

# 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**

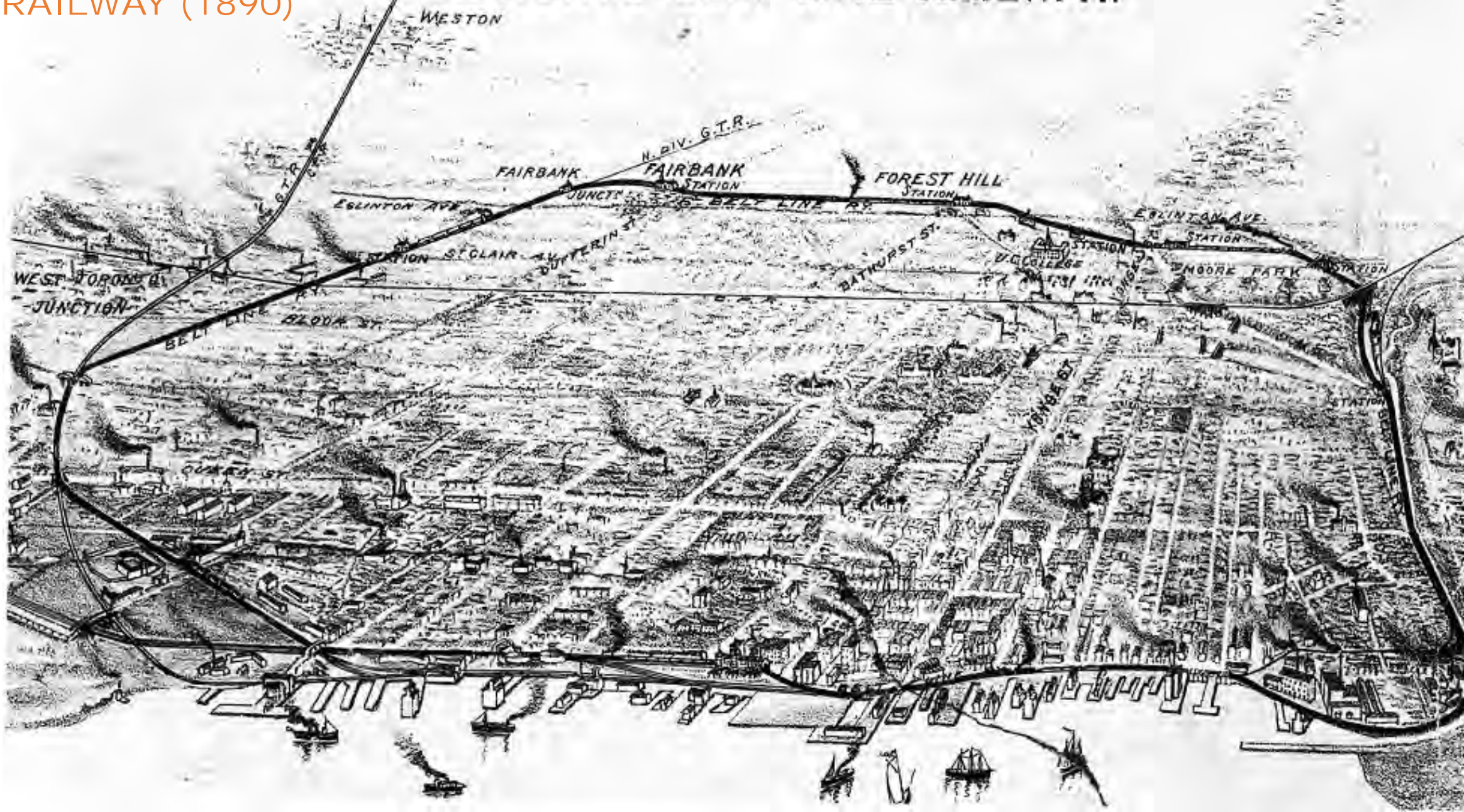
- Encourage and integrate active transportation infrastructure





TORONTO BELT  
LINE RAILWAY (1890)

BIRDS EYE VIEW OF THE  
TORONTO BELT LINE RAILWAY.





CONNECTED  
ACTIVE  
TRANSPORTATION  
CORRIDORS (2019)





## LESSONS LEARNED





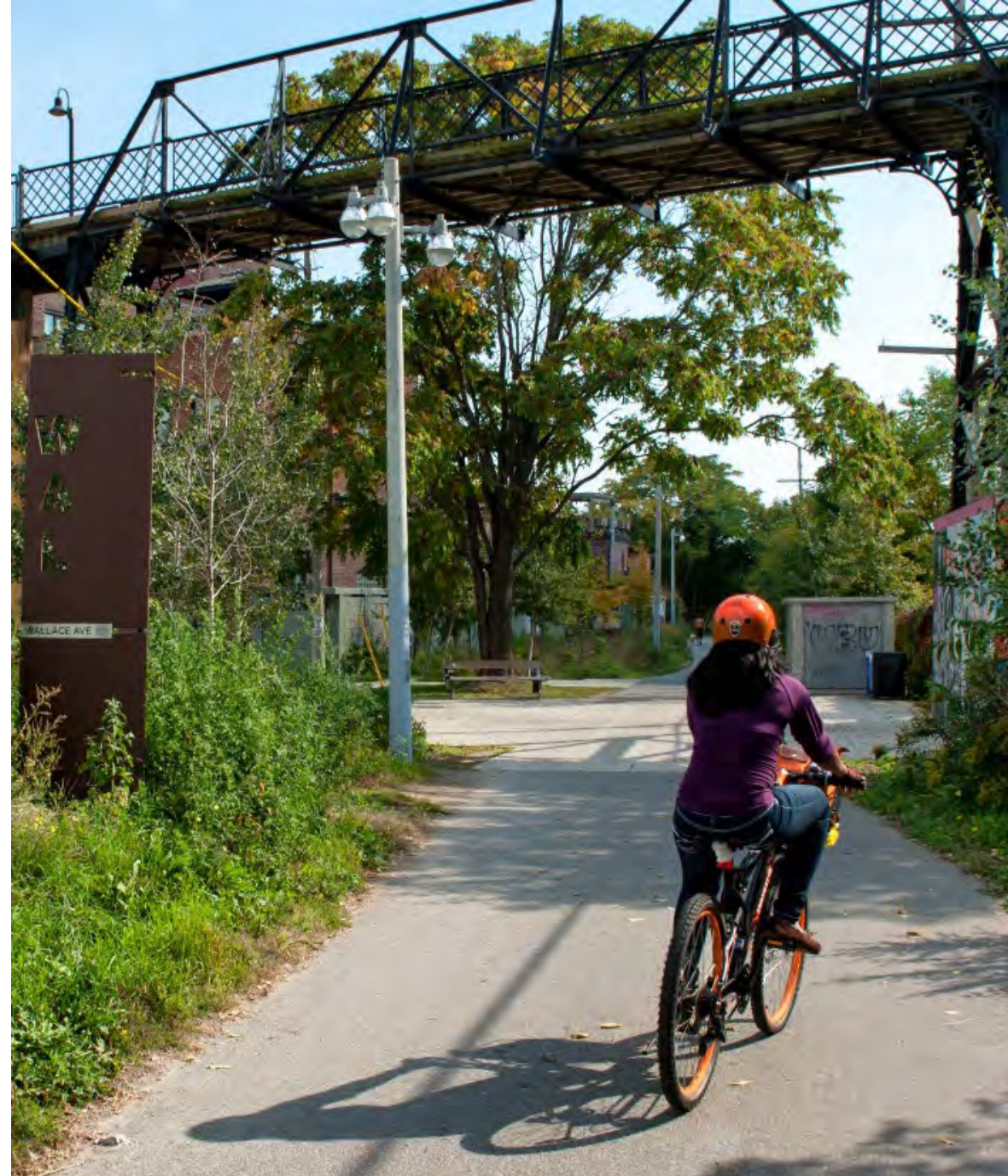
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## LESSONS LEARNED

- 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



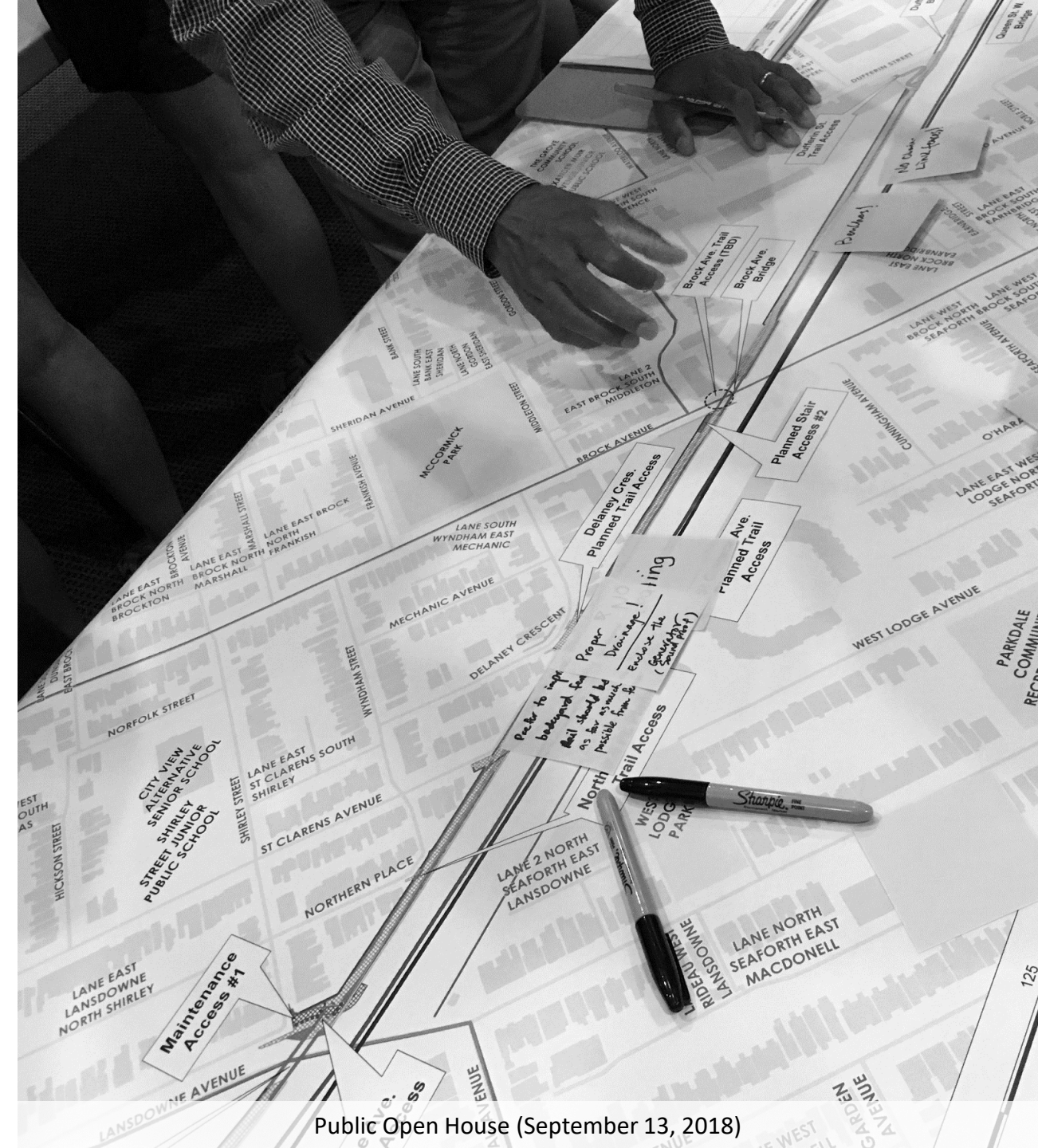
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## COMMUNITY & STAKEHOLDER FEEDBACK

- 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 14<sup>th</sup>, 2018)*
- *Public Open House (September 13<sup>th</sup>, 2018)*
- *Design Review Panel (November 1<sup>st</sup>, 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 14<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>, 2019)*



Community Connection Point Meeting (April 15, 2019)



## DESIGN PRINCIPLES





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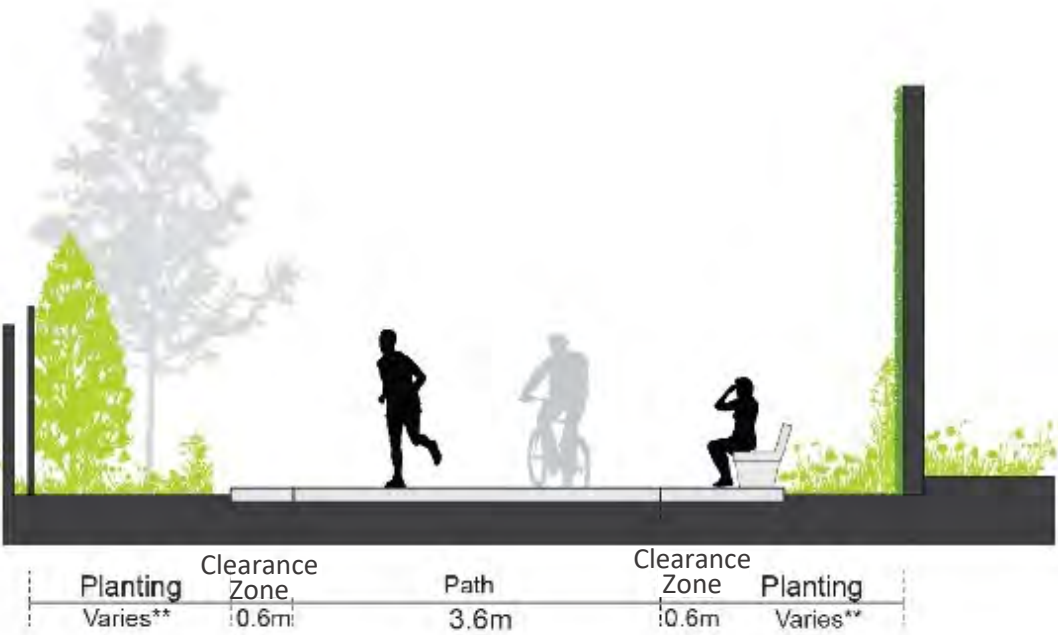
- Consistency between West Toronto Railpath and Extension
- Resilient materials
- Industrial “wild” aesthetic
- Distinctive planting zones
- Elements for safety such as lighting, crime prevention through design
- Community stewardship and programming opportunities



Proposed West Toronto Railpath Extension



# MULTI-USE PATH- TYPICAL SECTION



## Material Palette



Asphalt



Stabilized Aggregate



Lighting



Native Planting



Vines on Noise Wall



Vines on Fence



Cedar Hedge



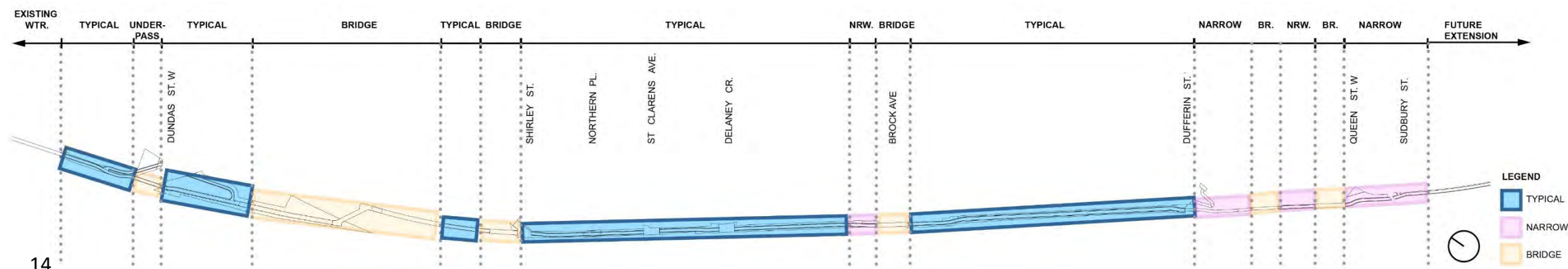
Tree Planting



Bench



Mural (Proposed)





# PLANTING TYPOLOGIES





## RAILPATH EXTENSION

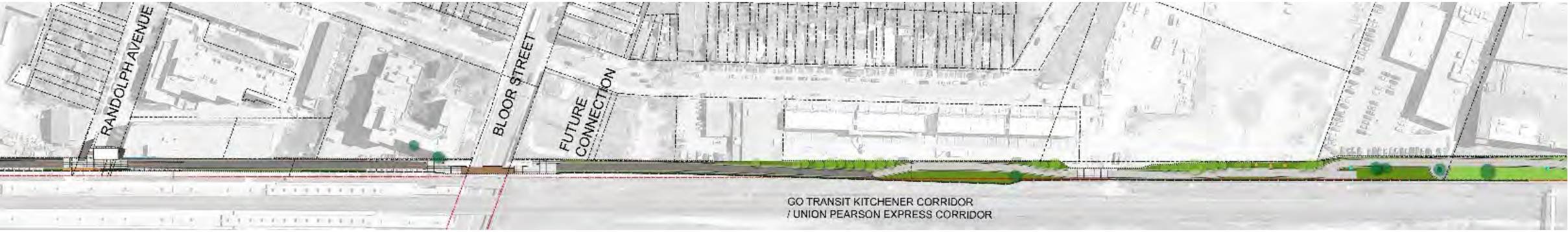




# WEST TORONTO RAILPATH REALIGNMENT (4<sup>TH</sup> TRACK) DUPONT TO DUNDAS



MATCH LINE A

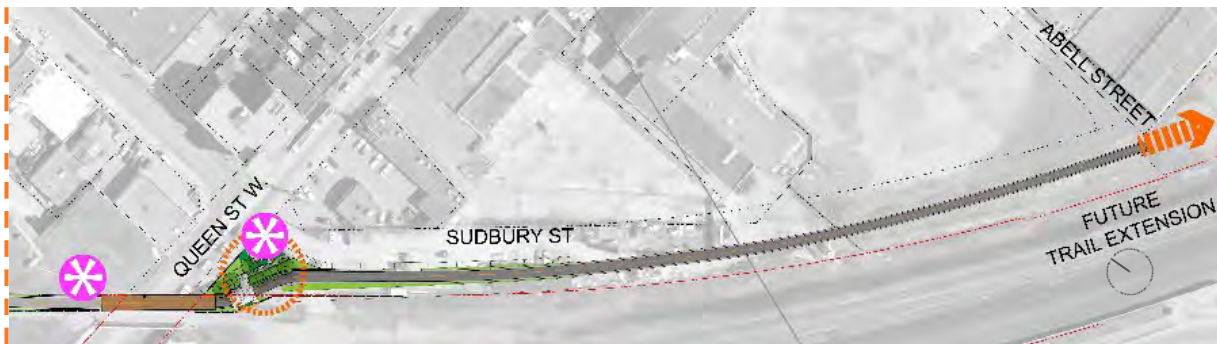


MATCH LINE B





# RAILPATH EXTENSION SITE PLAN DUNDAS TO SUDBURY



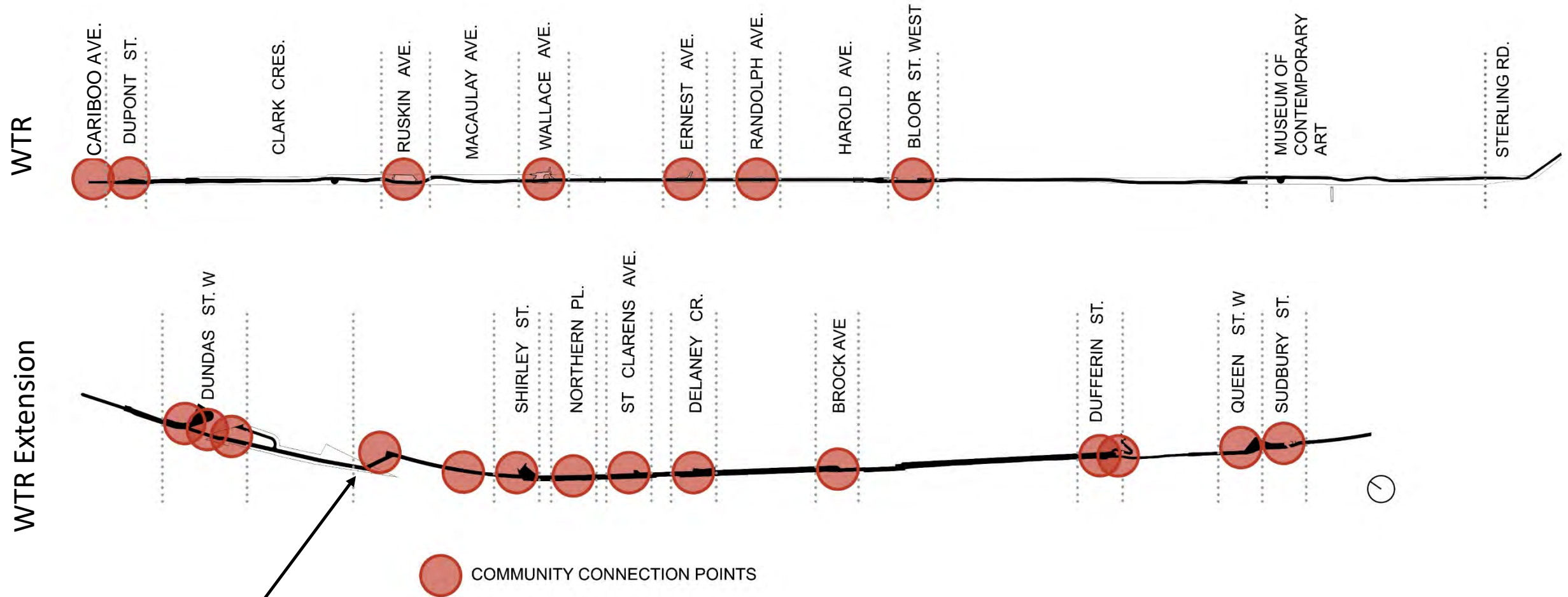
COMMUNITY  
CONNECTION



POTENTIAL PUBLIC ART  
OR MURAL LOCATIONS



# COMMUNITY CONNECTION POINTS



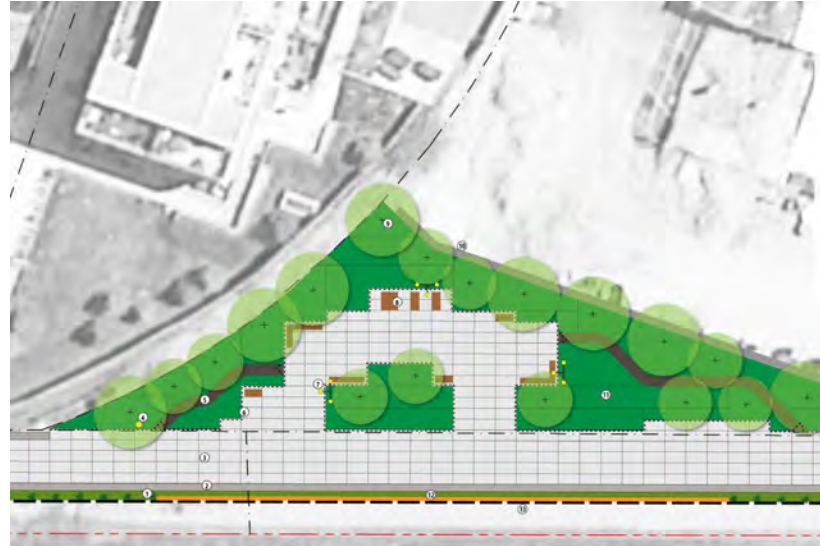
The City is continuing discussions with the property owner to accommodate an accessible ramp connection between WTR and the No Frills property at Dundas Street and Lansdowne Avenue.



# NEW PARKS ADJACENT TO WTR

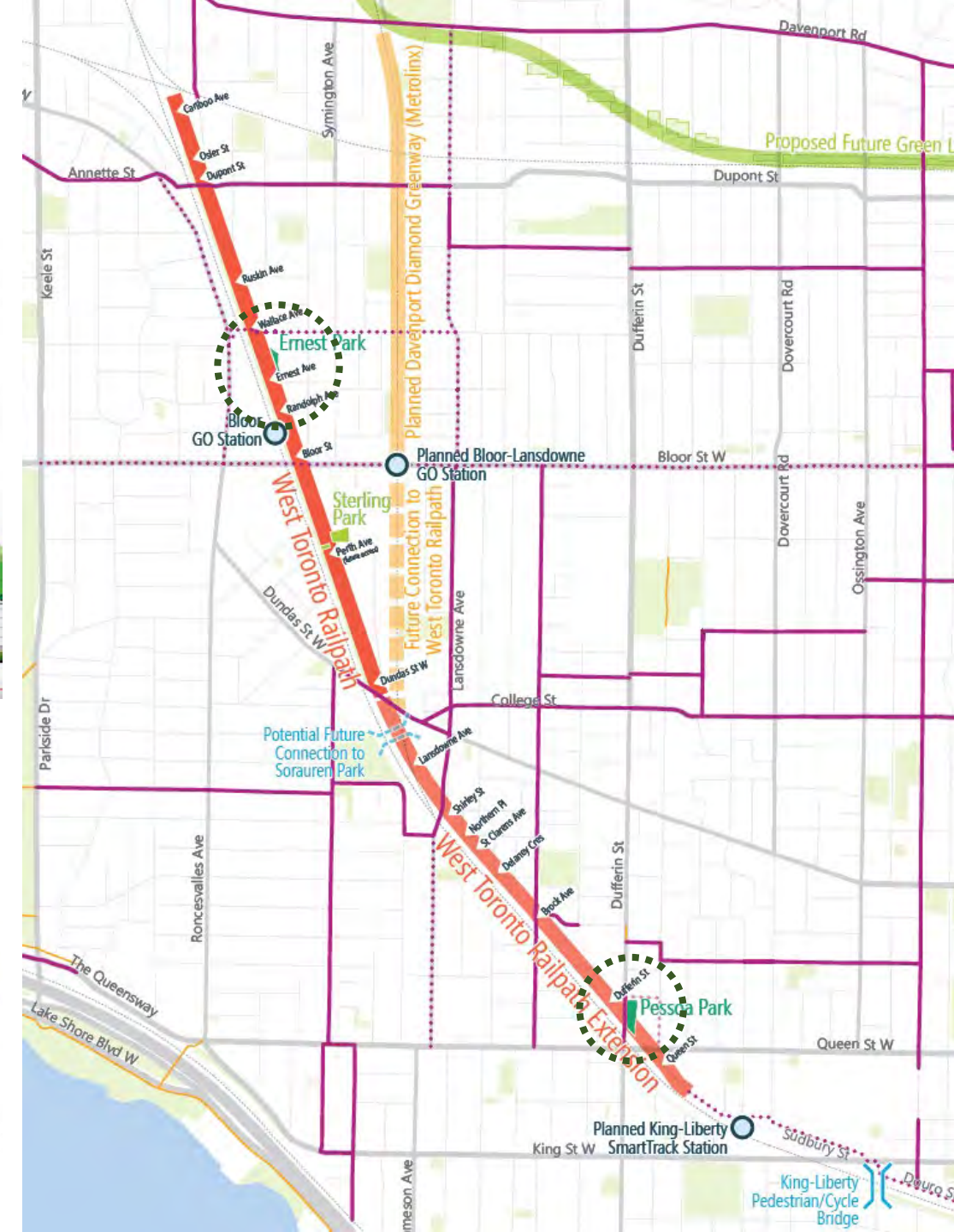
## Ernest Park

- 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





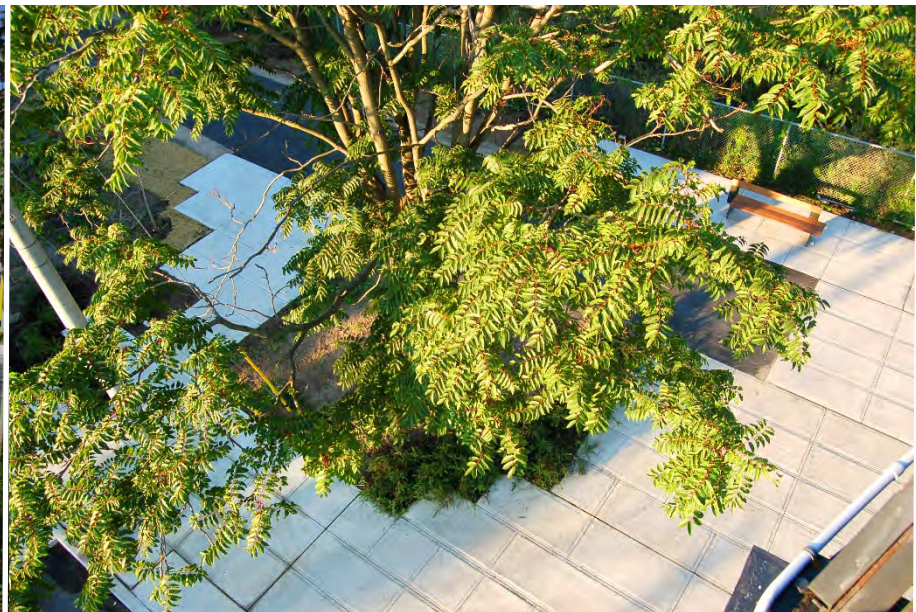
# LANSDOWNE AVE. BRIDGE





# EXISTING COMMUNITY CONNECTION POINTS

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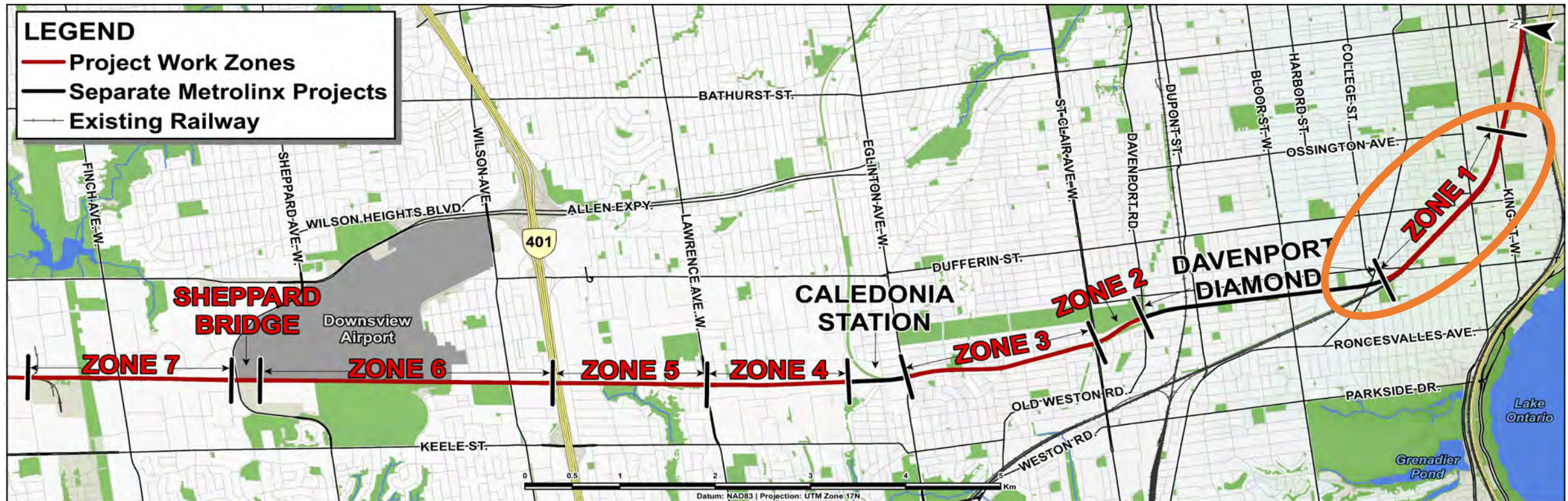
## ADJACENT METROLINX PROJECTS





## 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 4<sup>TH</sup> 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**





# THANK YOU!

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