



What is a Major Street?

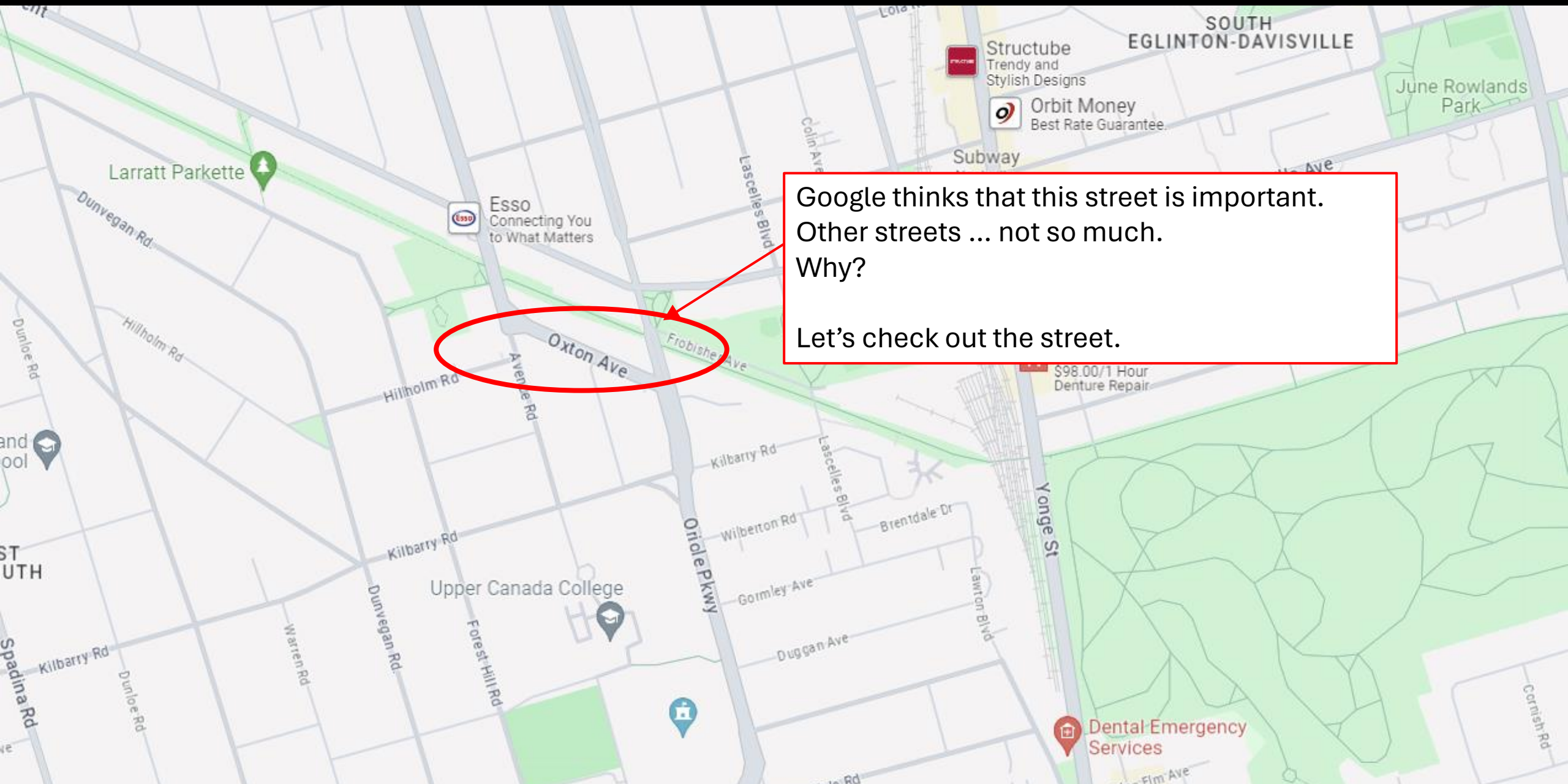
Maps, Maps and More Maps

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What is a Major Street?

- Proposal is based on an unusual definition:
 - New developments should be based on a **Right-of-Way width** map
- Map #3 fails to consider:
 - Major Streets consist of segments ... all segments are not equal
 - Toronto's Road Classification System
 - Bends and Hills and safety related road conditions
 - Availability of public transit
- Let us explore the area near Oxtan Avenue
 - Street is short and very busy with street traffic. Not on a bus route?
 - How is this a major street?
 - How are other nearby streets designated as major streets?


Where is Oxton Ave – Let's start off by using Google Maps



Google thinks that this street is important.
Other streets ... not so much.
Why?
Let's check out the street.

Oxton Ave – West End - Heading East

← Oxton Ave
Toronto, Ontario

 Google Street View

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Oxton Ave – Middle of a Short Block

← 32 Oxton Ave
Toronto, Ontario
Google Street View
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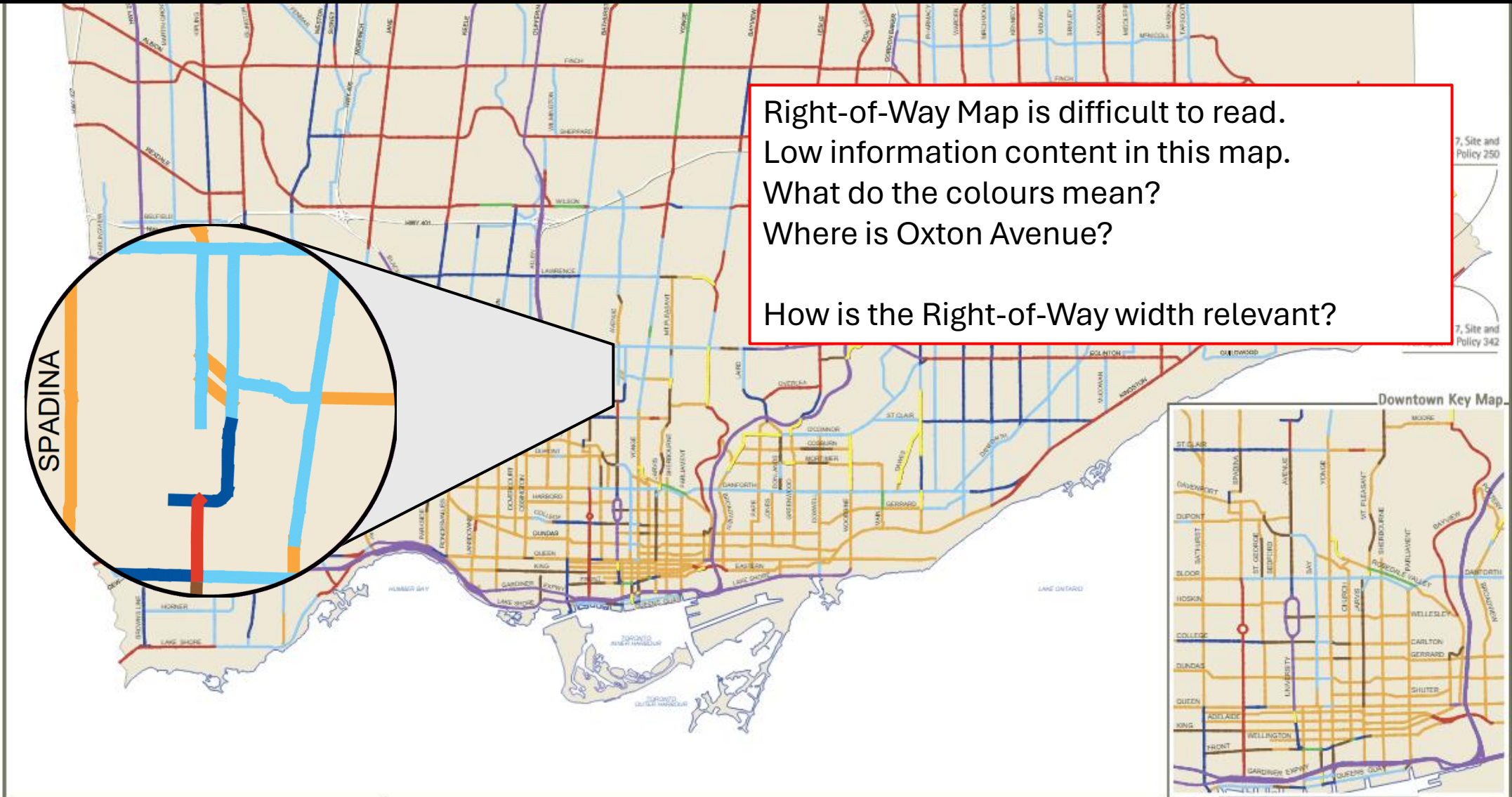


Oxton Ave – Nearing East End of Block

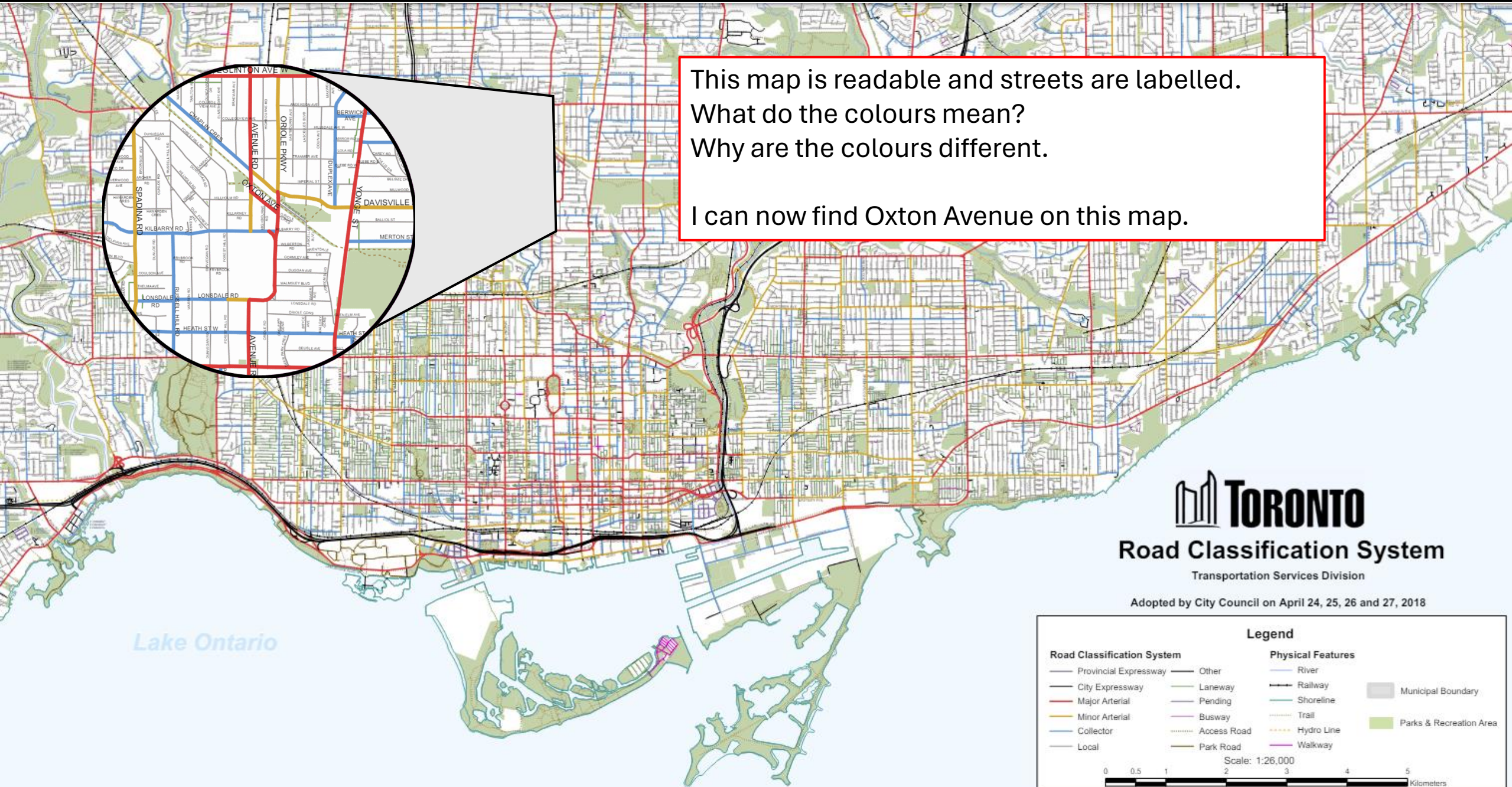
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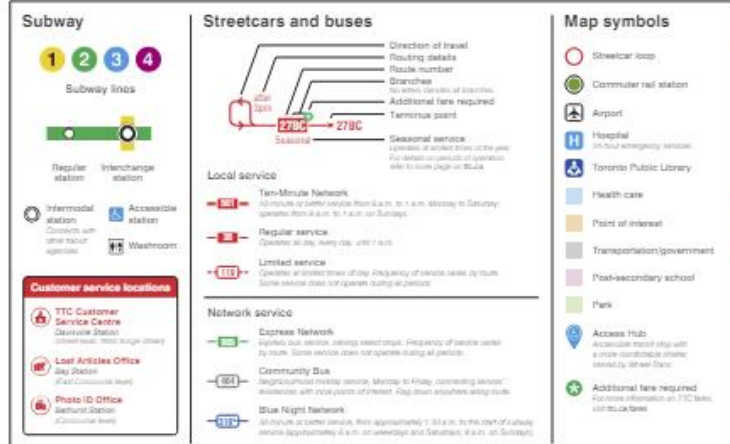
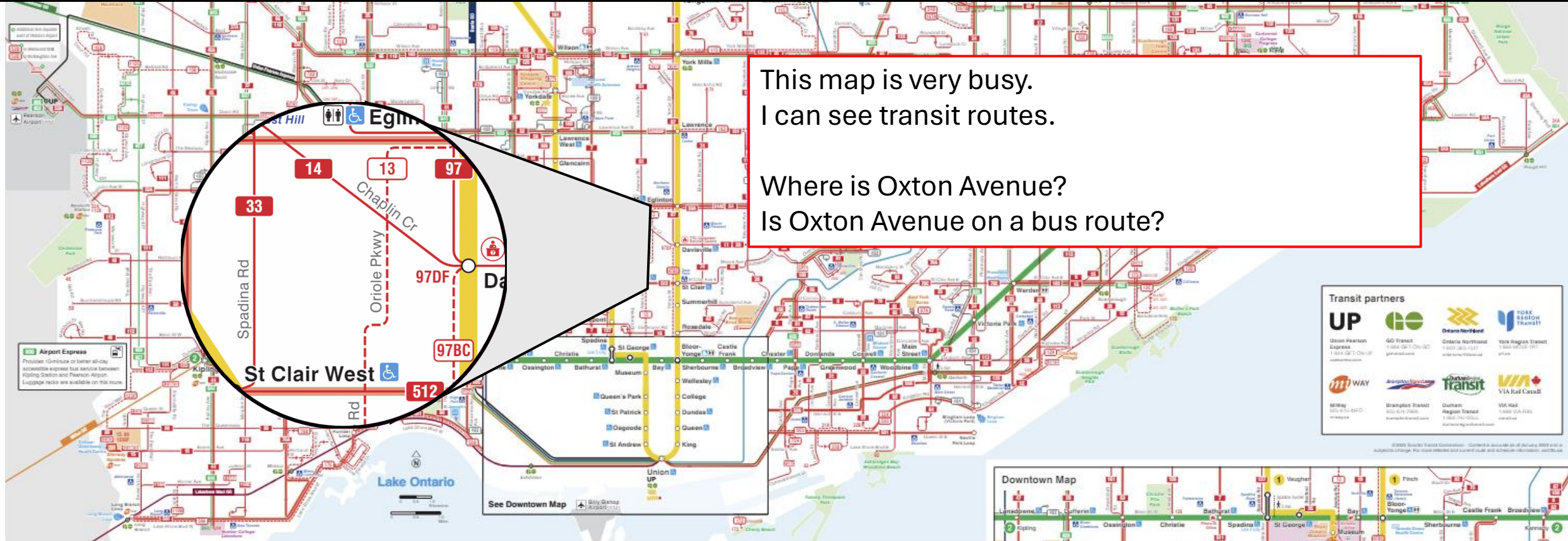
Right-of-Way Widths – Map 3



Road Classification System



TTC Transit Map



Toronto Interactive Map – Major Street have segments – All Segments are not the same



Legend

- 1 - Avenue Rd N (Major Arterial)
- 2 - Oriole Pkwy N (Minor Arterial)
- 3 - Chaplin Cres (Minor Arterial)
- 4 - Avenue Rd Centre (Minor Arterial*)
- 5 - Oxtan Ave (Major Arterial)
- 6 - Kilbarry Rd (Collector)
- 7 - Oriole Pkwy S (Major Arterial)
- 8 - Lonsdale Rd (Minor Arterial*)

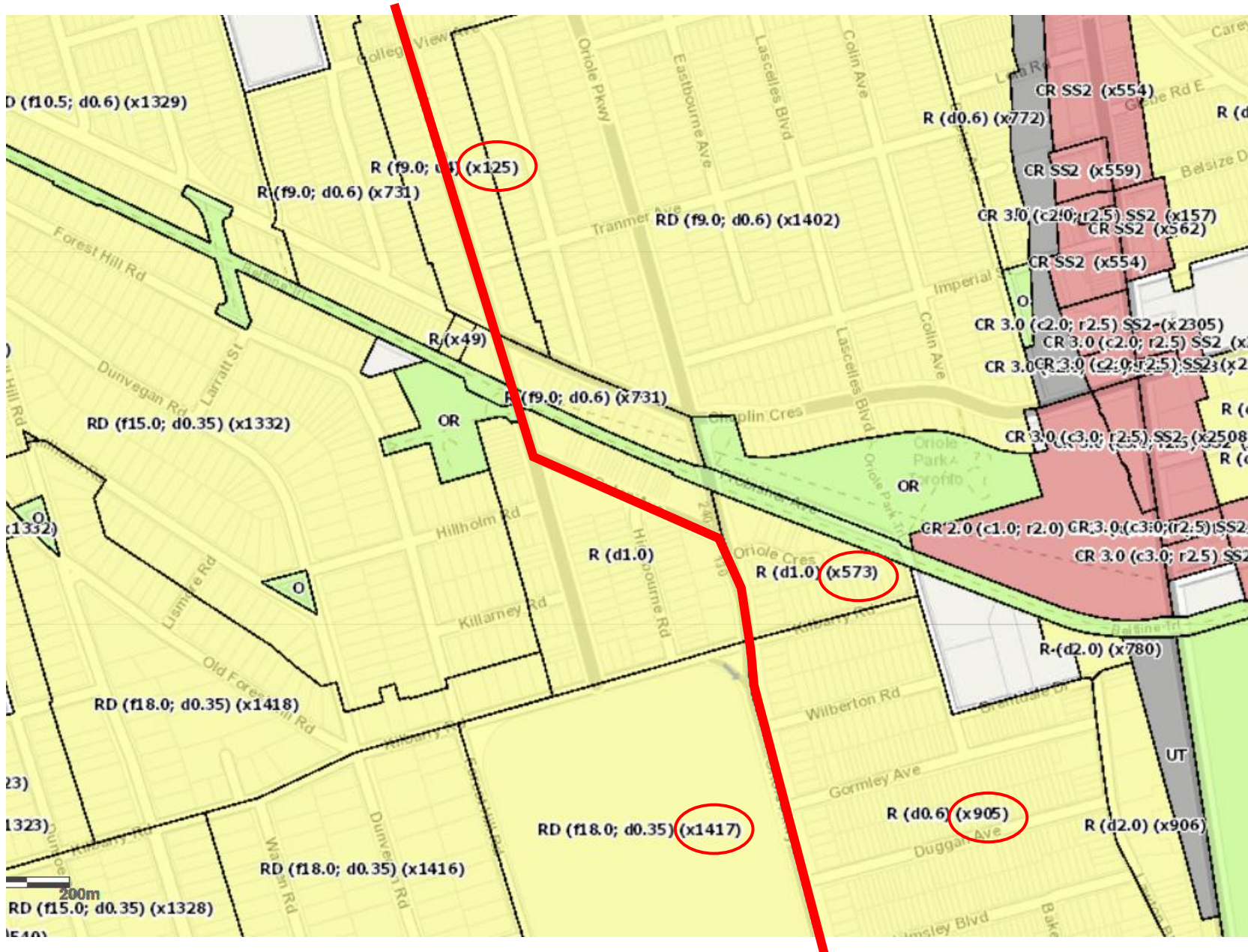
Segments #1, #5 and #7 are clearly Major Streets

The status of other segments are debatable.

Certain segments (*) have traffic patterns of local streets.

A better map is clearly needed.

Toronto Zoning Map



The Toronto Zoning map provides another layer of complexity.

Major street segments must abut the zoned areas that are eligible for this program

If the zoned areas include exceptions (e.g., x125) the key elements of those exceptions must extend to the proposed development.

Recommendation: Create a better map

- A better map is needed as foundation for this initiative:
 - Map is designed specifically for Major Streets
 - There is sufficient resolution to read street names
- The updated Major Street map should:
 - Selected streets should align with the goals of this program
 - Selected streets should be based on specific criteria that may include safety and other considerations
 - Criteria should match a lay person understanding of a 'Major Street'
 - Street segments should be identified
 - Map is updatable as required to reflect road classification changes
 - Map is readable and has sufficient resolution to include street names
 - Map should be accessible for persons with disabilities (AODA)