

# Leaside Neighbourhood Transportation Plan

Public Information Session

February 9, 2022



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# Meeting Objectives

1. Better understand local stakeholders' experiences, perspectives, and insights on traffic and pedestrian safety in the study area
2. Introduce the Leaside Neighbourhood Mobility Plan process
3. Provide stakeholders with an understanding of various strategies and tools, and how some of these can be implemented quickly to change roadways and improve safety
4. Identify stakeholders' priorities and collect insights and input concerning these strategies to inform future action plans

# Agenda

- 10 minutes**
- Introduction
  - Opening Remarks from Councillor Robinson

- 20 minutes**
- Leaside Neighbourhood Mobility Plan

- 60 minutes**
- Collect feedback
  - Answer questions

- 5 minutes**
- Next steps
  - Additional feedback opportunities
  - Wrap-up

# Introductions

## **Leaside Neighbourhood Transportation Plan**

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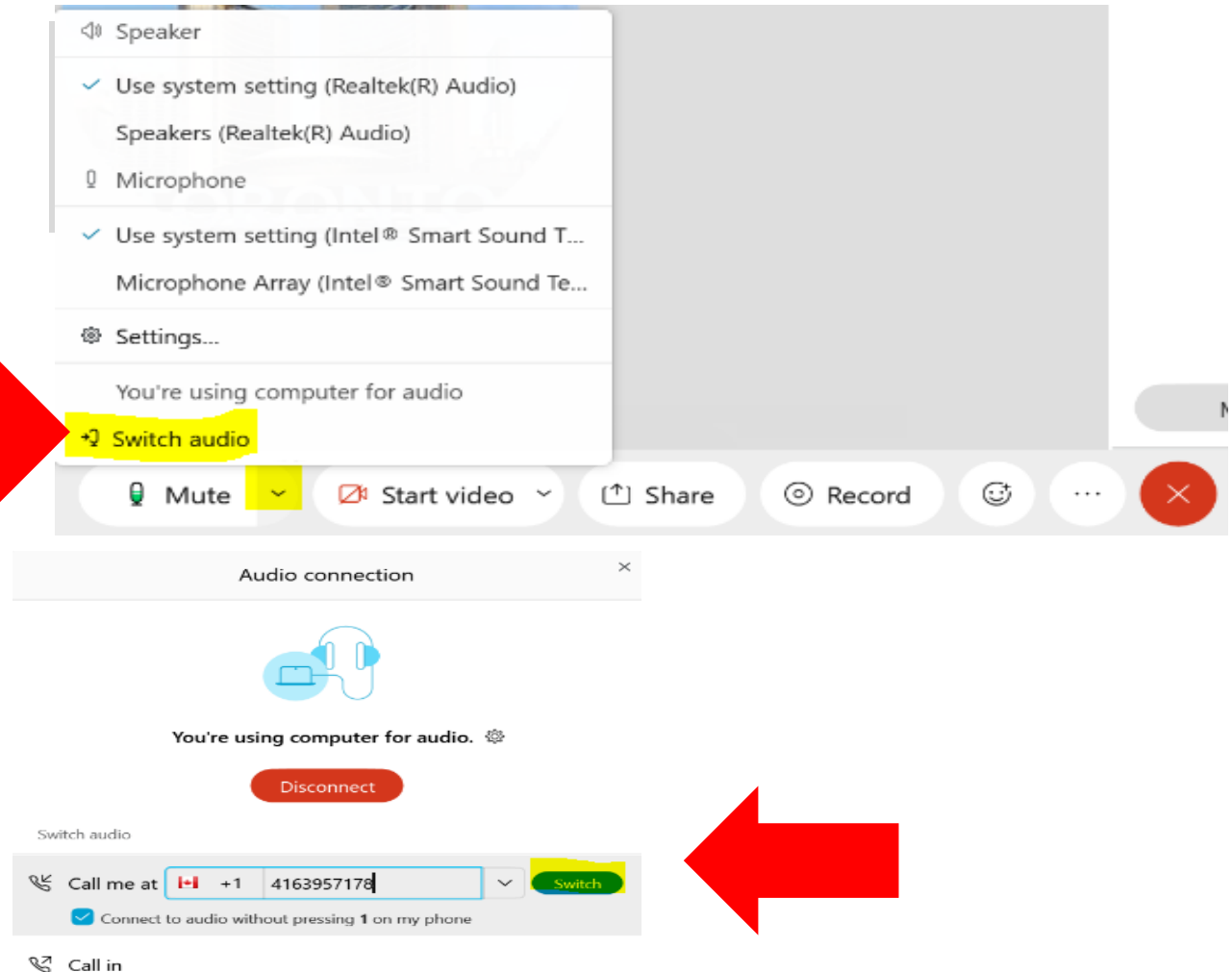
# Opening Remarks

**Councillor Jaye Robinson**  
Ward 15 - Don Valley West



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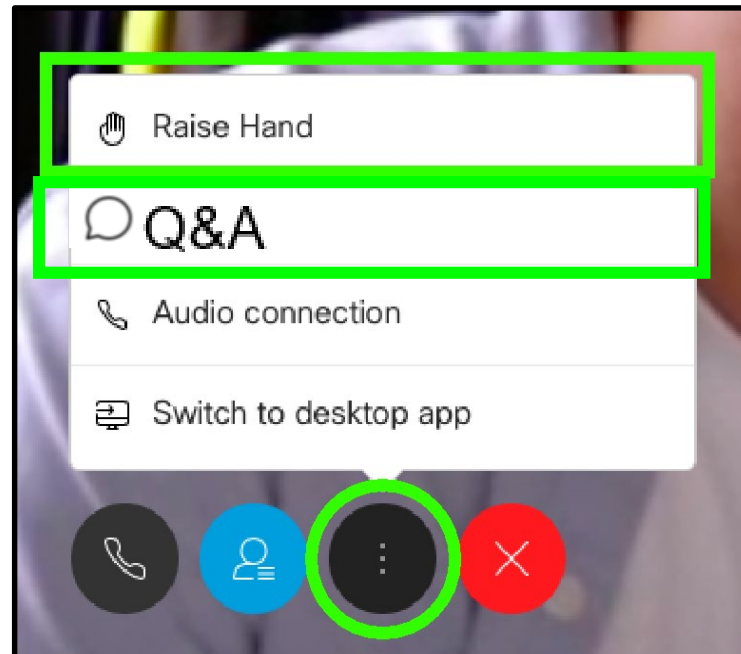
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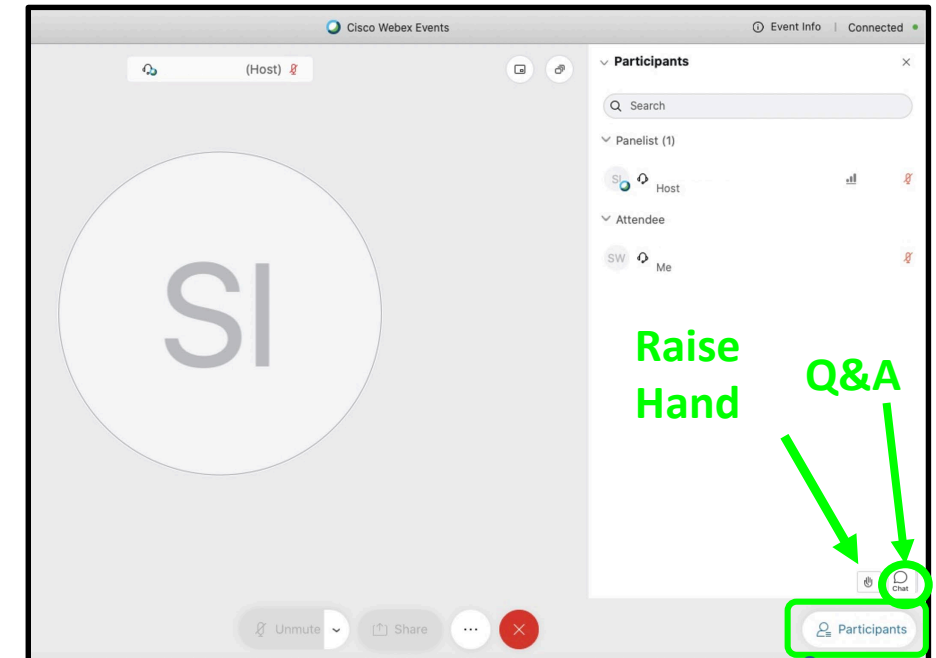
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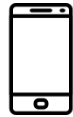
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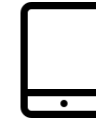
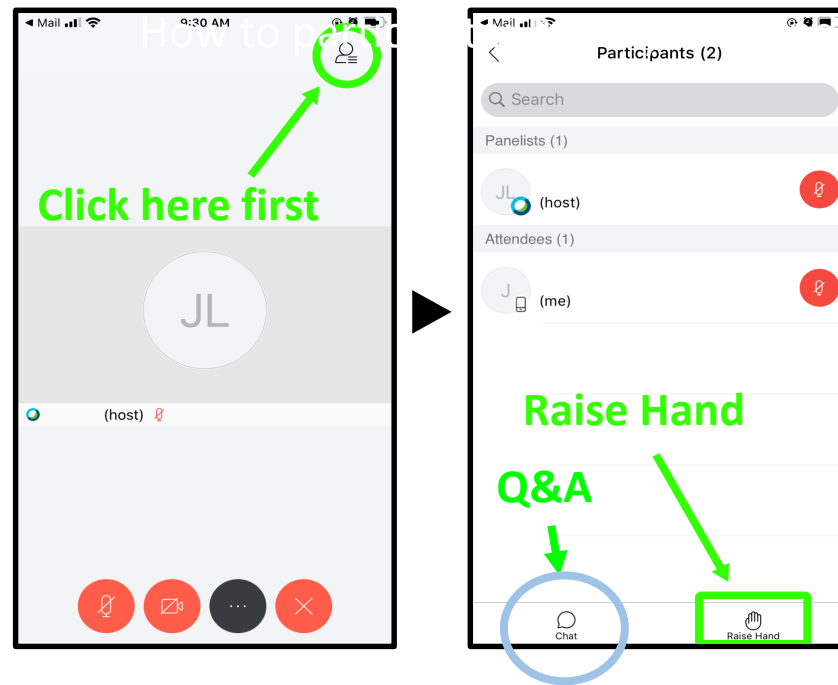
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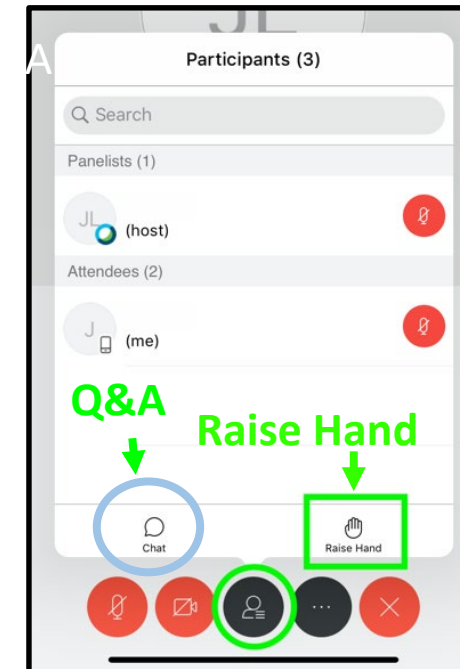
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We want to hear from you – all questions are good questions!

# Leaside Neighbourhood Transportation Plan



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Over time, residents of Leaside have raised increasing concerns about:

- cut-through traffic from outside the area (particularly during peak hours)
- excessive speeding, and
- road safety for vulnerable road users (e.g. pedestrians, cyclists, school children, etc...)

At the request of the local Councillor, North York Community Council directed Transportation Services to work with the community to develop a plan

The **Leaside Neighbourhood Transportation Plan** will:

- identify, prioritize and recommend short- and longer-term improvements
- engage with local residents and stakeholders

# What is a Neighbourhood Transportation Plan?

- **Identifies short-term improvements** that can be implemented in one to five years, as well as a **longer-term vision** for projects 5+ years into the future.
- **Considers a holistic approach** to assess network-wide transportation needs for all road users, and coordinate with existing and future road constructions
- **Employs a neighbourhood perspective** to develop solutions that, together, support local objectives for mobility and safety




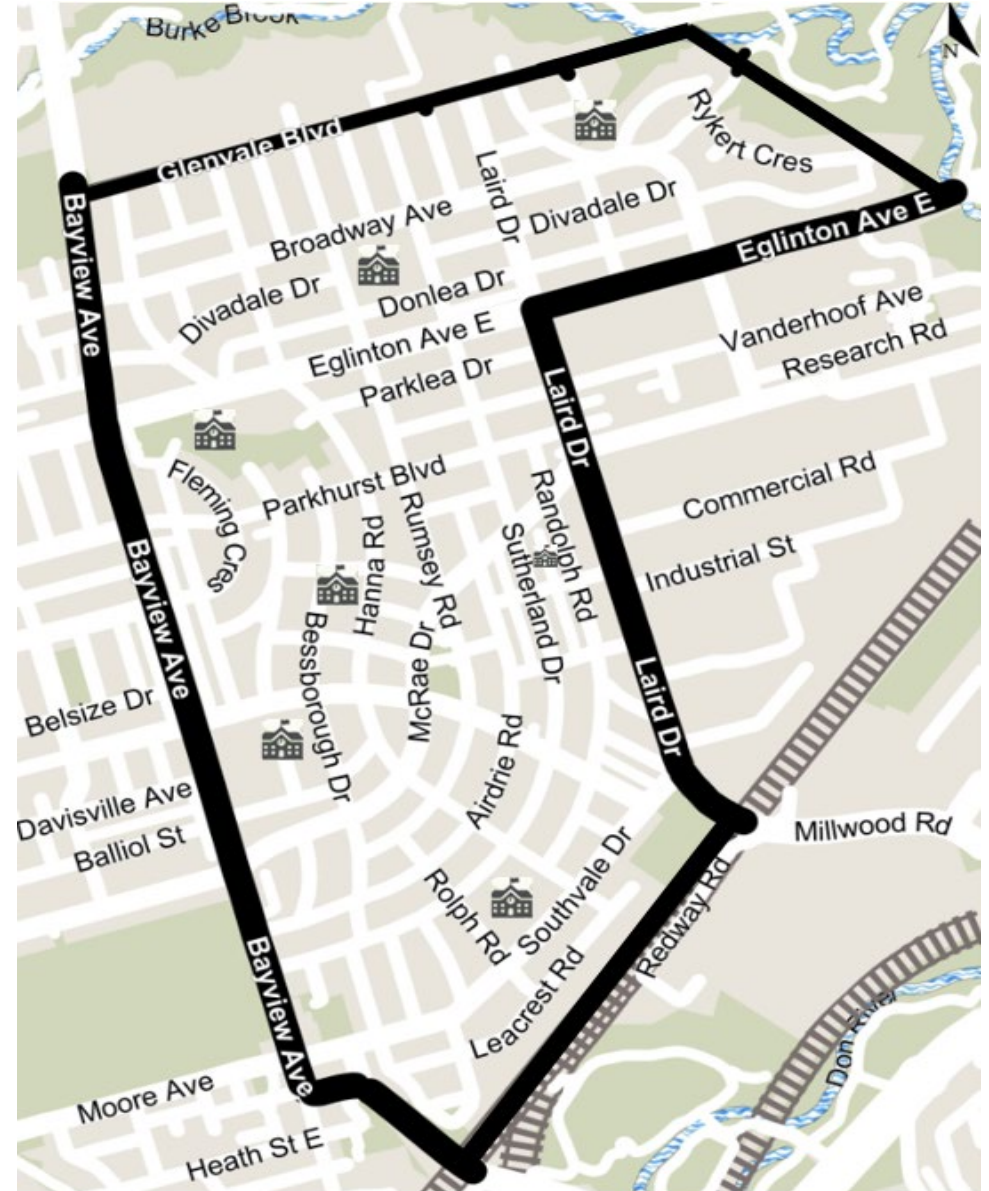
# Study Area

## The study area is bound by:

- North - Glenvale/Kildeer/Rykert
- South - rail corridor
- East - Don River and Laird Drive
- West - Bayview Avenue

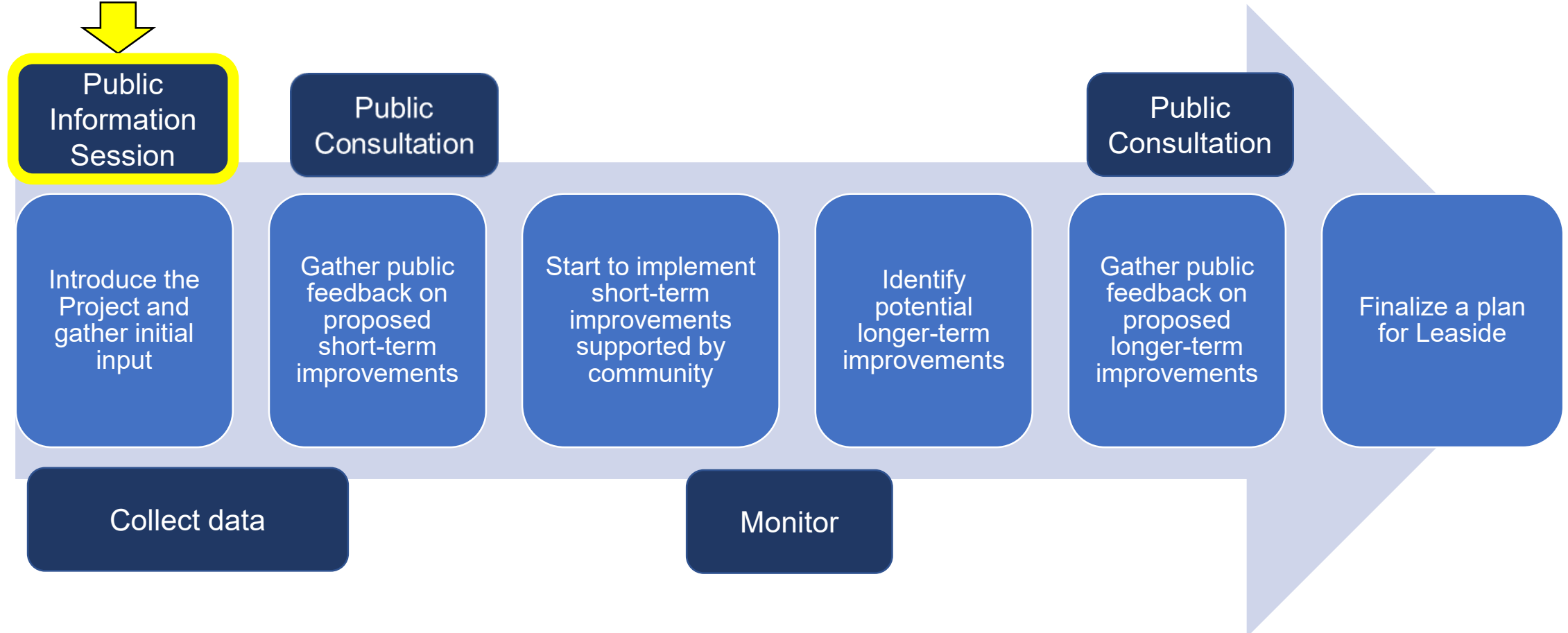
## Neighbourhood features:

- Three arterial roads (Bayview Ave, Eglinton Ave and Laird Dr)
- Four collector roads (Broadway Ave, McRae Dr, Millwood Rd and Southvale Dr)
- Local roads
- Seven schools 



# Study Process

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# What We Need to Know

Evidence-based approach to understand existing conditions in Leaside:

- **Traffic data collection** conducted by the City to measure vehicle volumes, speeds and turning movement counts
  - Existing data from traffic studies conducted in previous years is outdated
  - COVID-19 has significantly delayed collection of up-to-date traffic data
- **Collision data** collected by Toronto Police Services
  - Collisions resulting in death or serious injury
- **Concerns and requests** from the public and local Councillor
  - Calls to 311 about traffic operations and road safety
  - City staff have participated in discussions with local residents
- **Site visits and observations** in the neighbourhood

# Challenges

## Impacts of COVID-19

As a result of COVID-19, Transportation Services has been unable to collect traffic data and has delayed the public consultation in the Leaside neighbourhood and rest of the City

## Many moving parts

The ongoing construction of the Eglinton Crosstown Light Rail Transit and development sites, planning discussion of the Ontario Line, and the future plan in the Laird-In-Focus planning area, have/will have an impact on traffic patterns in the area

# Opportunities

## **Impacts of COVID-19 – Let us be more nimble and forward-thinking**

Since 2020, Transportation Services has initiated a number of pilots in response to COVID-19. These pilots have provided us with new information to be more nimble and to prepare us for the future

## **Many moving parts – Let us be more coordinated**

City has communicated and coordinated with Metrolinx and other stakeholders, to:

- ensure the impacts are understood and minimized
- bundle construction in proximity to minimize disruption to neighbourhood, and
- integrate Leaside Neighbourhood Transportation Plan with other adjacent plans

# A “Toolbox” of Strategies

The City has a variety of tools that can be used to encourage safety:

1. Speed limit reduction
2. Slow Down lawn signs
3. Watch Your Speed Program
4. Pavement markings/flex posts
5. Turn prohibition signs and By-laws
6. Traffic calming measures
7. Intersection controls
8. Road re-design (e.g. traffic diversion)





# Phased Improvements

The Leaside Neighbourhood Transportation Plan will take a phased approach:

## **What is it?**

- Implementation of multiple interventions strategically over a period of time

## **Why this approach?**

- Allows some improvements (i.e. quick wins) to be implemented sooner, without complete traffic data and analyses
- Implements incrementally to optimize the effectiveness of the interventions
- Allows for periodic monitoring and public feedback of interim improvements before making permanent changes
- Aligns the implementation timing of LNTP recommendations with future road resurfacing

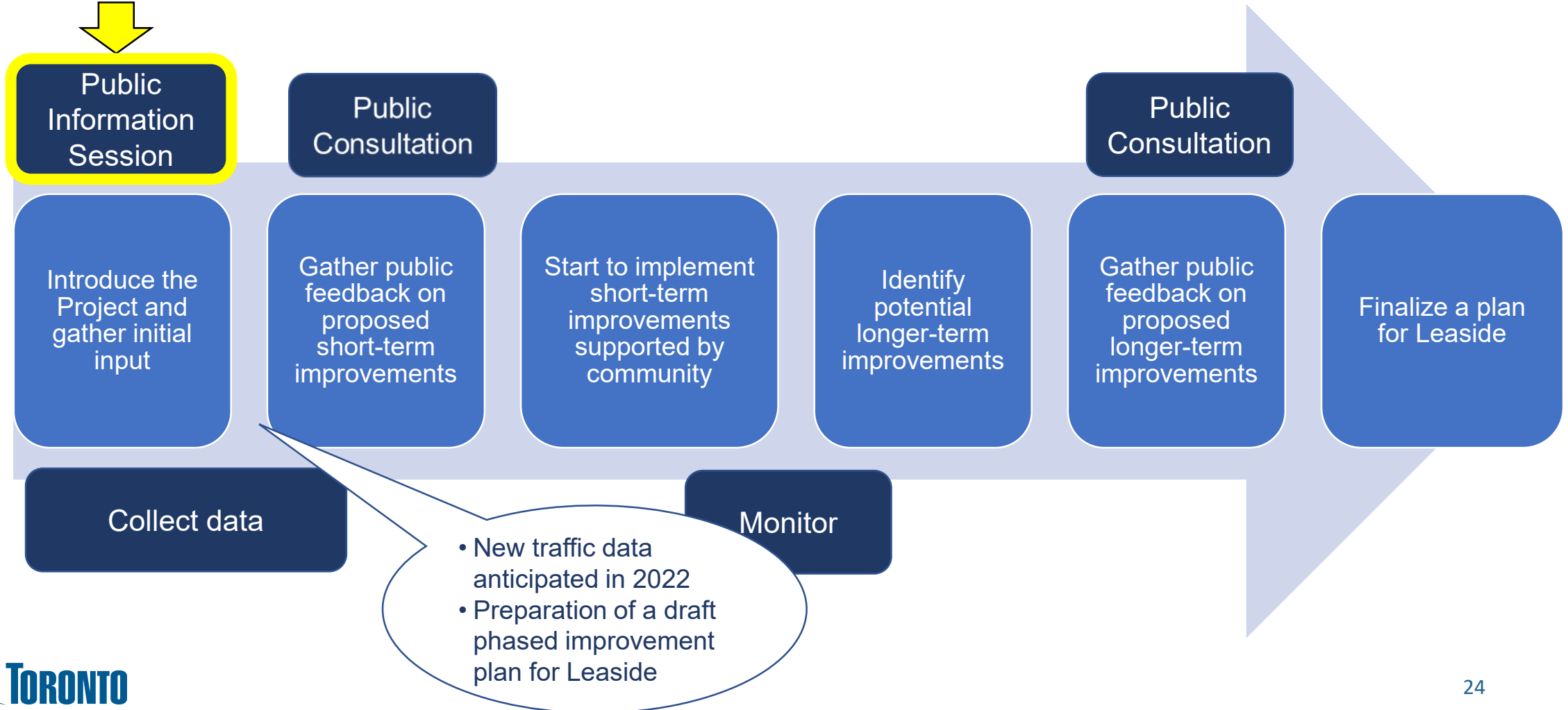
# Phased Improvements

Phased Improvement	Timeline of implementation	Examples
<b>Quick Wins</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• No council approval required</li><li>• Relatively small/localized intervention</li><li>• Minimal data/analysis required</li></ul>	Approx. 1 year*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Slow Down lawn signs</li><li>• Watch your speed signs</li><li>• Pavement markings/flex posts</li></ul>
<b>Short-term Improvements</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Council approval required</li><li>• Small area-wide impacts</li><li>• Some data/analysis required</li><li>• Public engagement required</li></ul>	Approx. 1-5 years*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Turn prohibitions</li><li>• Traffic calming</li><li>• Complex pavement markings/flex posts</li><li>• Intersection controls</li></ul>
<b>Longer-term improvements</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Council approval required</li><li>• Neighbourhood-wide impacts</li><li>• Full data/analysis required</li><li>• Public engagement required</li></ul>	Approx. 5+ years*  * Subject to variables outside of City's control e.g. coordination with externals, weather, supplies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Road re-design (e.g. traffic diversion)</li></ul>



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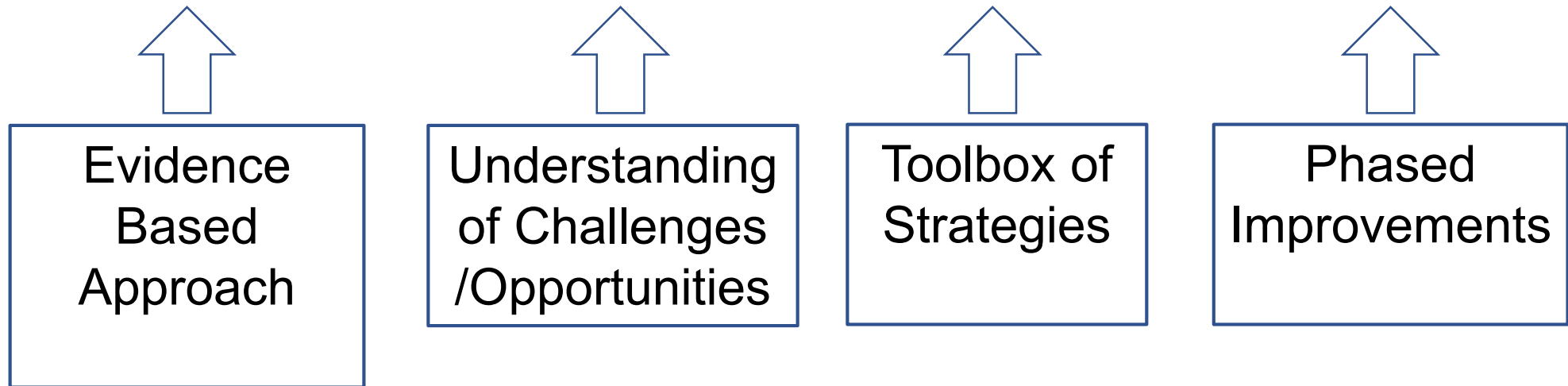
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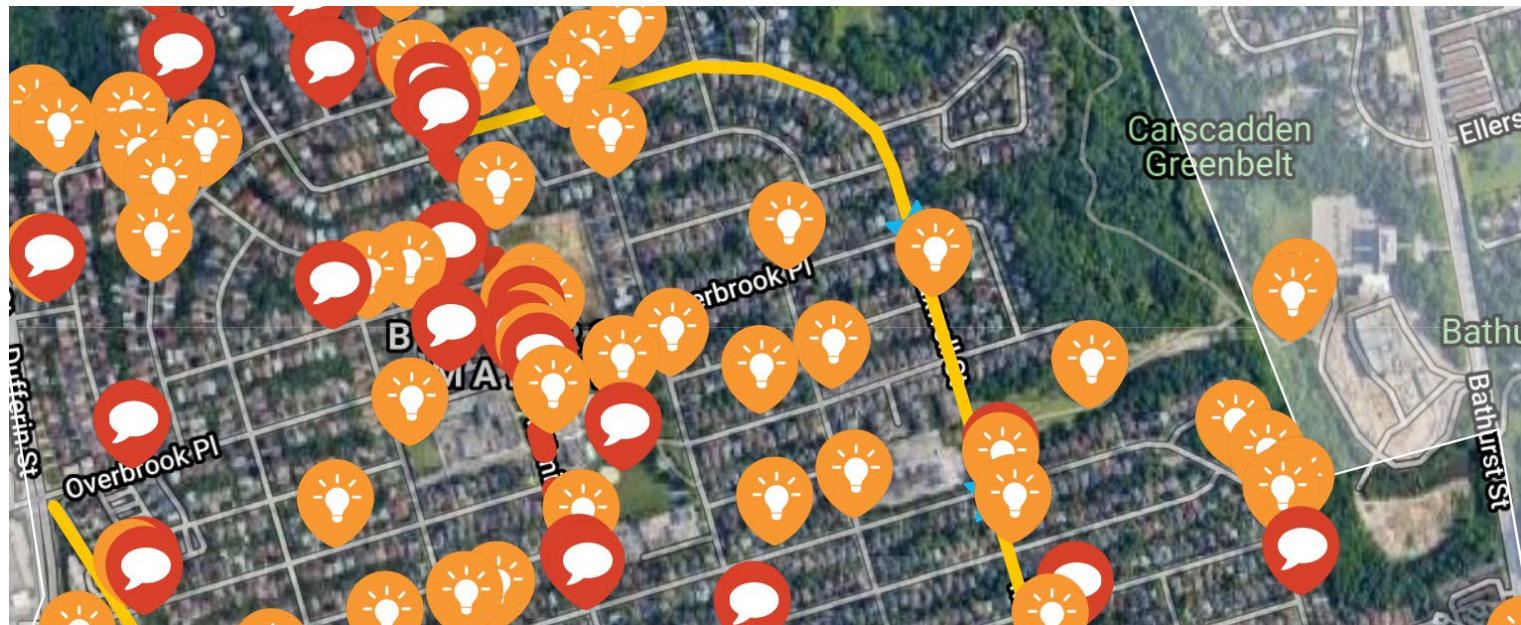
# Discussion & Questions



# Social Pinpoint Interactive Mapping



We will be launching an interactive map where community residents and stakeholders will be able to share their experiences, areas of concern, and ideas for improvements in Leaside based on the neighbourhood study area.



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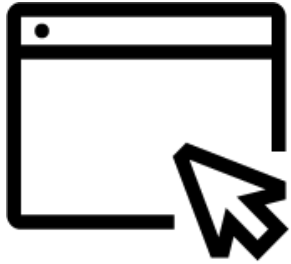
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# Discussion

**What locations in the neighbourhood should be considered for improvement? Why?**

**What type of improvement would you suggest?**

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