

WEST TORONTO RAILPATH EXTENSION

PUBLIC MEETING NO. 2

FEBRUARY 26, 2020



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METROLINX



WELCOME

MEETING PURPOSE

- Provide project update
- Receive feedback on design development leading into construction phase
- Discuss next steps and potential construction timing



AGENDA

1. **Overview**
2. **Public feedback and lessons learned**
3. **Design principles**
4. **Railpath extension**
5. **Adjacent projects**
6. **Next steps**



OVERVIEW



OFFICIAL PLAN POLICIES

BUILDING A MORE LIVEABLE URBAN REGION

- Growth connected to regional transportation system
- Reduce auto dependency and improve air quality
- Protect natural corridors

INTEGRATING LAND USE & TRANSPORTATION

- Encourage walking and cycling
- Use rail corridors for enhanced local and inter-regional service

HEALTHY NEIGHBOURHOODS

- Promote environmental sustainability

GREEN SPACE SYSTEM

- Improve access for everyone to public lands
- Enhance links to the Green Space System
- Expand by acquiring additional linkages

A PROGRESSIVE AGENDA OF TRANSPORTATION CHANGE

- Encourage and integrate active transportation infrastructure

BESIDE THE TRACKS:

KNITTING THE RAIL CORRIDOR BACK TO THE COMMUNITY - WARD 18

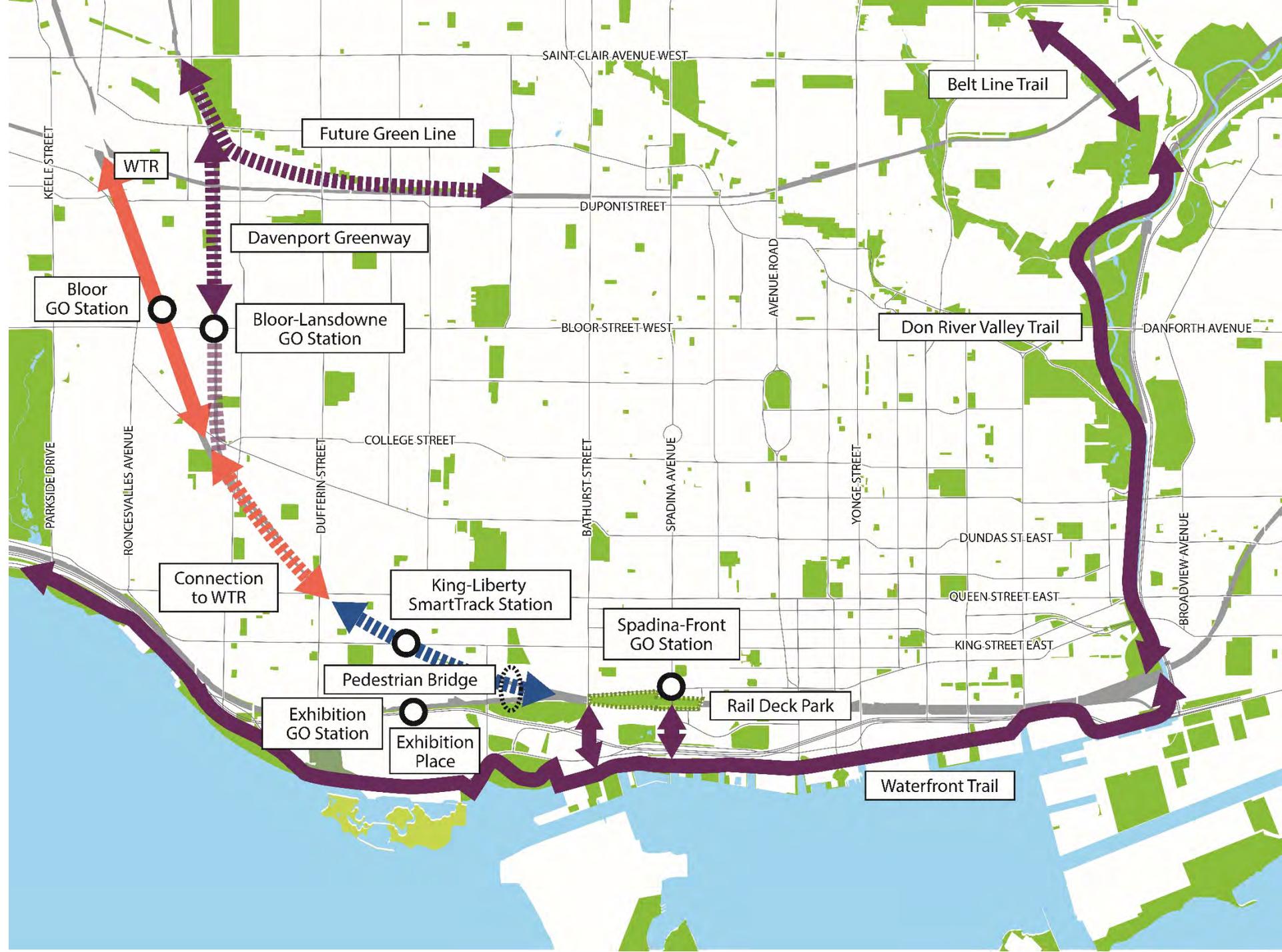


TORONTO BELT
LINE RAILWAY (1890)

BIRDS EYE VIEW OF THE TORONTO BELT LINE RAILWAY.



CONNECTED ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION CORRIDORS (2019)



LESSONS LEARNED



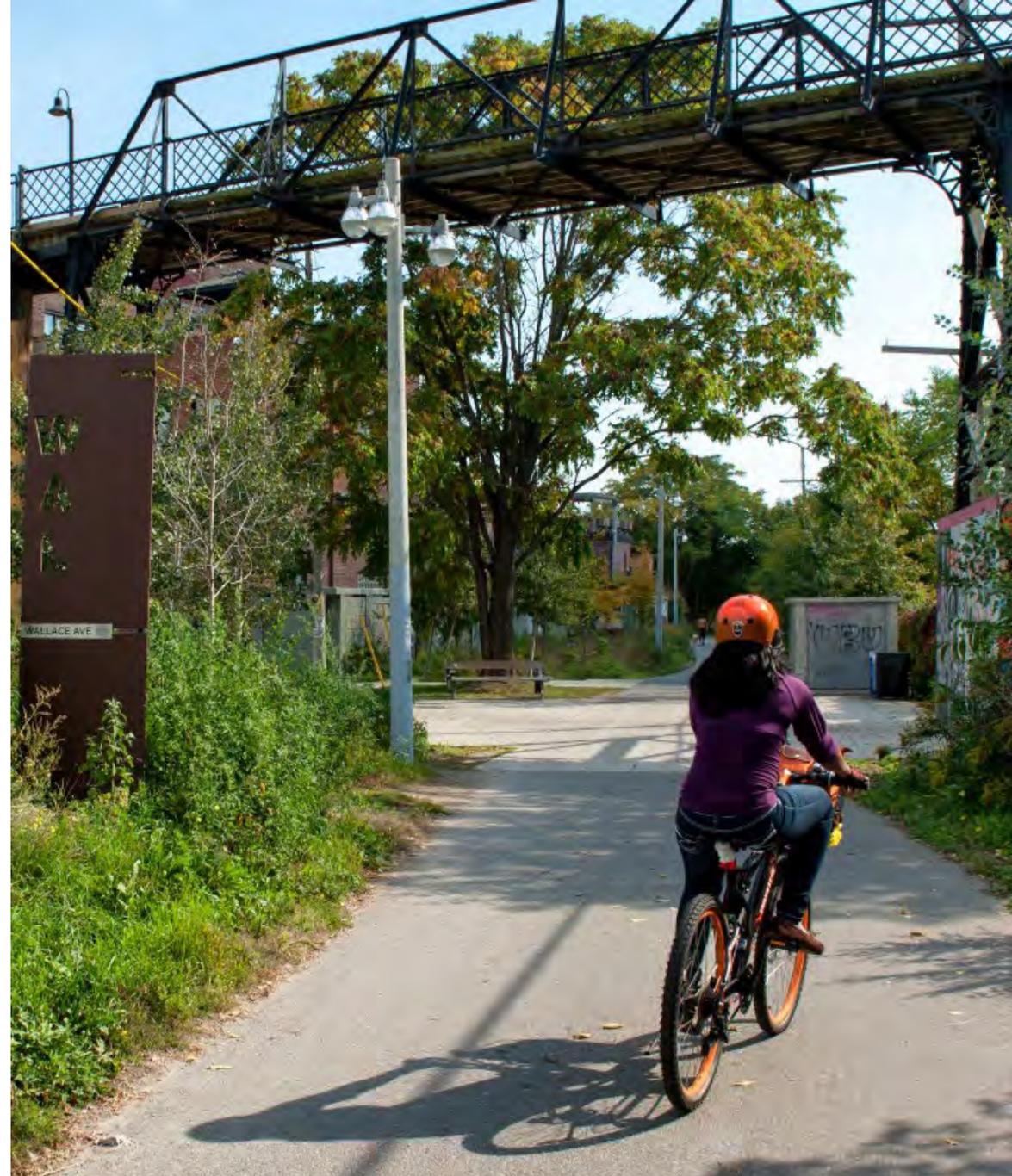
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LESSONS LEARNED

- Which plant species worked well, and which did not
- Maintenance of the planting is vital during the first 3 years
- Invasive trees and shrubs will take over native grasses and wildflowers
- Plants specified require low maintenance, but a detailed Maintenance Plan will be provided to guide the City maintenance staff
- Corten steel signage and bollards are difficult to maintain

COMMUNITY FEEDBACK

- Provide more seating
- Maintain “wild” non-manicured aesthetic of the planting
- Ensure community stewardship opportunities
- Provide more trees and shade



West Toronto Railpath

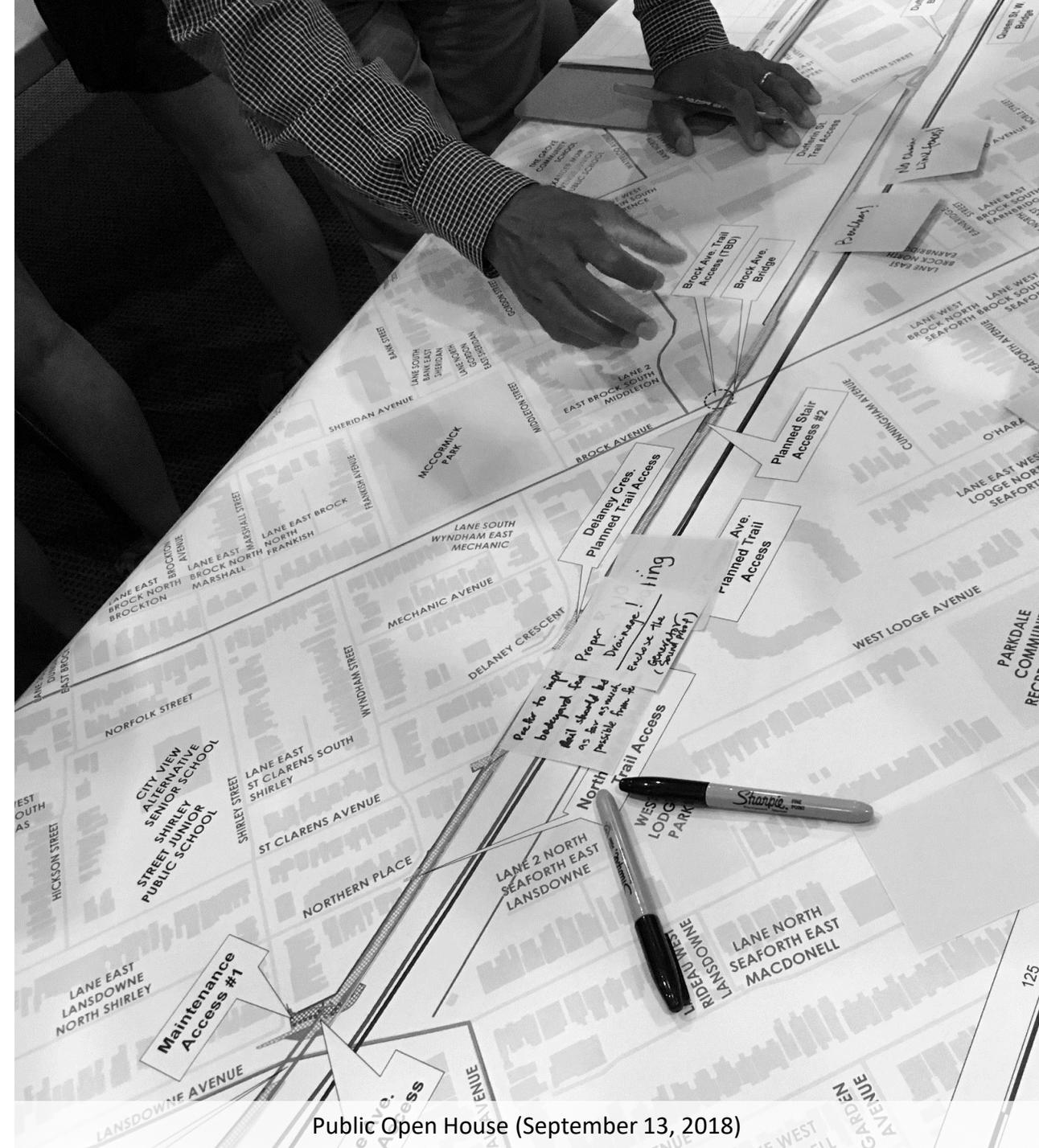
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COMMUNITY & STAKEHOLDER FEEDBACK

- Ensure proper drainage
- Provide enough lighting and use lower shrubs to ensure safety
- Include slow down zones for people on bikes before connection points
- Provide maps and notice boards at connection points
- Enhance connection points with usable features

KEY TIMELINES

- *Key Stakeholder Meeting (May 14th, 2018)*
- *Public Open House (September 13th, 2018)*
- *Design Review Panel (November 1st, 2018)*



Public Open House (September 13, 2018)

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COMMUNITY FEEDBACK ON CONNECTION POINTS

- Make Northern Place connection a pedestrian-scale entrance
- Provide accessible connection at No Frills (ramp)
- Avoid light pollution to adjacent residents
- Plant more canopy trees on site where feasible
- Provide more benches along Railpath and at most community connections

KEY TIMELINES

- *Community Connection Meetings (April 14th, 15th and 16th, 2019)*



Community Connection Point Meeting (April 15, 2019)

DESIGN PRINCIPLES

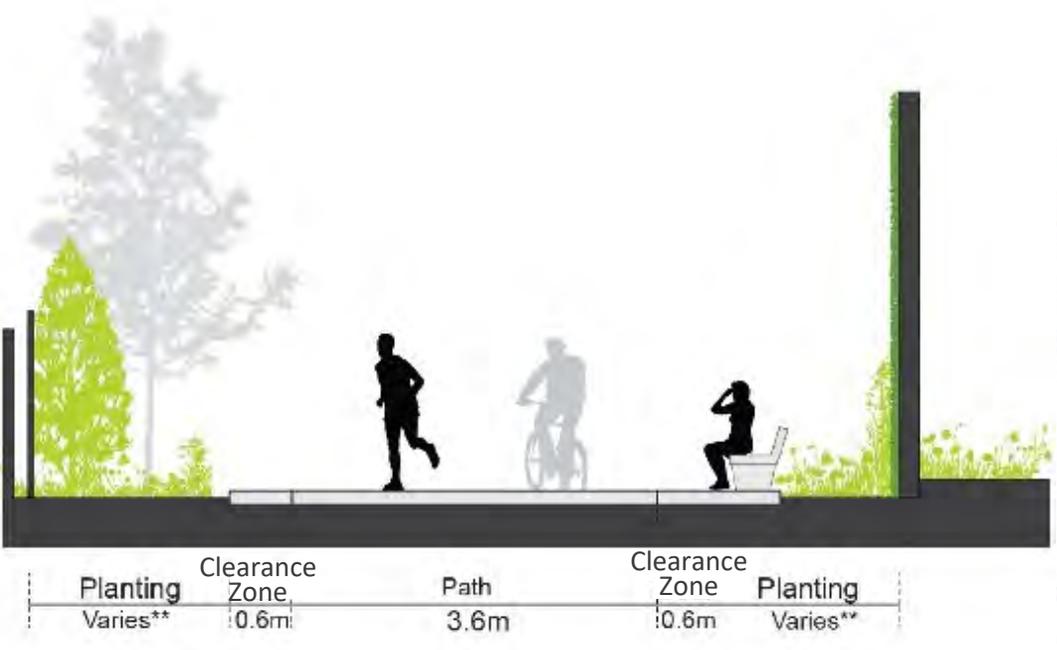


DESIGN PRINCIPLES

- Consistency between West Toronto Railpath and Extension
- Resilient materials
- Industrial “wild” aesthetic
- Distinctive planting zones
- Elements for safety such as lighting, crime prevention through design
- Community stewardship and programming opportunities



MULTI-USE PATH- TYPICAL SECTION



Material Palette



Asphalt



Stabilized Aggregate



Lighting



Native Planting



Vines on Noise Wall



Vines on Fence



Cedar Hedge



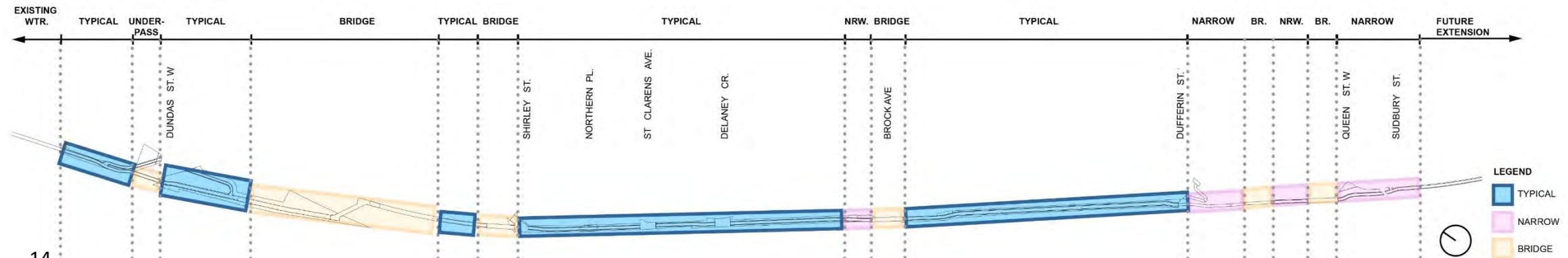
Tree Planting



Bench



Mural (Proposed)



PLANTING TYPOLOGIES



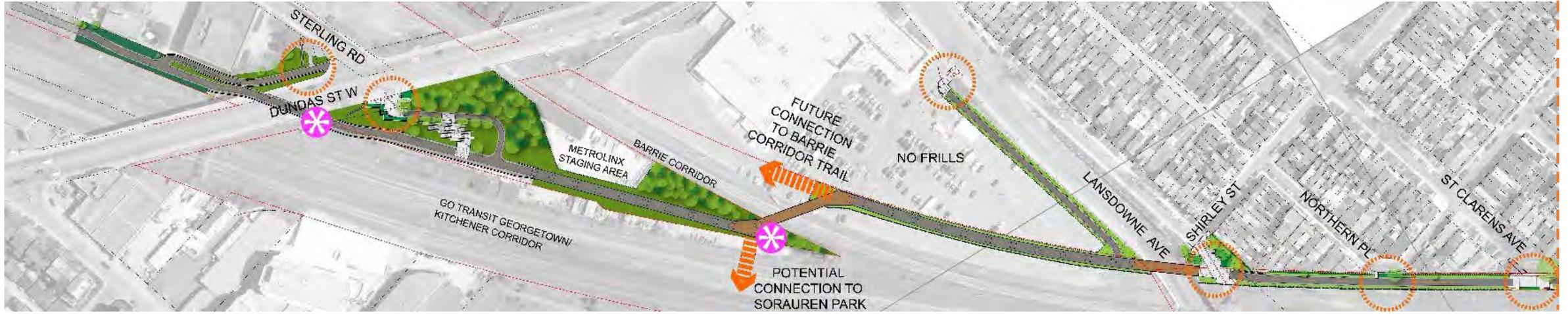
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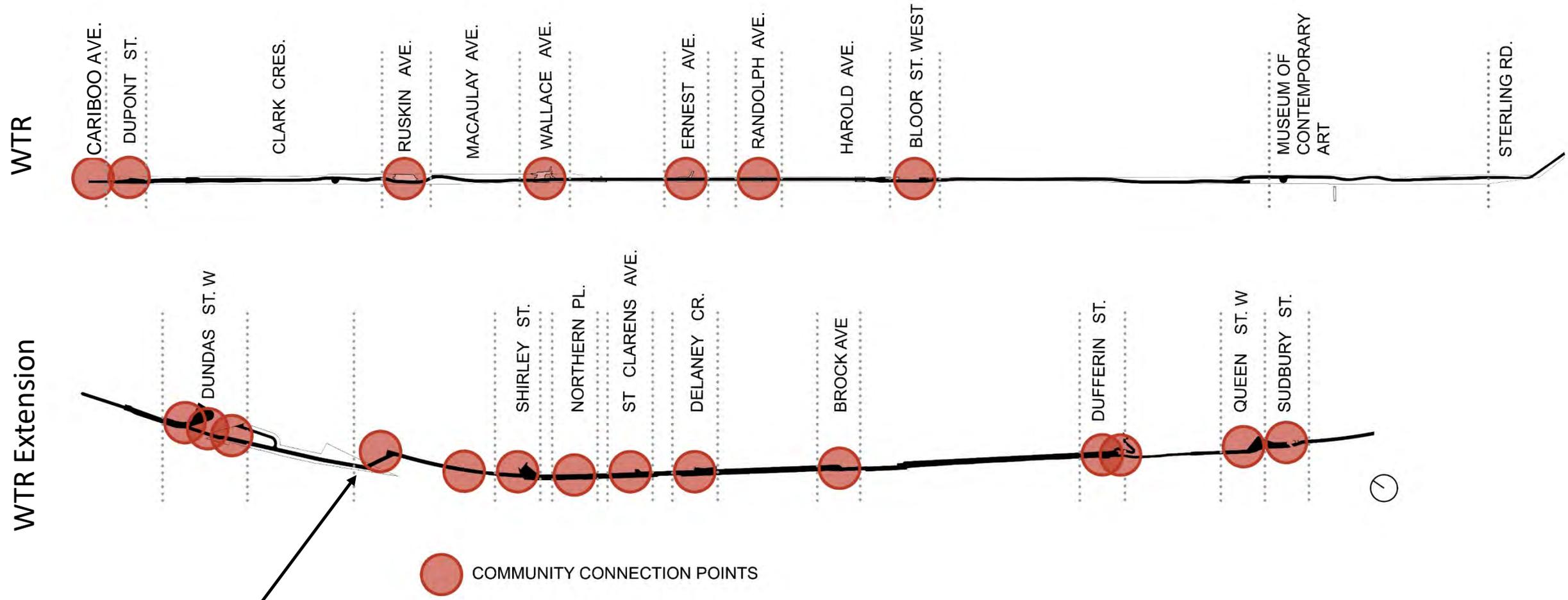
WEST TORONTO RAILPATH REALIGNMENT (4TH TRACK) DUPONT TO DUNDAS



RAILPATH EXTENSION SITE PLAN DUNDAS TO SUDBURY



COMMUNITY CONNECTION POINTS

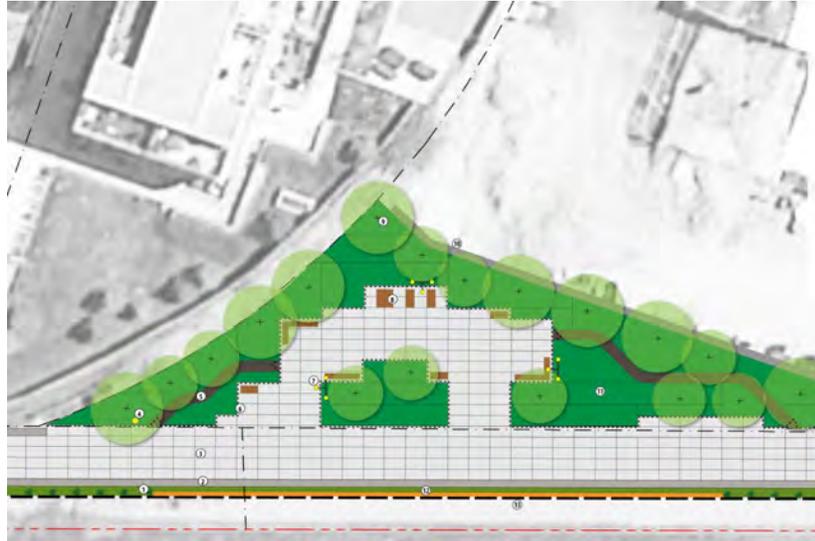


The City is continuing discussions with the property owner to accommodate an accessible ramp connection between WTR and the No Frills property at Dundas Street and Lansdowne Avenue.

NEW PARKS ADJACENT TO WTR

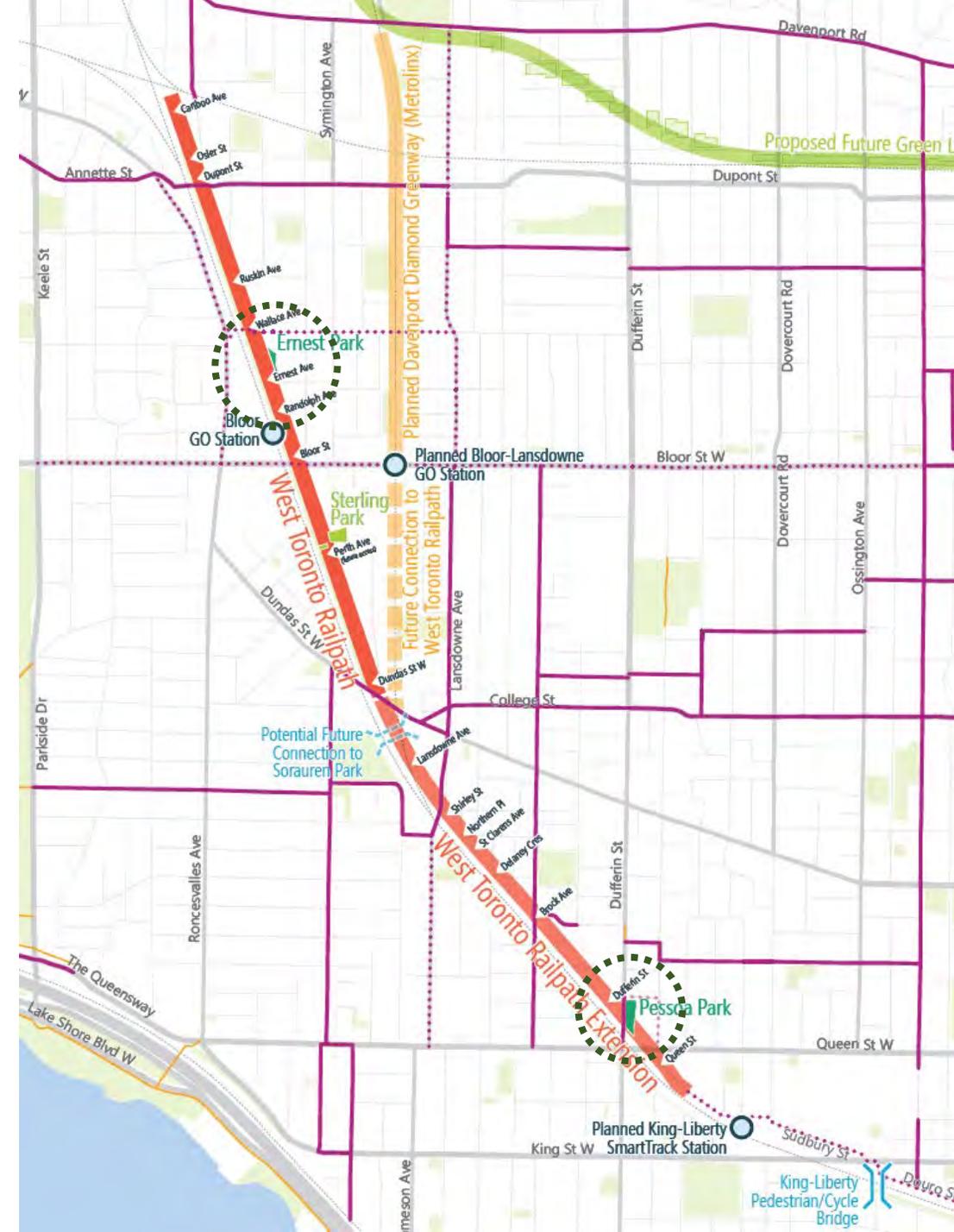
Ernest Park

- 740 m2 area
- Base park was completed in 2019
- Final park will be completed as part of the West Toronto Railpath Realignment work by Metrolinx



Pessoa Park

- 3090 m2 area
- Will be completed in spring 2020



PROPOSED WEST TORONTO RAILPATH EXTENSION



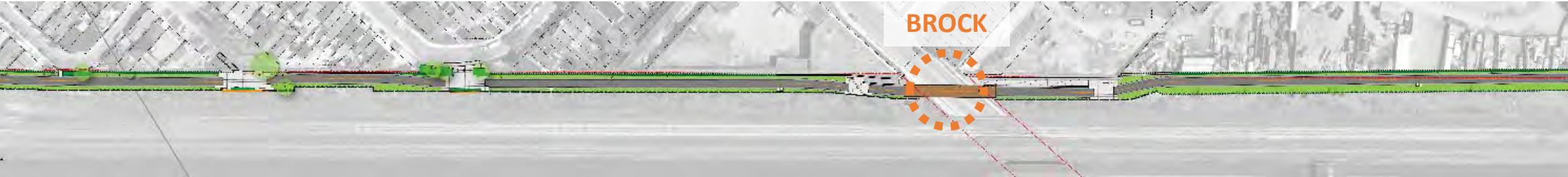
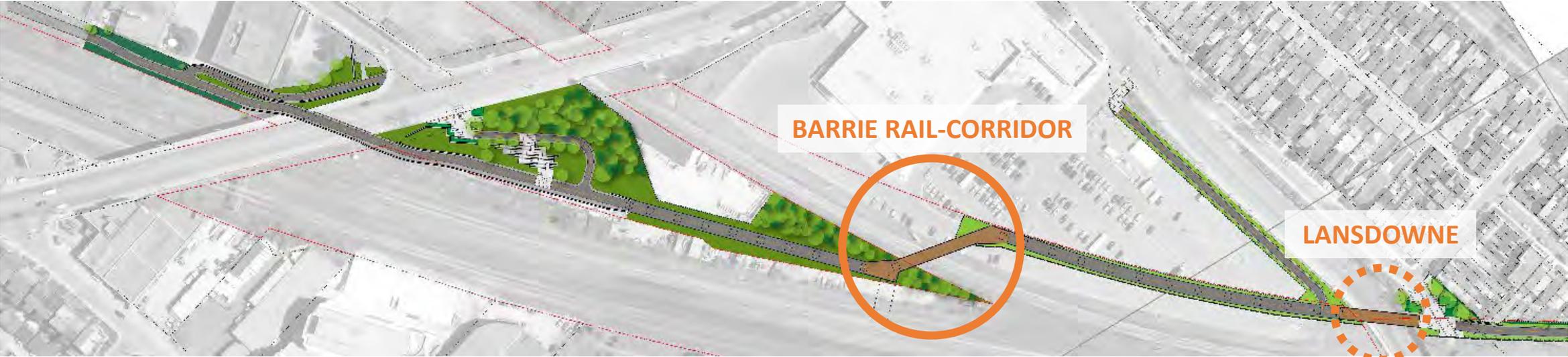
DUNDAS STREET WEST CONNECTION



QUEEN STREET WEST CONNECTION



A FAMILY OF BRIDGES



BARRIE RAIL CORRIDOR BRIDGE



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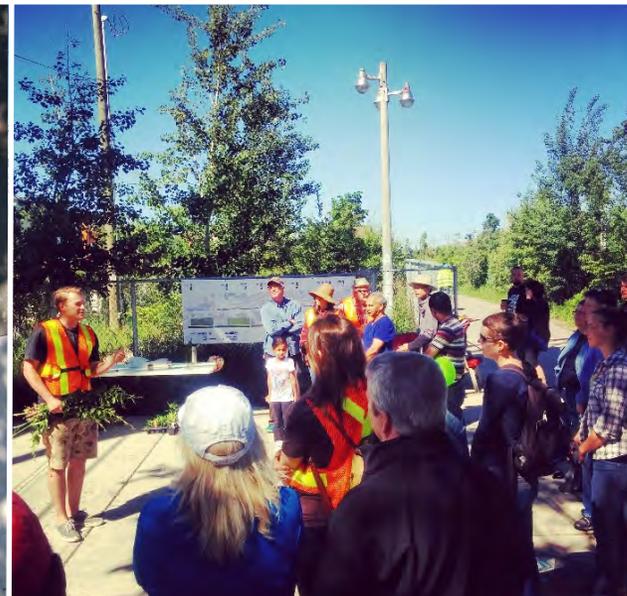
LANSDOWNE AVE.
BRIDGE



LANSDOWNNE AVE. BRIDGE



EXISTING COMMUNITY CONNECTION POINTS WEST TORONTO RAILPATH

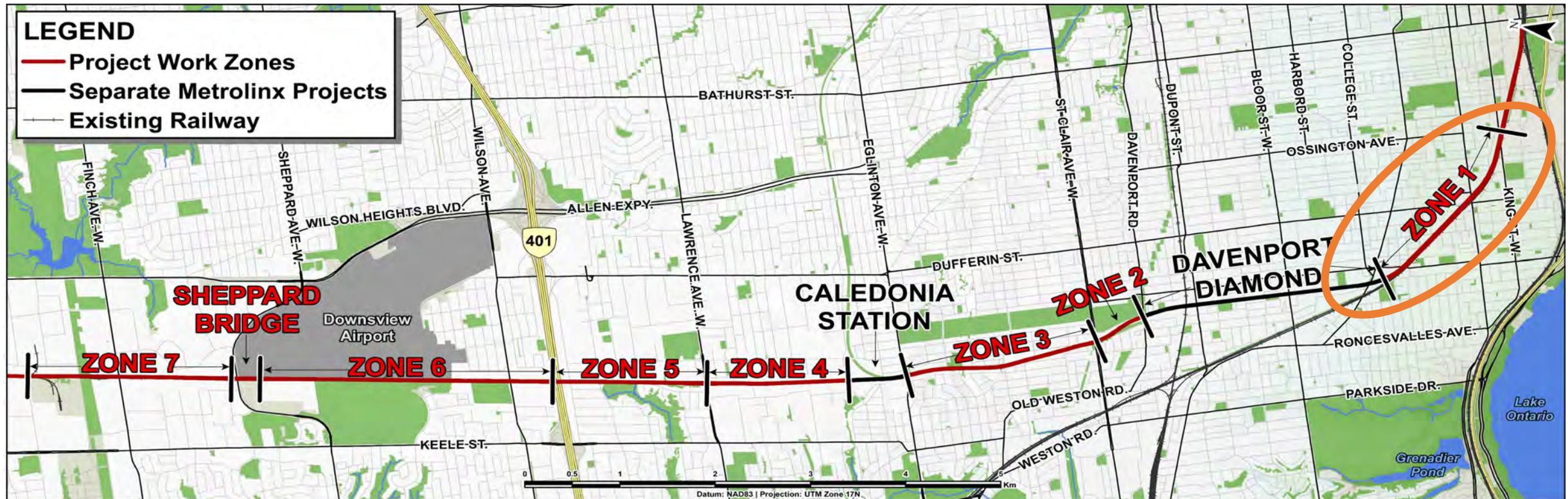


ADJACENT METROLINX
PROJECTS



BARRIE DOUBLE TRACK ENABLING WORKS (ZONE 1)

- The Project includes modifications and upgrades to the existing rail corridor, that will allow for a second set of tracks to be installed in the future.
- The Project Area is within the City of Toronto and is organized into seven zones.



ADJACENT METROLINX WORKS

BARRIE DOUBLE TRACK ENABLING WORKS

construction during 2020 to 2021

- Scope includes:
 - Clearing and Grubbing
 - Noise Barrier Walls
 - High Security Fence
 - Utility Relocations

KITCHENER 4TH TRACK WORKS

construction during 2020 to 2023

- Scope includes:
 - Grading and Additional Track
 - WTRP Realignment



NEXT STEPS AND SCHEDULE

- Public Event No. 2: **February 26, 2020**
- Completion of Design and Construction Documents: **Early to Mid 2020**
- City of Toronto to obtain Metrolinx and Private Properties: **2020/2021**
- Construction proposed start: **2021/2022**

