary Plan Area and to adjacent neighbourhoods for all modes of travel.
- 4) Provide new housing that supports the needs of all residents and households types.
- 5) Create new jobs and industries that support existing and future residents.

Most frequently selected desired outdoor spaces and improvements:

- > Multi-use trails, cycle paths and walking paths
- > More trees
- > Places to sit and relax
- > More green/open spaces



Respondents thought that the most important sustainability strategies were increasing the tree canopy and building energy efficient buildings/infrastructure.



Respondents thought that creating better connections to GO/TTC stations (including transit and active transportation) is the most important strategy for improving transit in the area.

The top 3 transportation priorities were:

- 1) A comprehensive and safe street network for vehicles, cyclists and pedestrians.
- 2) Regional transit connectivity (i.e., getting to and from the Downsview area).
- 3) Local transit connectivity (i.e., getting around the Downsview area).



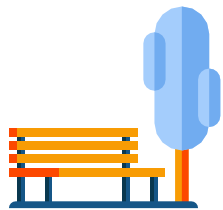
Respondents identified the Sheppard subway extension from the Yonge Line to the University/Spadina Line as the most important transportation 'Big Move' for Downsview.

Interim uses on the site could include:

- > Outdoor concerts
- > Public cultural spaces
- > Arts and culture festivals
- > Street fairs
- > Pop-up events
- > Recreation and leisure
- > Using the runway as a place for skating, cycling, walking, and gathering

Respondents most frequently chose affordable housing, parks and open spaces, schools and local shopping/entertainment as community amenities that they'd like to see more of.

Respondents thought it was most important that employment areas include:



- > Safe and convenient access to transit.
- > An attractive environment, such as streetscaping, building designs, public art, etc.
- > Pedestrian and cycling infrastructure.
- > Places for employees to eat.

Overall Survey Response Themes

- > It is important to plan for a mix of uses in the Downsview area, such as a range of housing options including affordable and multi generational housing, local shopping, entertainment, schools and employment.
- > Parks and open spaces should play a key role in the future of the area, with a focus on green/natural spaces, trees and trails.
- > Promoting walking, cycling and transit should be the priority for the future of Downsview, with a focus on connectivity within the site, to the surrounding neighbourhoods, and regionally.