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The success of the Keele-Finch area is linked directly to providing a connected multi-modal transportation network that allows people to get to and from their desired destinations quickly, easily and sustainably. The proposed policy directions build on this and leverage existing investments in higher order transit.

A range of policies are proposed that supports a redundant multi-modal transportation system and fosters transportation choice, ease of movement and greater connectivity.

This booklet highlights proposed Transportation and Mobility policies.

Mobility + Transportation



Transportation

The area's mobility system consisting of transit, public streets, walking and cycling, goods movement and parking

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PROPOSED POLICY DIRECTIONS

A fine-grain and robust multi-modal mobility system will be achieved in the area, consisting of transit stations and lines, improved Major Streets, new and improved Primary Streets and Secondary Streets, as well as other connections such as mid-block connections, multi-use trails and laneways.

- T2 Streets, including major streets, will accommodate pedestrians, cyclists, transit users and vehicular traffic while acknowledging and recognizing walking and cycling as a priority.
- New, required public streets are identified on the Public Street Plan. All new public streets will have a 20-metre right-of-way unless otherwise noted. The exact location, alignment and design of the streets will be determined through further study or part of the development review process.
- The right-of-way width of the new street north of Fountainhead Park may be reduced from 20 metres to 16.5 metres where sidewalks, trees and other landscaping is incorporated along the edge of Fountainhead Park as part of an integrated design of the street and park.
- Additional public streets may be required and will be determined as sites redevelop. Potential locations for additional public streets are conceptually identified as New/Improved Connections on the Public Street Plan. Where it is determined that a specific connection is not required as a public street by the City, a publicly-accessible mid-block connection, laneway or other type of connection will be provided to improve access in and through the area.
- Streets, whether new or existing, will have a design and function that ensures a complete street that is informed by City guidelines for street and bikeway design, accommodates a variety of users and includes comfortable, wide, landscaped pedestrian rights-of-way.
 - The extension of Tangiers Road southward to LePage Court provides an opportunity for further connectivity. The extension will be determined through an Environmental Assessment Process.



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Further detailed study will be undertaken by the City to create a new east-west stree connection across the rail corridor.	∋t
As part of the redevelopment of lands between Finch Avenue West and Paulvale Crescent, Paulvale Crescent will be extended to connect with Romfield Drive and excessive pavement width will be reclaimed to provide additional developable land and streetscape improvements.	ds
Pedestrian routes will be along public streets wherever possible. Pedestrian routes through parks and natural areas are exempted from this policy.	
Where a pedestrian route along a public street is not possible and the pedestrian route is desirable, a publicly-accessible mid-block connection may be considered. Publicly accessible mid-block connections will be secured and designed to a high-standard and be subject to a series of conditions to ensure a safe, direct, well-lit and desirable connection.	
New and/or enhanced connections to and across Black Creek Valley will be provided to limit the east-west barrier of the valley.	
Transit supportive infrastructure, such as seating, street furniture and security features, will be incorporated into the design of streets at transit stops and station with new development and infrastructure projects, where possible.	ns
Access to and from transit stations and stops will be improved, where possible, with new development and may include way-finding solutions, new pathways and enhancing existing transit facilities.	
The continued viability of employment uses will be ensured. Support for goods movement should be considered in new development.	
Surface parking lots will not be permitted between a building and a public street. Surface parking lots may be located beside, behind or within a building. In the Nodes, a surface parking lot will only be contemplated if it is ancillary to an underground parking lot.	
Minimum and maximum parking requirements will be established in an implementing zoning by-law(s) that reflect the transit infrastructure in the area and the objective of reducing auto-dependency.	
Applicants will be required to submit a Transportation Demand Management (TDM) Plan that assesses multi-modal conditions and outlines site-specific TDM improvements, strategies and programs that support sustainable modes of mobility and reduce auto-dependency.	
Dedicated cycling facilities will be provided on routes identified in on the Key Cycling Routes plan.	g