

Thank you for being here! This Discussion Guide provides you with a background for the Keele Finch Plus Study, and the agenda and goals of today's Open House and Public Consultation. **Please review this guide, complete the activities and provide your feedback.**

CONTEXT

The Keele Street and Finch Avenue West intersection is planned to have two rapid transit lines in operation by 2021. The TTC is currently completing the Toronto-York Spadina Subway Extension (TYSSE) while Metrolinx is scheduled to begin construction of the Finch Avenue West Light Rail Transit (LRT) project in 2017.

Public investment in rapid transit along Finch Avenue West triggered a planning review of the corridor. An approach to studying the corridor was presented to City Council in December 2015, where the Keele Street and Finch Avenue West area was endorsed to be studied first.

The Keele and Finch area is identified for growth with new rapid transit. But how should the area grow and by how much?

Keele & Finch in 1955



After 1955 came immigration and growth, widened roads, York University and other new agents for change.

Keele & Finch in 2015



After 2015 came subway construction and funding for a new light rail transit (LRT) line to Humber College.

Keele & Finch in 2045?



What happens after the subway and light rail transit? How should the area grow?

KEY COMPONENTS

Through the Study we will be looking at ways to intensify and accommodate more people and jobs in the area where it makes sense to do so, and in ways that create an improved public realm with better connections.

As the area is identified as a Neighbourhood Improvement Area, it is important to leverage the transit investment for the benefit of current and future residents. Community services and facilities needs will be evaluated through the Study.

Supporting existing businesses and nearby employment areas also important in this Study.

STUDY BOUNDARIES

The Study boundaries will be defined through the process. The boundaries will be informed by existing policies and guidelines, land use, natural and man-made features, public input and other inputs. The presence of a subway or LRT station or stop identifies the area as a 'major transit station area' and the area is an identified 'Mobility Hub' in Metrolinx documents. The area and hub are generally defined by 500 metre and 800 metre boundaries, as shown in the map.



STUDY OUTCOMES

The Keele Finch Plus Study will result in an updated planning framework, which may include implementation measures such as Official Plan Amendments, Zoning, guidelines, and/or concept plans to support continued employment and residential investment and intensification, and related community infrastructure.

PROCESS

The Keele Finch Plus Study has three key stages, with **public consultation at each stage**. The Study will take approximately two years to complete.



TODAY'S OPEN HOUSE & PUBLIC CONSULTATION

GOALS

To educate and inform you of coming transit and the implications of new transit. To spread the word about the Study and encourage involvement. To get your opinion on what you think are assets to the area and what you think should be improved. To get your thoughts and input on where growth can be accommodated.

AGENDA

OPEN HOUSE: 4:30 to 8:30 p.m.

PRESENTATION: 5:00 p.m. & repeated on the hour

ACTIVITIES

There are three activities that we would like you to participate in:

Activity Map 1. Place a **green** dot on areas that you like or enjoy or are assets to the area. Place a **red** dot on areas that you like less or could be made better in the future through changes.

Activity Map 2. Place a **green** dot on areas where you think growth and change should occur and/or be encouraged. Place a **red** dot on areas that you think should be or remain stable.

For both of the above exercises, you can explain your selection by putting a sticky note beside your selection.

Activity 3. Thumbs Up / Thumbs Down boards. In this activity, you can view an image and tell us whether you like it for the future of Keele and Finch, or whether you dislike it by placing a sticker beside your choice.

Feel free to use this space to provide any other comments that you wish. How would you like to see the area change? Where should new buildings go? What's really great about the area? What could be better? What buildings, stores, services or facilities would you like? Tell us anything you think is important for us to know!

Thank you!

You can leave your comments at the sign-in table or send your comments by email to the Project Lead Matt Armstrong at marmstr3@toronto.ca

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