



## **King Street Visioning Study**

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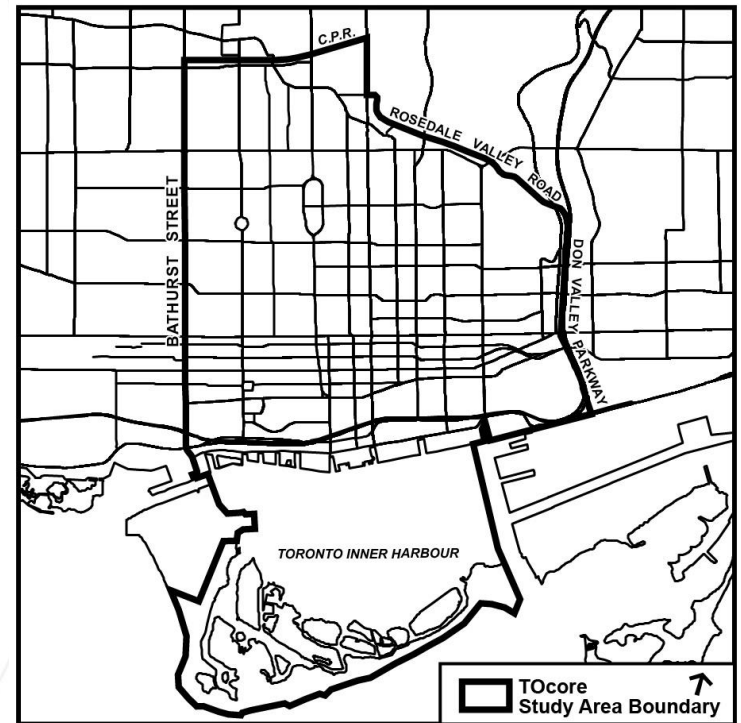


# What is TOcore?

A **comprehensive planning study** to ensure growth contributes positively to Toronto's Downtown as a great place to live, work, learn, play and invest.

## Key Deliverables

- Downtown Secondary Plan
- Supporting Strategies:
  - Economy
  - Parks & Public Spaces
  - Transportation
  - Community Facilities
  - Energy
  - Water





# What is the King Street Visioning Study?

The King Street Visioning Study is about reimagining **bold, transformative ideas** for how to re-allocate space in the right-of-way to create a **iconic street** in the heart of Downtown Toronto in order to:



**MOVE PEOPLE  
MORE EFFICIENTLY**



**IMPROVE THE  
PUBLIC REALM**



**SUPPORT ECONOMIC  
PROSPERITY**

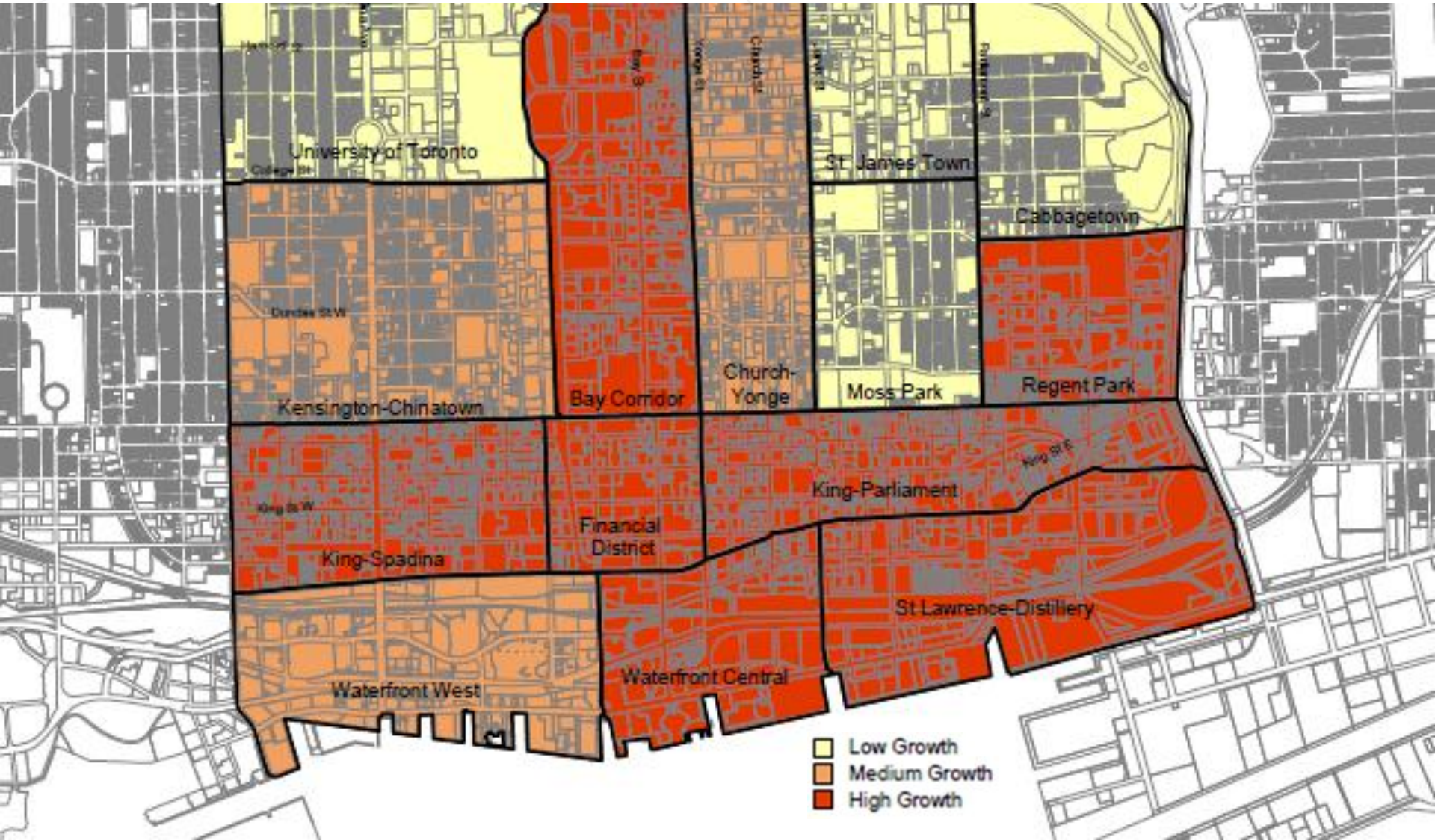


# Busiest Surface Transit Route in the City





# Growth along Downtown E/W Spine







# BIA's See Value of Better Public Realm





# Operational Improvements Have Limits

- We've been making improvements:
  - Extended turning and parking restrictions
  - Increased fines for “No Stopping”
  - LED ‘no left-turn’ signs at key locations
  - All-door loading (POP)
  - Consolidated transit stops
  - Adjusted streetcar route running times
  - Added supplemental buses
  - 514 Cherry route with new streetcars
- But there are limits to what can be achieved with operational changes.
- Something bigger is needed to truly unlock the potential of the corridor.







# King Street: 100 Years Ago







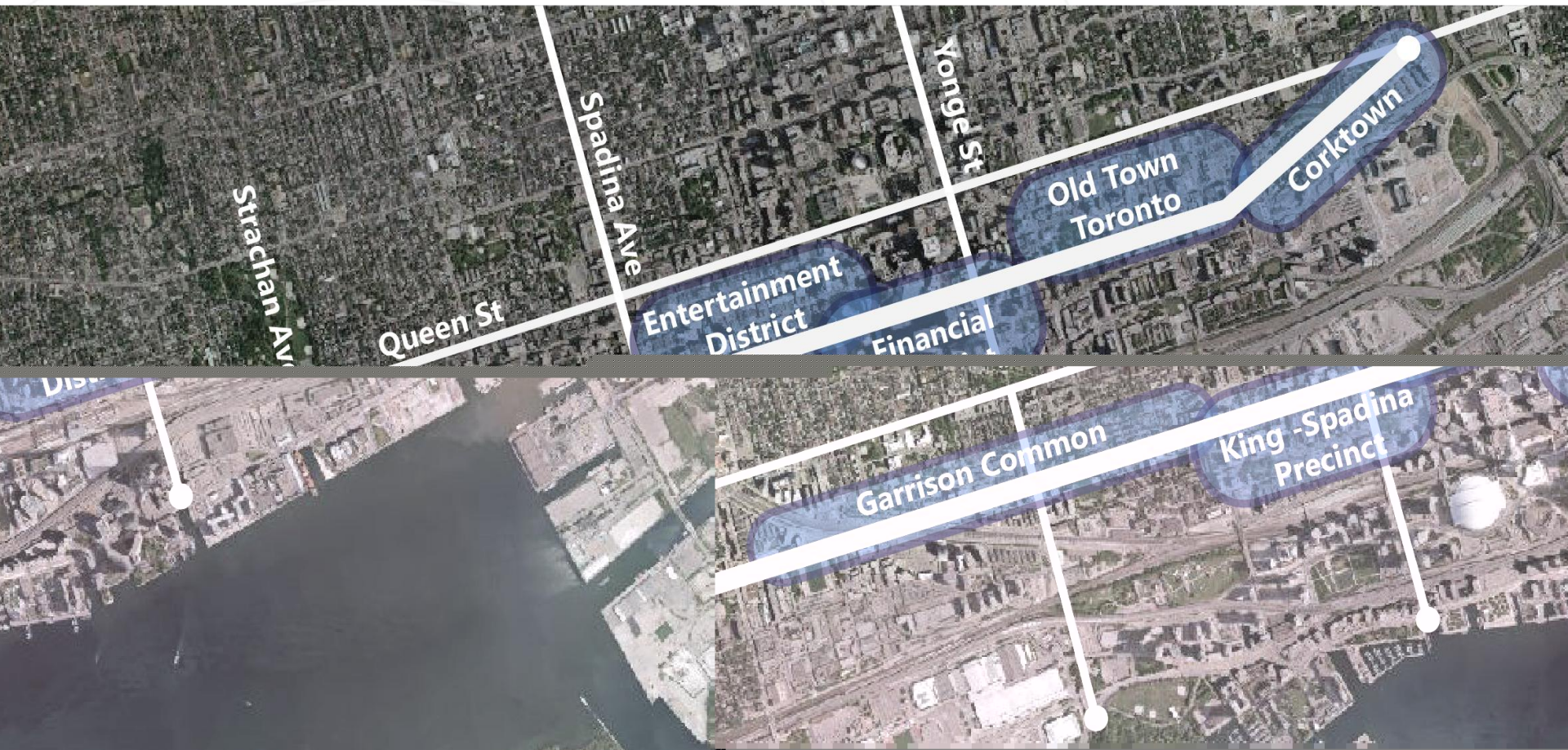
# King Street: Today...Mostly Unchanged







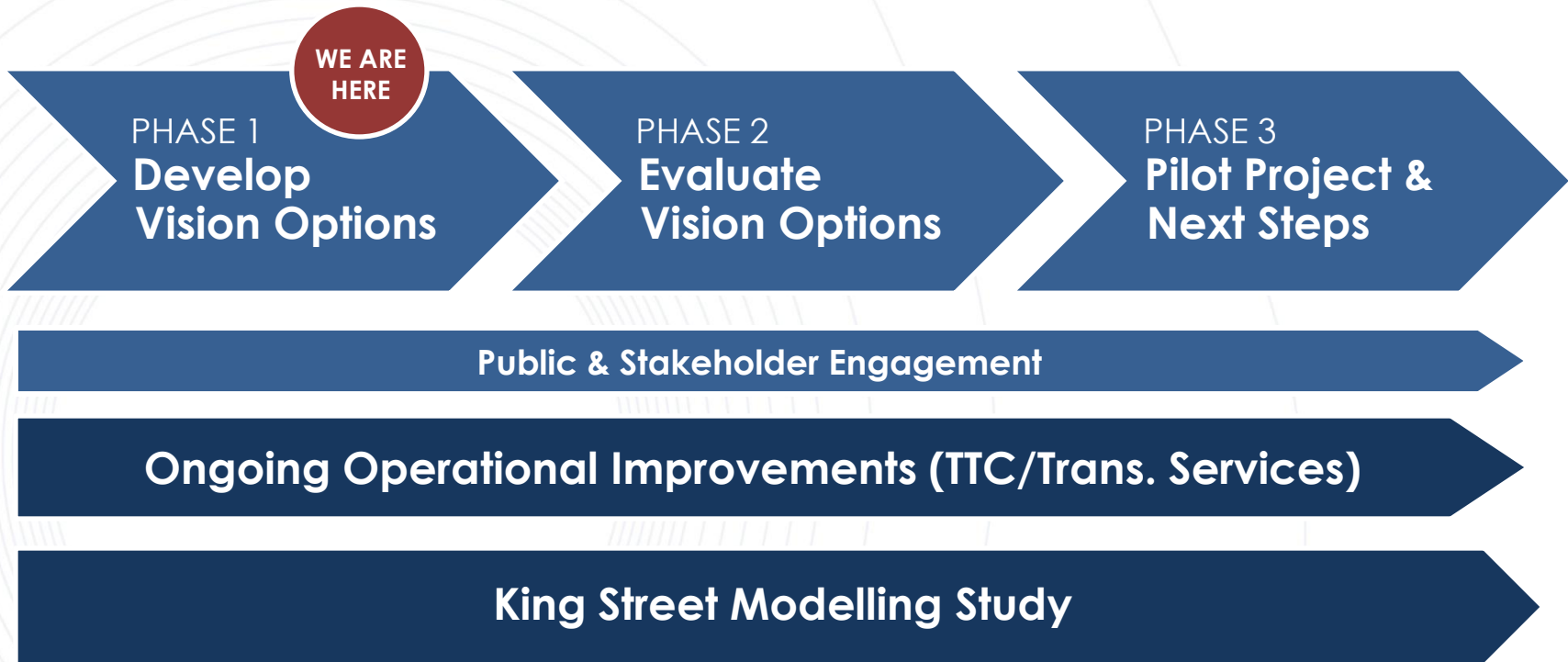
# Study Area







# Co-ordinated Study Approach





# Study Governance

## STEERING COMMITTEE

- Jennifer Keesmaat** - City Planning
- Andy Byford** - TTC
- Stephen Buckley** - Transportation Services
- Janie Romoff** - Parks & Forestry
- Lorne Persiko** - TPA

## STAFF WORKING GROUP

### PARKS & PUBLIC SPACE

City Planning (Chair)  
Parks & Forestry  
Transportation Services

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Transportation Services  
Toronto Transit Commission  
Toronto Parking Authority





# Community & Stakeholder Engagement

## Who?

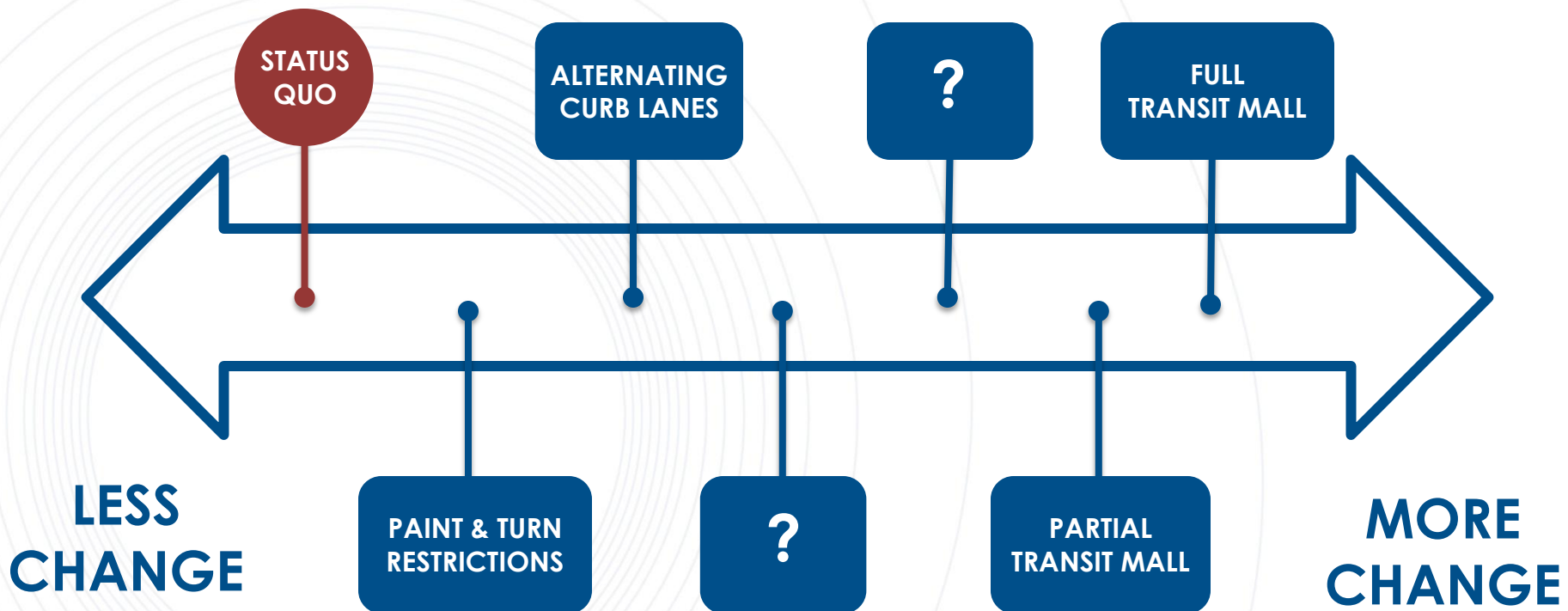
- General public
- Neighbourhood resident groups
- Businesses, workers, & BIAs
- Advocacy groups
- Transit riders
- Cyclists
- Pedestrians
- Motorists
- Taxis, couriers & deliveries

## How?

- Online/social media
- Public meetings
- Stakeholder advisory groups
- Interactive 'workshops'
- Design charrettes
- 'Public Space Public Life' intercept surveys



# Developing a Range of 'Visions'







# Making Evidence-Based Decisions

- Use a more holistic **complete streets approach** to street design, developing metrics, and making evidence-based decisions.
- Need to understand **movement and usage patterns** before, during, and after a **pilot demonstration project**.
- **Build on existing metrics** used by TTC and Transportation Services and **incorporate new metrics used in other cities (ie, public life)**.
- Undertake a **microsimulation modelling study** to better understand **impacts on traffic and transit operations**.



# Learning Lessons from Past Initiatives

## Early 1990s

- Peak period 'streetcar-only' lanes with overhead signs.
- Sections were then removed...resulted in limited success.

## 2001

- TTC recommended dedicated streetcar lanes with no through auto traffic, no left turns on King Street, but allow delivery trucks and widen sidewalks. Project did not proceed.
- 10-week traffic enforcement campaign → not an effective deterrent to motorists making left turns and blocking intersections.

## 2007

- TTC staff recommended a temporary, reserved right-of-way as a demonstration project for 2008. Demonstration project did not proceed.





# Roncesvalles Ave, Toronto (before: 2007)







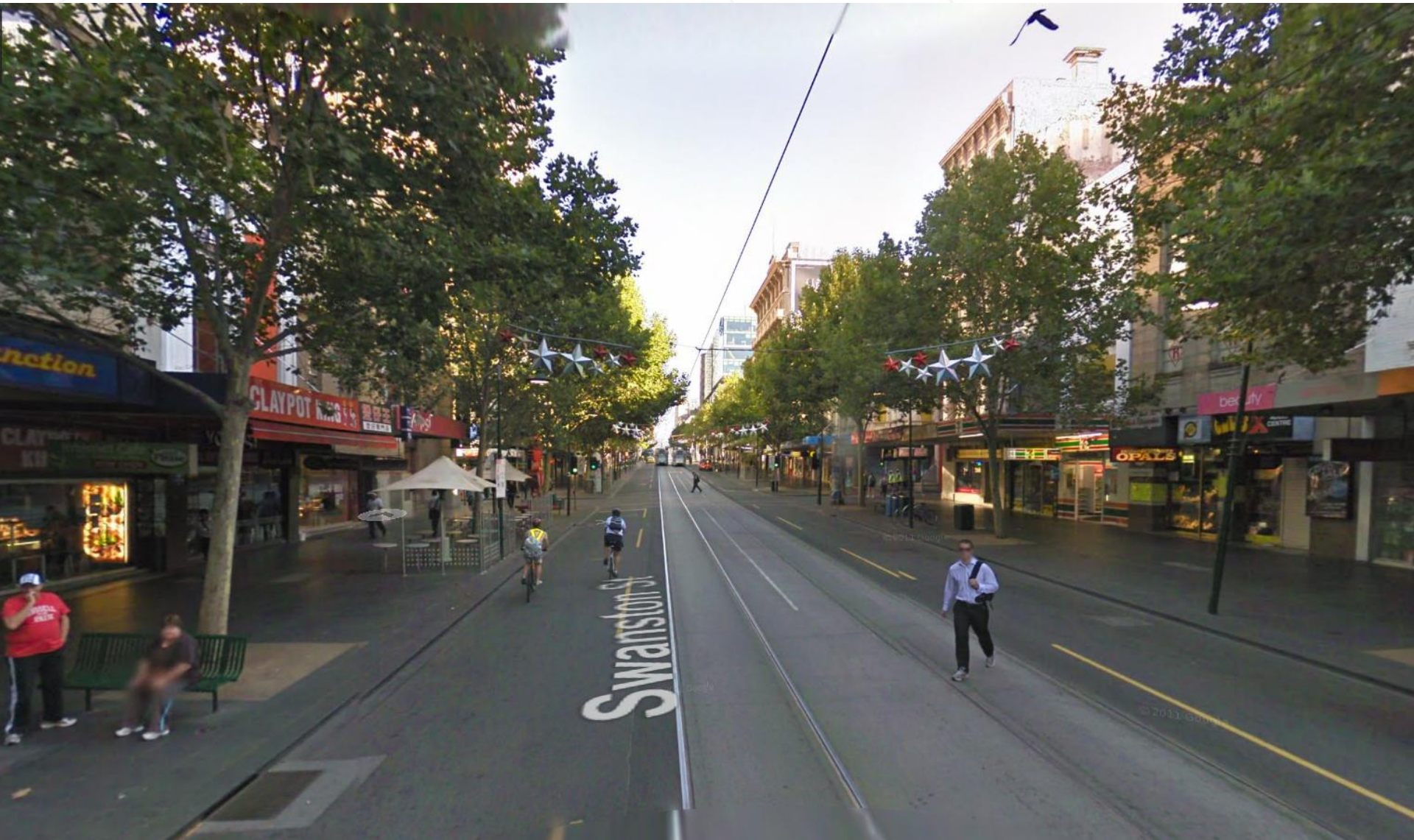
# Roncesvalles Ave, Toronto (after: 2015)







# Swanston Street, Melbourne (before: 2010)







# Swanston Street, Melbourne (after: 2014)







# Getting to a Pilot Project





# Next Steps

- Study kicked-off on June 16, 2016 with the “Our Future King” public panel discussion event at the University of Toronto.
- Advancing partnerships with various City divisions, TTC and BIA's
- Public and stakeholder consultation starting Summer 2016
- Begin developing range of vision designs and a decision-making framework.
- Pilot Project targeted for Spring 2017...need to determine scope of capital funding required.
- Reporting to TTC Board and City Council in Q4 2017