

# **Eglinton Connects**



**Eglinton Connects,** approved in 2014, is a long-term vision for Toronto's central east-west avenue – a green, beautiful linear space that supports residential living, employment, retail and public uses, balance all forms of mobility and connects neighbourhoods and natural valley systems to the larger city.



### **Eglinton Crosstown LRT + Complete Street Alignment**



There are existing cycle tracks and other complete street improvements built by Metrolinx as part of the City-approved Eglinton Connects plan along the aboveground sections and at station frontages along the underground section.

Since 2014, the City of Toronto has been responsible for the delivery of the mid-block sections in the underground section.





## Why eglintonTOday was Developed?



Eglinton Connects is a long-term vision and accomplishing it will take **decades of piecemeal change**.

Achieving the full vision in the near-term has significant right-of-way impacts to over **640 properties** including removals of stairs, walls, fences, driveways, parking and apartment entrances. As well, **almost every existing hydro pole would require relocation**.

eglintonTOday is an interim step and accomplishes key aspects of the Eglinton Connects vision within the existing public right-of-way widths.









## eglintonTOday Consultation Timeline



- Eglinton Connects Planning Study
- 60 public and stakeholder consultations.
- 5,000 people engaged



- eglintonTOday consultation, stage 2
- Business and loading survey
- 2 in person public drop-in events
- online survey 2700 participants
- Stakeholder Advisory Group formed, 5 meetings



2012-2022

2022

2023

2024+



- eglintonTOday consultation, stage 1
- virtual stakeholder meeting
- 3 public community pop-up events
- virtual public meeting
- online survey 2700 participants
- Intercept survey 685 participants
- Little Jamaica Study



- Ongoing direct consultation with BIAs and residents associations
- Placemaking initiatives
- Ongoing Stakeholder Advisory Group project review meetings
- Post-installation intercept study
- Vaughan / Oakwood
   Neighbourhood Streets Plan



# **Proposed Designs**

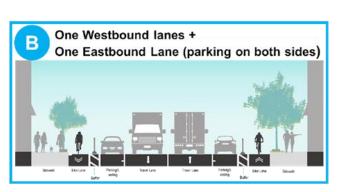


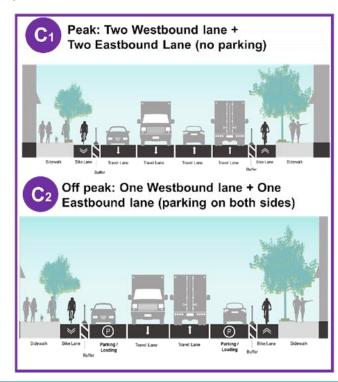


Delivered by Crosslinx, outside of EglintonTOday scope

Business Improvement Areas









## **Baseline Traffic Volume Comparisons**



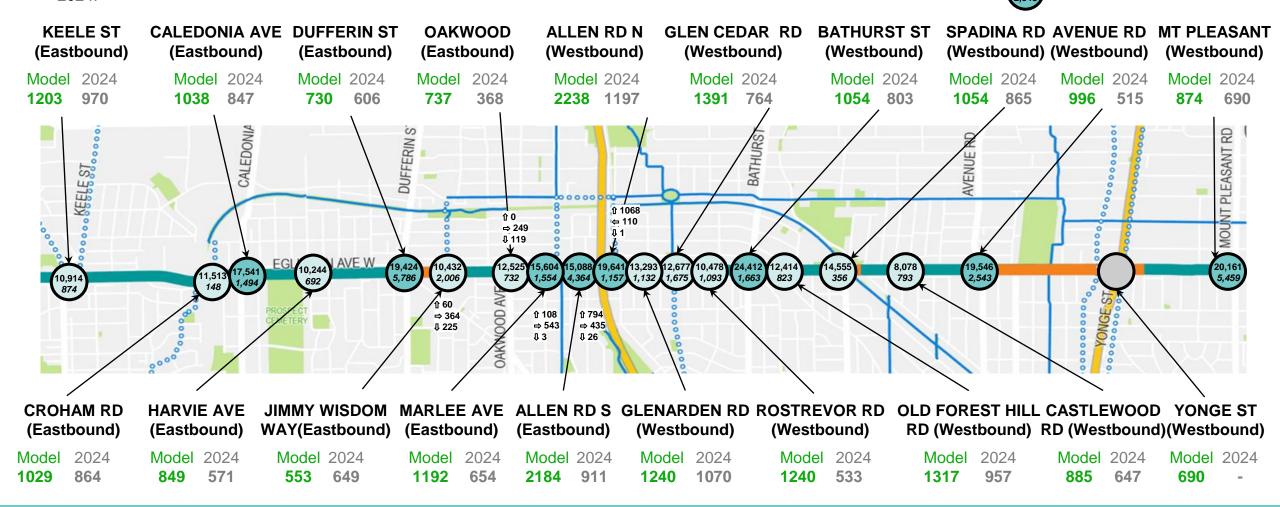
The traffic volume counts below were collected by the Transportation Services Data & Analytic's unit during the afternoon peak hour period representing through traffic headed in the direction of Allen Road on weekday PM peak hour in 2012 (pre-construction) and 2024.



2024 motor vehicle volumes (above) and pedestrian volumes (below in italics).

Lighter green = 8hr volumes <15,000

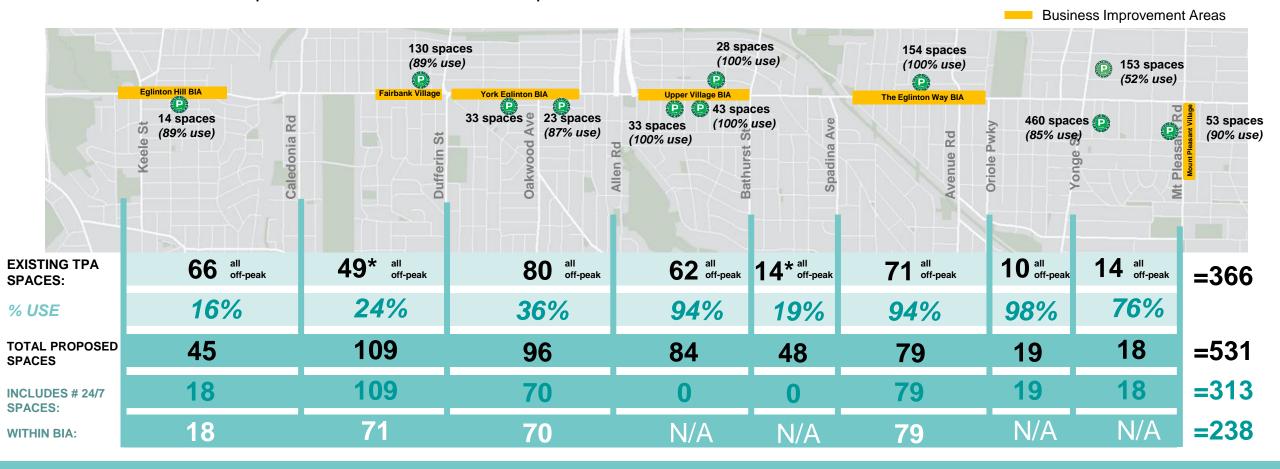
Darker green = 8hr volumes >15,000



## **On-Street Parking**



- Off-street Green P lots: 1124 parking spots, unimpacted by complete street project
- There are currently 366 P&D parking spots and approximately 100 unpaid spots with off-peak restrictions
- The complete street design proposes 531 P&D parking spots on Eglinton Avenue (165 increase)
- 313 of these spaces will be full time with no peak-hour restrictions



## **Eglinton Avenue and Allen Road**



- Transportation Services expedited hand-off of intersection from Metrolinx
- Mid-intersection congestion recently addressed improving southbound and eastbound movements
- Work underway to improve westbound congestion
- Miovision cameras installed to support quick-response operational improvements
- Commitment to improving operations prior to lane changes in the immediate vicinity





## Interim BIA Improvements and Streetscape Plans



#### Interim BIA Improvements

- Painted decorative curb extensions
- Included in the project, are several BIA near-term public realm enhancements and locations to add seating and planters along the same timeline as the complete street
- Coordination with CaféTO to ensure that establishments are well informed of construction timing
- A new 24/7 parking standard has been developed to avoid curbs between parking and the bikeway, with bollards placed two car lengths apart instead

#### **Future Streetscape Plans**

- eglintonTOday is only adjusting lane markings within the existing road width
- Streetscape plans will focus on sidewalk and store frontage areas
- The complete street provides a larger footprint for future streetscaping works to be accomplished through collaboration with developments or BIA streetscape plan implementation

# Eglinton Streetscape Plans High Level Timelines



#### Phase I

- 2024
- Prepare Request For Proposal (RFP)
- Hire Consulting Team

Clarify Process & BIA priorities

BIA Board agreements to proceed (Letter of Understanding)

Issue Request for Proposal (RFP) - City

Award Contract to Consulting Team (September 2024)

Introduce Consulting Team at 2024 BIA AGMs

#### Phase II

- 2024 2025
- Consultant Team Retained
- Streetscape Plans Developed

Consulting Team Begins Work

Consulting Team BIA Engagement

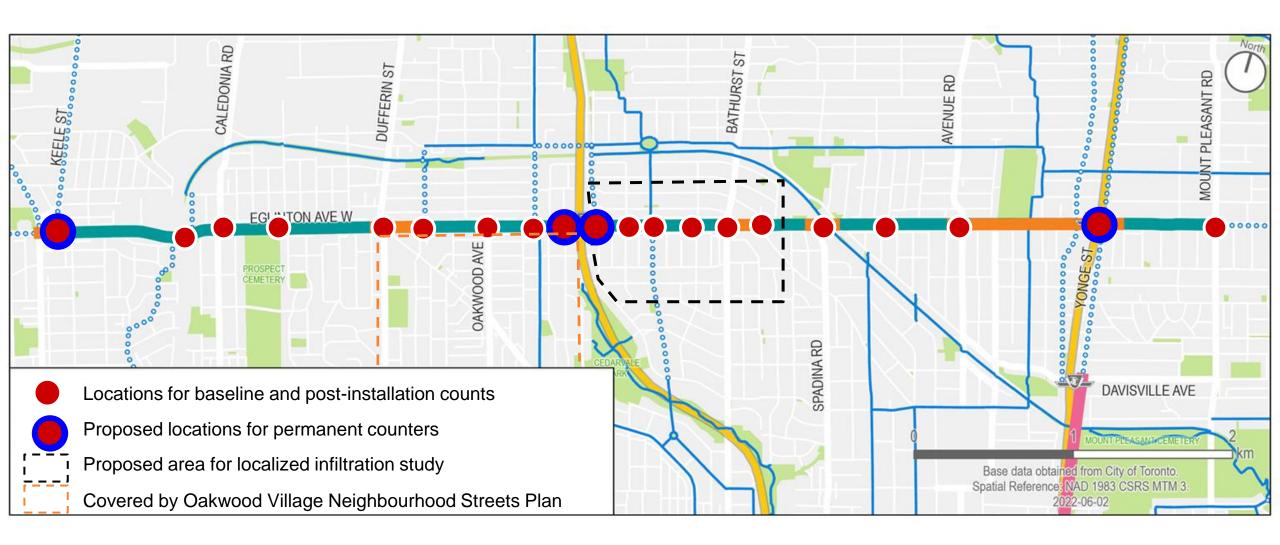
5 BIA Plans Completed

Plans Adopted by BIA General Membership (2025 AGMs)



#### **Full Corridor Data Collection**





### Recommendations



- Authorize the installation of the Complete Street project on Eglinton Avenue from Bicknell Avenue to Mount Pleasant including the road resurfacing
  - Installation proposed to commence along with road resurfacing of Eglinton Avenue
  - The section near the Eglinton/Allen (Old Park Road to Marlee Avenue) would be held until operational improvements are complete
- Authorize the installation of three north/south cycling connections projects: Croham Road, Gen Cedar Road, Jimmy Wisdom Way
- Authorize one staff position to oversee and monitor the project, and support BIAs with the implementation of their Streetscape Plans

