

#### **Finch West Goods Movement Transportation** Master Plan

Stakeholder Workshop

**Location**:

Julius Banquet Centre, 2201 Finch Avenue West, Toronto, ON M9M 2Y9 **Time:** 8:30 AM – 11:30 AM **Date:** April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2019



# Key Project Opportunities & Constraints

Considerations for water crossings, ravines and natural areas located east and west of Highway 400.

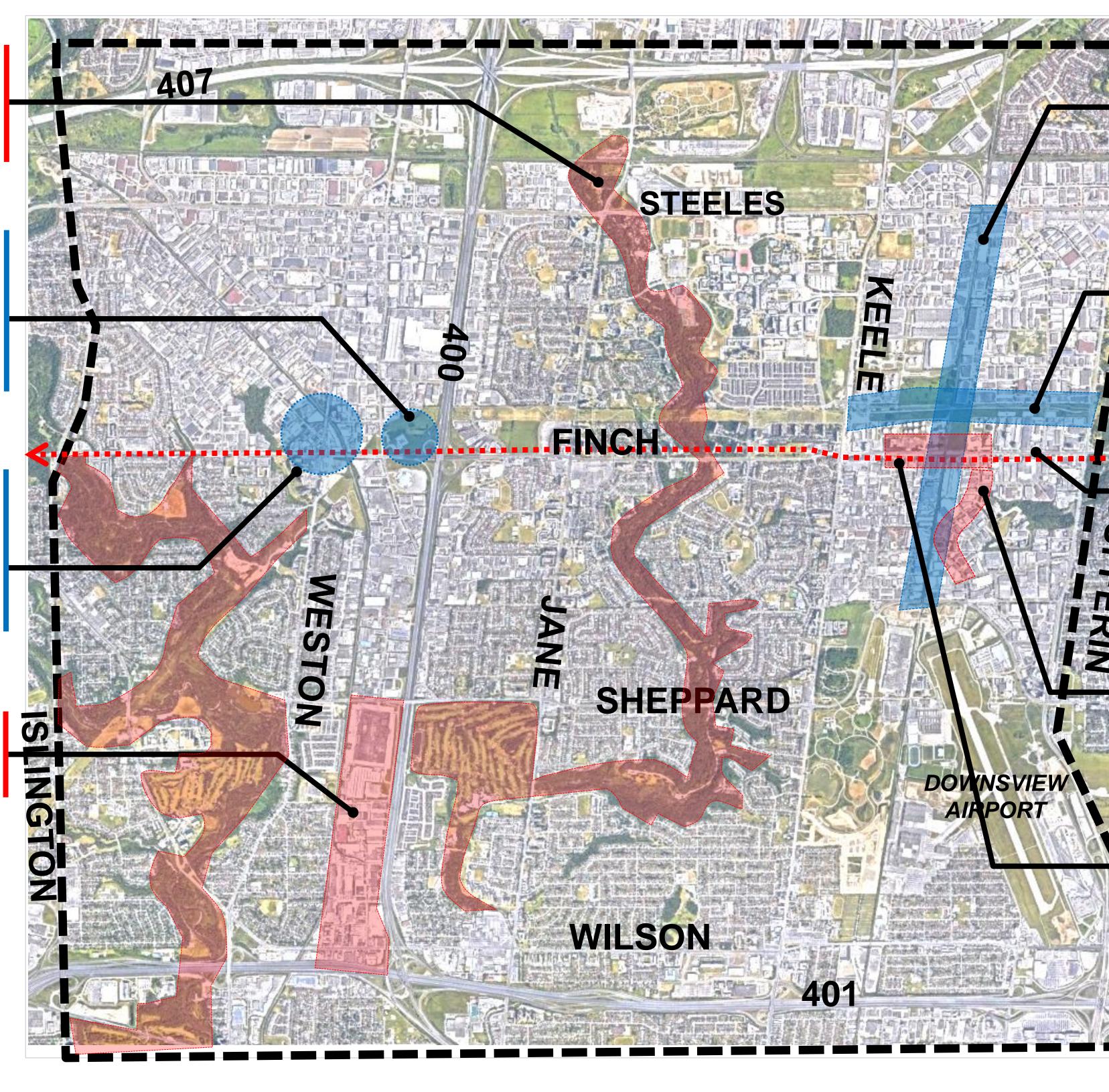
Opportunity for improved connection at Finch interchange, including from SB Highway 400 to Signet Dr.

Opportunity to construct "Road 2A" from Emery Village TMP to improve truck mobility and make up for lost capacity and/or connectivity.

Poor Access to Highways 400 and 401.

Overall: Opportunity to review signal timing along Finch Ave. W. with a focus on increasing mobility for trucks





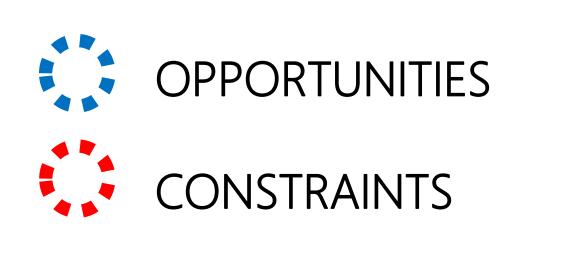
Opportunity for more bridges/underpasses under Barrie GO line to provide better east-west access.

Opportunity to use busway for trucks to improve east-west access and mobility.

At-Grade Finch West LRT create challenges for truck vehicles to make U-Turn at intersections to access properties on the opposite side of the street.

Daytime congestion on Chesswood Dr. Sparse street network provides few alternative travel routes both NS and EW.

Bike lanes not physically protected from cars and trucks (safety issue).





# What are the Problem(s) and Opportunity(ies)?

#### **Draft Statement**

The Finch West area, defined by Islington Ave. on the west, Dufferin St. on the east, Steeles Ave. to the north, and Hwy. 401 to the south, benefits from being near several important transportation corridor and freeway facilities.

The continuous movement of goods traversing this community is integral to ensuring that its economic viability is sustained longterm. The addition of light rail transit service on Finch Avenue West potentially changes the movement of goods within the area, as well as access to adjacent ramps and highways, but also presents the opportunity for significant improvements to the multi-modal transportation network.

To ensure the Duke Heights and Emery Village districts experience a robust economy moving forward, there is a need and opportunity to develop a sustainable transportation infrastructure plan that integrates goods movement, transit, and other active transportation considerations.







## Study Approach and Methodology Work Plan / Study Approach

- Finch West Goods Movement TMP will consist of a along with an implementation strategy.
- Key Objectives:
  - movements with the consideration of FWLRT
  - and other key stakeholders

  - network



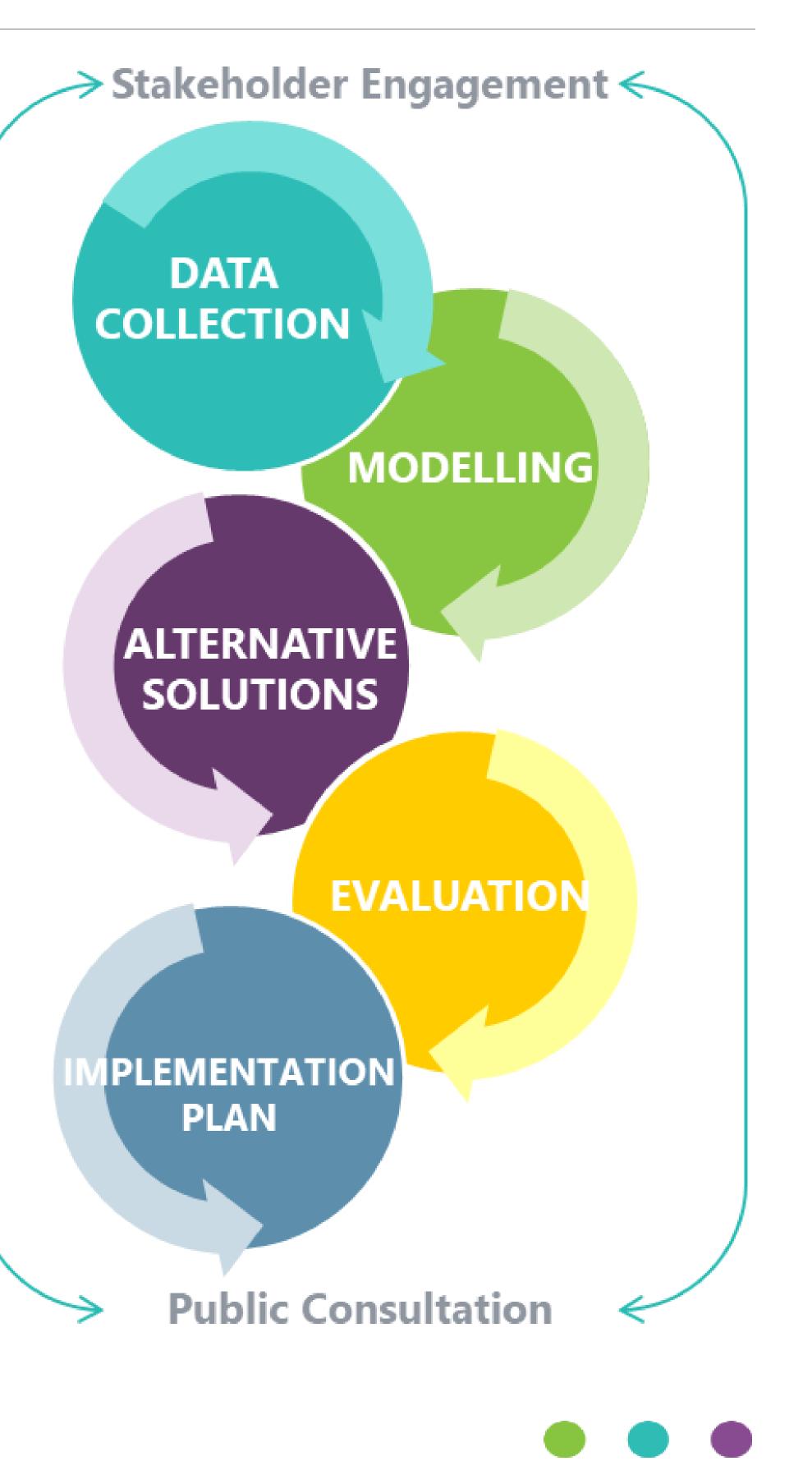
cohesive policy direction and a set of recommendations

Address traffic congestion and commercial truck

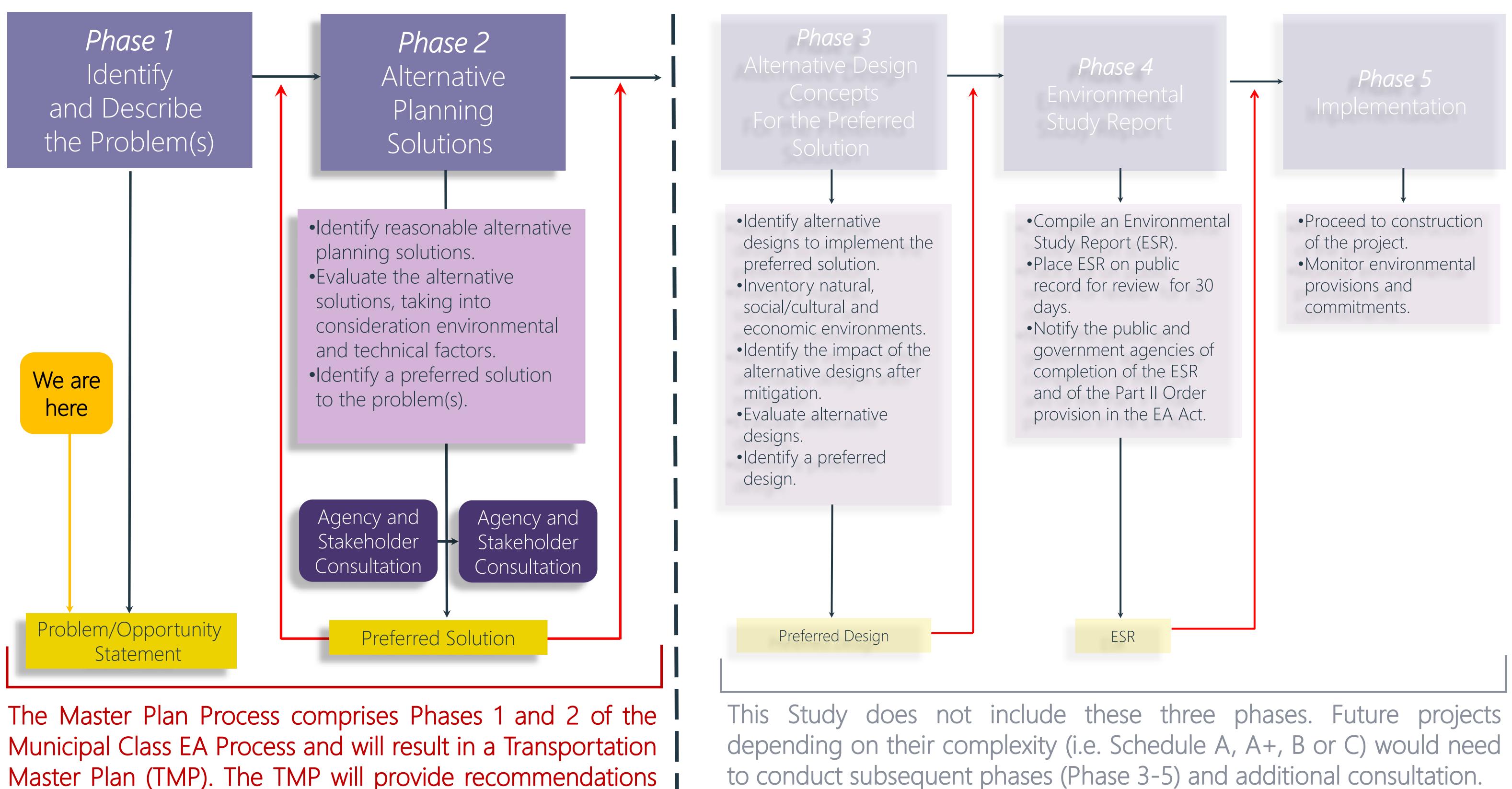
Collaborative process to gather feedback from BIAs

Leverage the use of MTO truck data and Smart Data > Hybrid traffic models for analyzing the transportation

Holistic approach to develop best possible alternatives



## **Overview of the Master Planning Process**



for future projects.





## Other Studies **Associated Reports**

- GTHA Urban Freight Study, Metrolinx, 2011
- Duke Heights Transit and Cycling Assessment Existing Conditions, Pembina Institute, 2016
- Improving Urban Freight Efficiency, Pembina Institute, 2017
- Movement of Goods Series: Report #1, Economic Impact of the Movement of Goods in the Toronto-Waterloo Innovation Corridor, TRBOT, 2017
- GTHA Strategic Goods Movement Network Study, Backgrounder Paper for RTP Update, Metrolinx, 2017
- Freight and Goods Movement Study, City of Toronto, 2019 (underway)





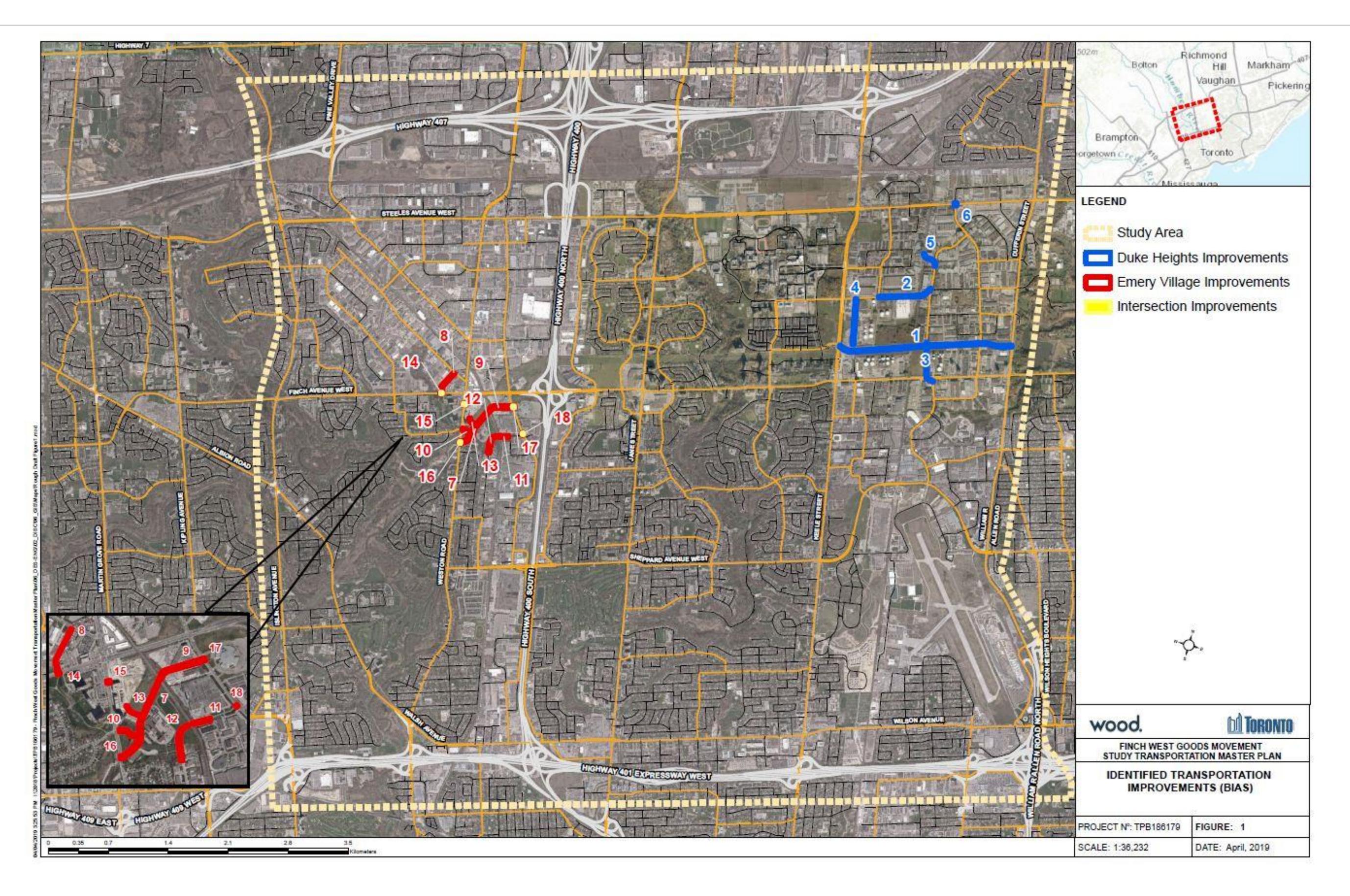
## Summary of Proposed Infrastructure Improvements **Duke Heights and Emery Village BIAs**

- Duke Heights BIA

  - 6 Recommendations from Missing Links Study ➢ 5 Recommendations from Tangiers Rd. Extension
- Emery Village TMP
  - ➢ 5 Goods Oriented Recommendations
  - New Road 2A FA
- > 9 Recommendations from City of Toronto Working Group **Downsview Area Transportation Master Plan** 
  - ➢ 3 Recommendations
- Approximately 20 Proposed Infrastructure Improvements Some Overlaps



### Example Long List Alternatives Emery Village and Duke Heights BIA Reports – GIS Mapping





# Thank you for Attending

#### Next Steps & Project Schedule

- Review input gathered from this event in anticipation of moving forward into the next phase of study.
- Ongoing data collection / traffic counts
- Complete online survey
- Host Public Information Center #1 in the fall of 2019 to engage the community on preliminary solutions.

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Project Start Date Data Collection Stakeholder Workshop Public Information Centre #1 **Preferred Solution** Concept / Design Public Information Centre #2 Final Report

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Feb. to Mid-March 2019 April 11, 2019

Late Nov. 2019

Apr. 2020

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