

2306 St. Clair West

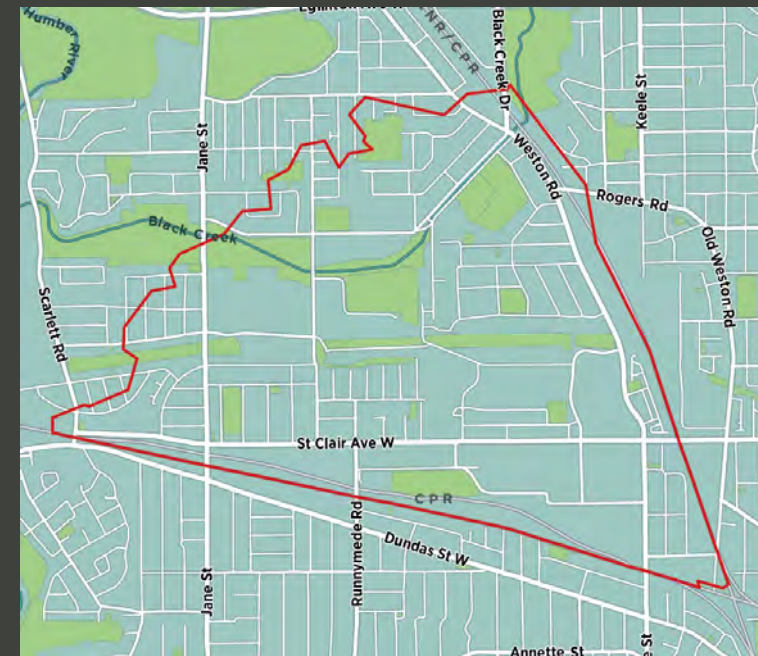
Neighbourhood Park Improvements

Virtual Open House

February 24th, 2021



*Please note that all attendees have been muted and cameras have been turned off until the discussion period.



Land Acknowledgement

I'd like to begin by honouring the land that I'm on. If you are not currently in Toronto, I encourage you to learn about the lands you're on.

We acknowledge the land we are meeting on is the traditional territory of many nations including the Mississaugas of the Credit, the Anishnabeg, the Chippewa, the Haudenosaunee and the Wendat peoples and is now home to many diverse First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples. We also acknowledge that Toronto is covered by Treaty 13 with the Mississaugas of the Credit.



Tonight's Open House

- Provide a **project update** and overview of the **community engagement process**
- Present high-level feedback we received through the **Interactive Mapping Activity**
- Provide info on **next steps** and how you can stay engaged on this process!



An aerial overview of the St. Clair Avenue West neighbourhood.



Agenda



Welcome, Opening Remarks and Team Introductions



Project Overview + What is Section 37?



Community Engagement



What We Heard: Online Mapping Exercise
(Questions of clarification)

thank
you!

Next Steps + Adjourn



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Project Overview

What is Section 37?

Rajesh Sankat

Parks, Forestry and Recreation

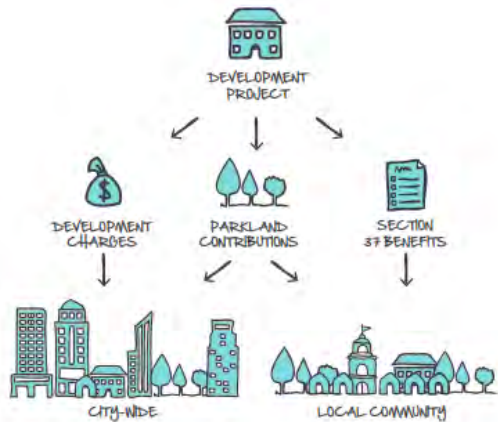
New development at 2306 St. Clair Avenue W

There will be a new 10-storey mixed-use building development at 2306 St. Clair Ave. W.

Funding from this development (Section 37) will be used to improve the local neighbourhood in walking distance from the new building.



What is Section 37?



You can learn more about Section 37 by visiting [Toronto.ca/Section37](https://toronto.ca/Section37).

Section 37 is an **essential tool** for helping to build healthier neighbourhoods.

- To be used towards local improvements within the vicinity of the site, including parks, streetscape, cycling and pedestrian safety improvements.
- Zoning bylaws control how the land in your neighbourhood is used, including the height and density of buildings.
- When a developer wants to build something that exceeds these limitations, Section 37 of Ontario's Planning Act allows the City to permit the developer's proposed construction, in return for **community benefits** (cash-in-lieu or in-kind contributions) that help to improve the neighbourhood the development is located in.
- **Section 37 benefits are used for a variety of local improvements that meet the needs of the community!**

Community Engagement

Rajesh Sankat

Parks, Forestry and Recreation

How should these funds be used to improve the local St. Clair West neighbourhood near the new development?



Park improvements (e.g. playground, splash pad, shade structure, basketball, tennis/pickle ball, seating)



Streetscape improvements (e.g. curb cuts)



Cycling safety



Pedestrian safety (e.g. park pathways, missing sidewalks, marked/improved crossing)



Lighting (e.g. park lighting)



Landscaping

A participatory community engagement process

Interactive Mapping



Using an interactive mapping platform **Social Pinpoint**, community residents were able to identify and share their experiences and ideas for local improvements on an online neighbourhood map, helping us to decide how these funds can be used!

February 1 to 19, 2021

Virtual Open House



Get a sneak peek at the community feedback from Social Pinpoint at tonight's Virtual Open House. Community residents are invited to provide early feedback and ask questions to members of the project team.

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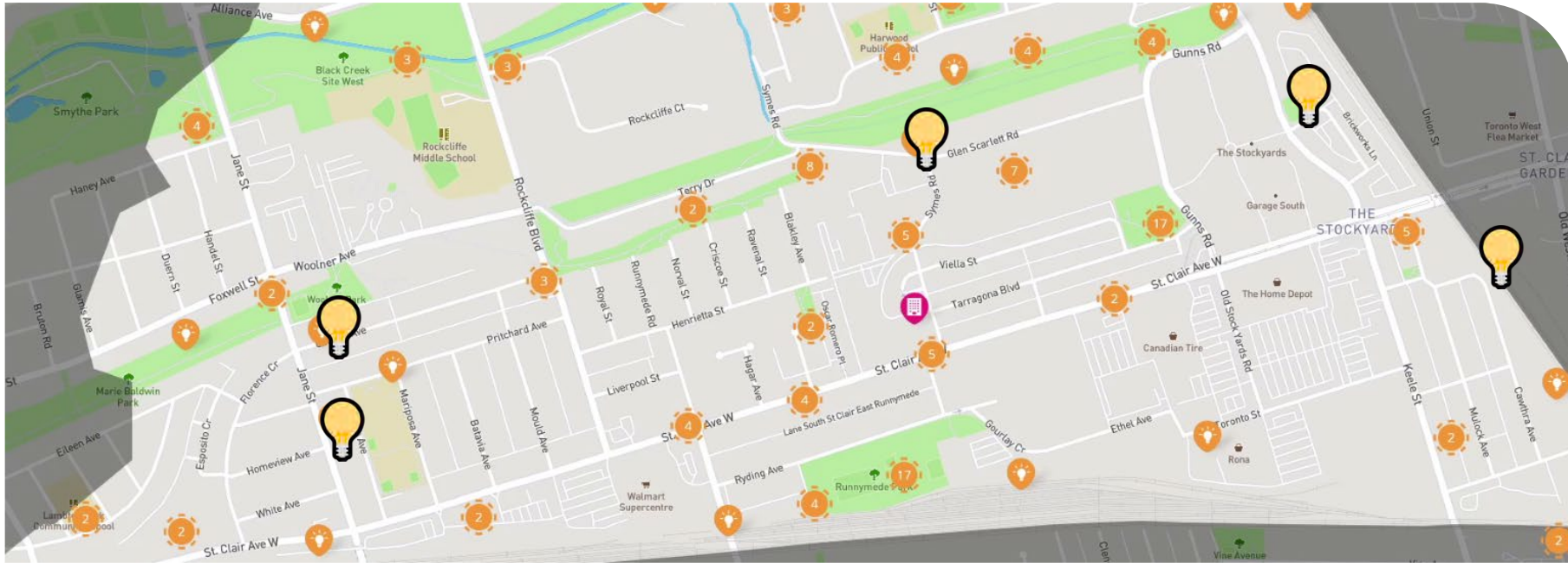
Idea Ranking



Using the community feedback from the Interactive Mapping Activity, the City will conduct an idea ranking exercise that allows residents to rank a set of final ideas for how Section 37 benefits could be used.

Launches on March 5th

Social Pinpoint: Interactive Mapping Activity



Using **Social Pinpoint's Interactive Map**, we invited community residents to identify and share their experiences and ideas for local neighbourhood improvements.



We received:

632 comments in the study area
249 comments related to parks
229 comments related to transportation
471 up-votes on comments in the study area

What We Heard

Parks-related results from Social Pinpoint

Alex Lavasidis

Parks, Forestry and Recreation

What We Heard

Lambton Park Community School

1. Playground Update 😊
Improvements related to the school's play structure and surface
2. Add a new outdoor learning space 🌿
Revitalize outdoor space and create new outdoor learning environments



What We Heard

Top 5 at Runnymede Park

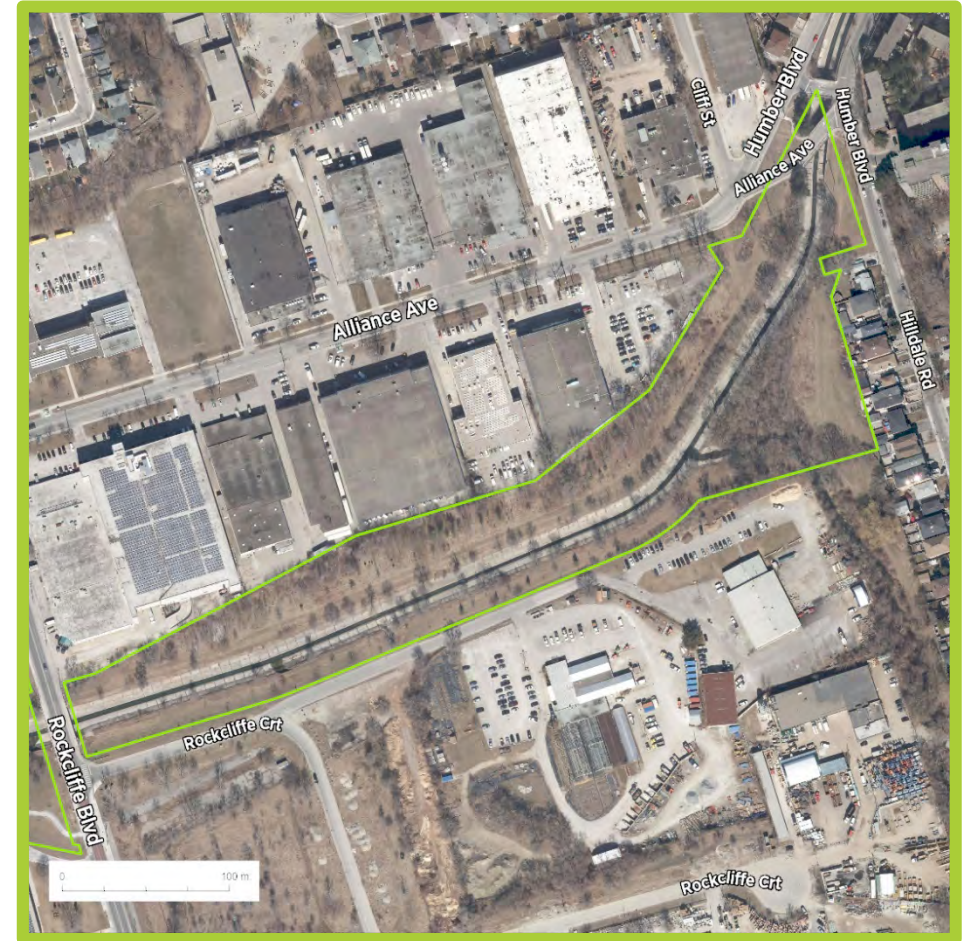
1. Playground Update 😊
2. Add Seating 🪑
3. Add a Community Garden 🥕
4. Add a Stage / Pavilion 🎭
5. Add a Splash Pad 💧



What We Heard

Top 5 at Black Creek Site West

1. Black Creek Re-naturalization / Improvement 🌿
2. Add a Farmer's Market Space 🍎
3. Add a Community Garden 🥕
4. Add an Ice Rink 🛹
5. Add a Playground 😊



What We Heard

Top 5 at Harwood Park

1. Add a Splash Pad 🌊
2. Playground Update 😊
3. Add a Dog Park 🐕
4. Add an Ice Rink 🛹
5. Add a Basketball Court 🏀



What We Heard

Top 5 at Maple Claire Park

1. Add Public Washrooms 🚽
2. Add a Basketball Court 🏀
3. Add an Ice Rink 🛹
4. Add a Pool 🏊
5. Add a Pathway Connecting the Playground to Gunns Road 🚶



What We Heard

Top 5 at Marie Baldwin Park

1. Add a Paved Pathway 🚶
2. Beautify the Hydro Field 🌻
3. Add a Community Garden (with a seating area and shade) 🥕
4. Add Market Space 🍎
5. Add a Dog Park 🐕



What We Heard

Top 5 at Gaffney Park

1. Build Stairs Connecting Gaffney and Lavender Creek Trails to Terry Drive



2. Complete Gaffney Trail



3. Add Garbage Bins and Waste Bag Dispensers (for dog owners)



4. Add Seating







5. Improve Lighting



What We Heard

Top 5 at Other Parks

1. Extend Black Creek trail to Symes Rd Trail
(*Black Creek East*) 
2. Shade by the Playground 
(*Upper Junction Park*)
3. Drinking Fountain/
Bottle Filling Station 
(*West Lake Park*)
4. Splash Pad 
(*West Lake Park*)



What We Heard

Transportation results from Social Pinpoint

Alex Lavasidis

Parks, Forestry and Recreation

Transportation-Related Feedback

We received over **227 transportation-related** comments through Social Pinpoint!

- These comments ranged from **Pedestrian Experience, Streetscape, Lighting, and Cycling Safety and Infrastructure** improvements!
- These comments were spread evenly throughout the study area.

What we heard:

- Need for more pedestrian and cycling connectivity (sidewalks, bike lanes, curb cuts, bridges)
- Pedestrian and cycling safety (dedicated space, crosswalks, slowing/stopping vehicles, path lighting)

We are passing on all transportation-related feedback to the City's Transportation Services department, and will include these ideas in the ranking exercise next week.



What We Heard – Pedestrian Experience Improvements

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Pedestrian Experience

Up Votes

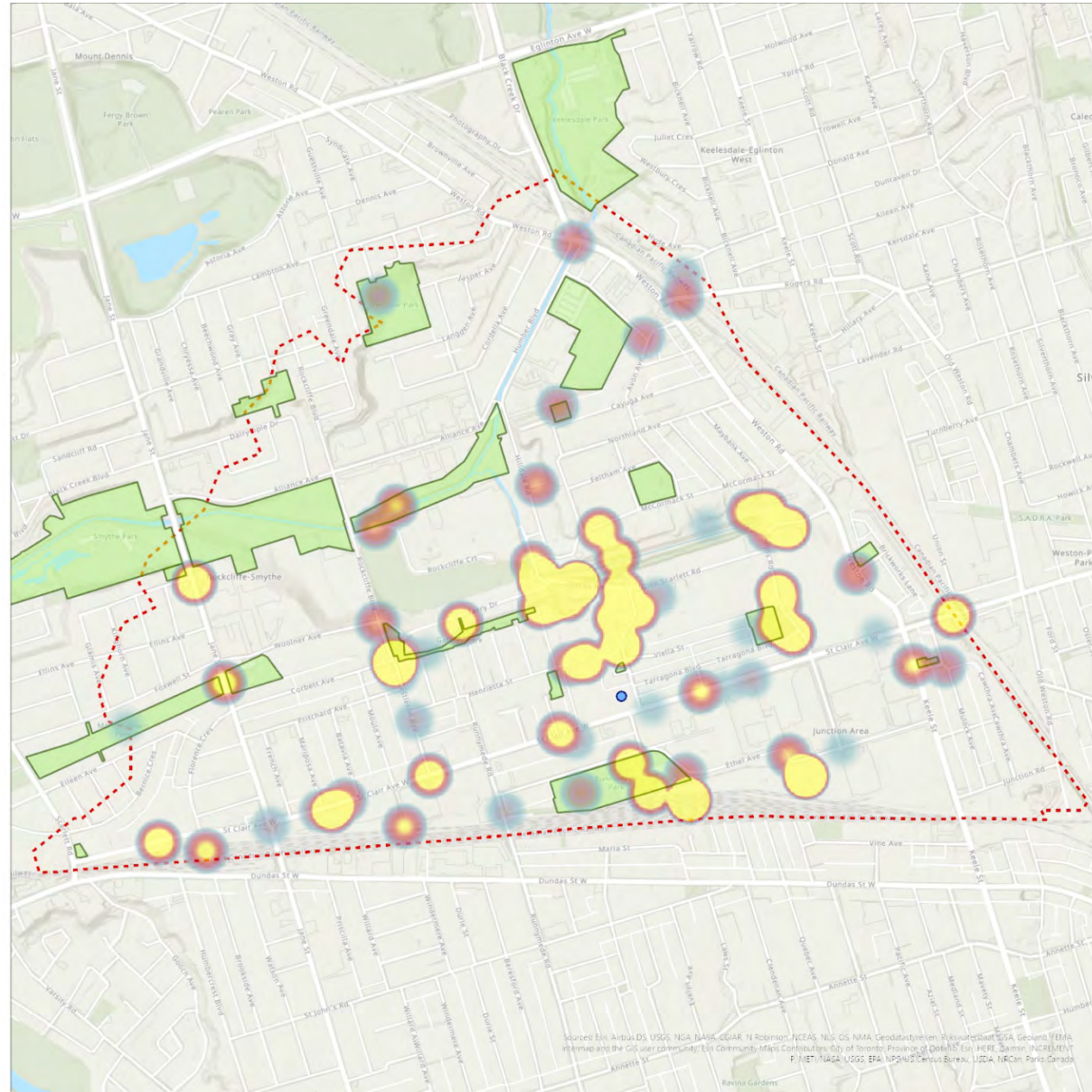
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Dense

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Study Area

Parkland



What We Heard – Streetscape Improvements

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Streetscaping

Up Votes

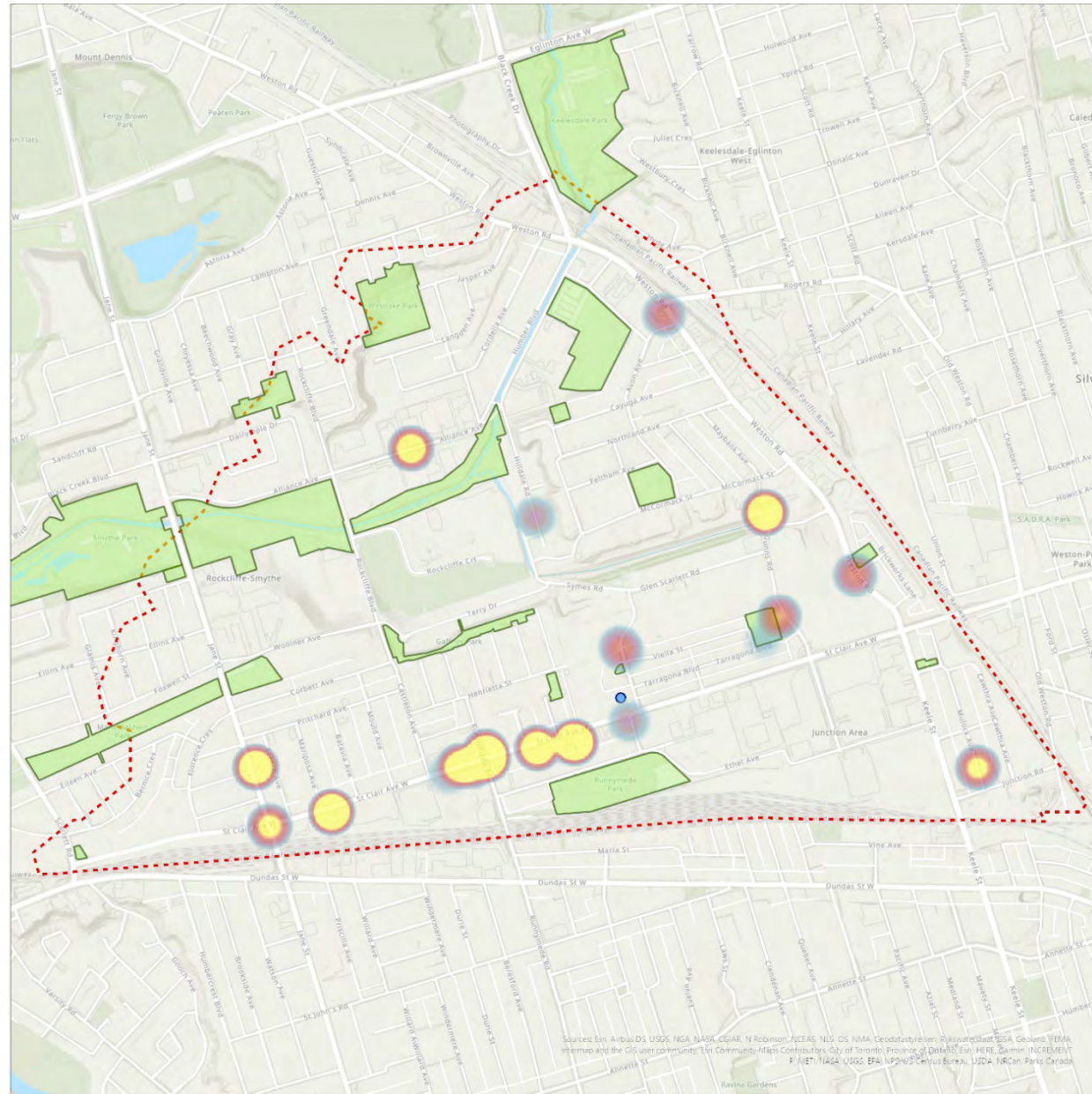
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What We Heard – Lighting Improvements

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Lighting
Up Votes

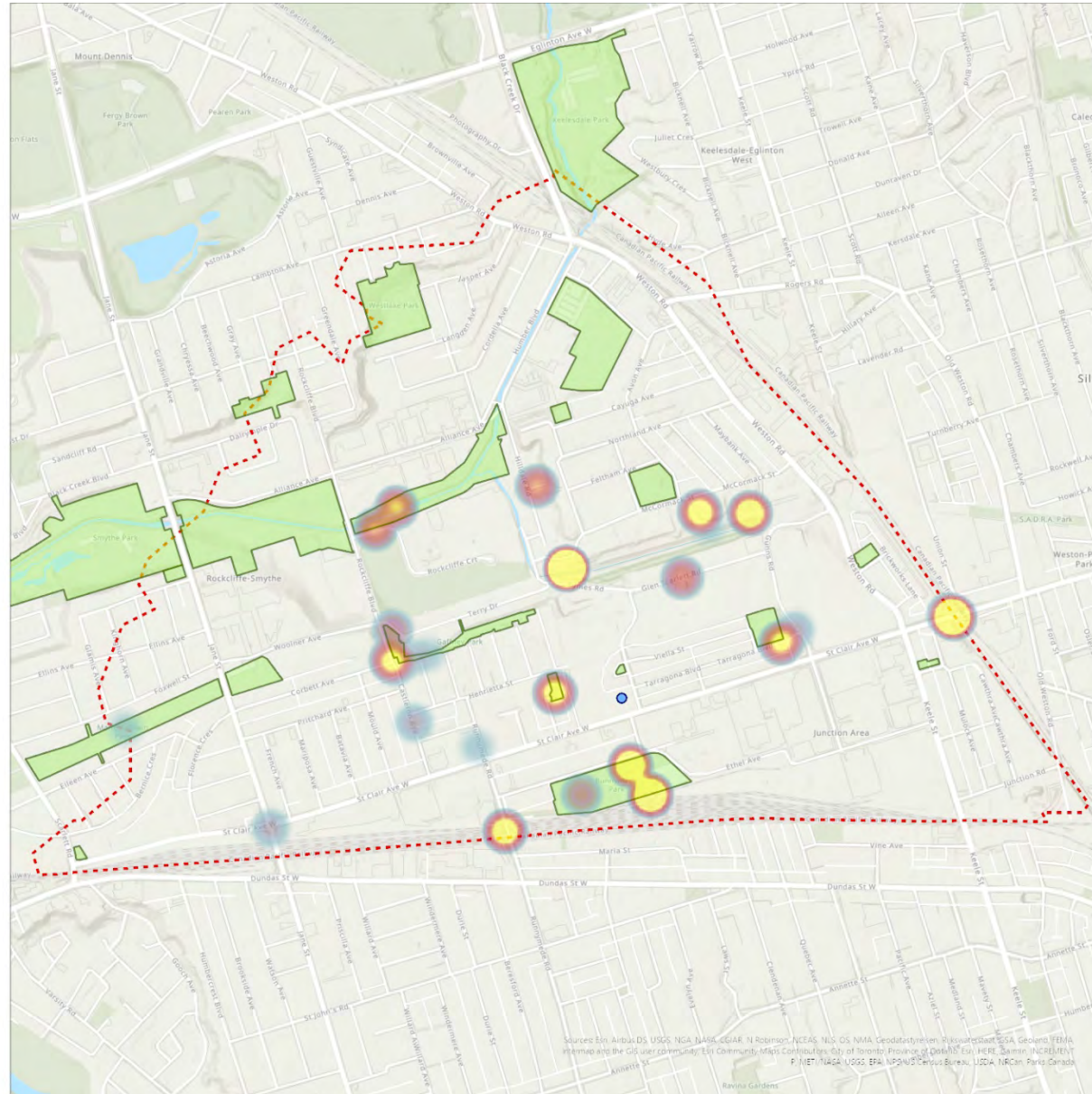
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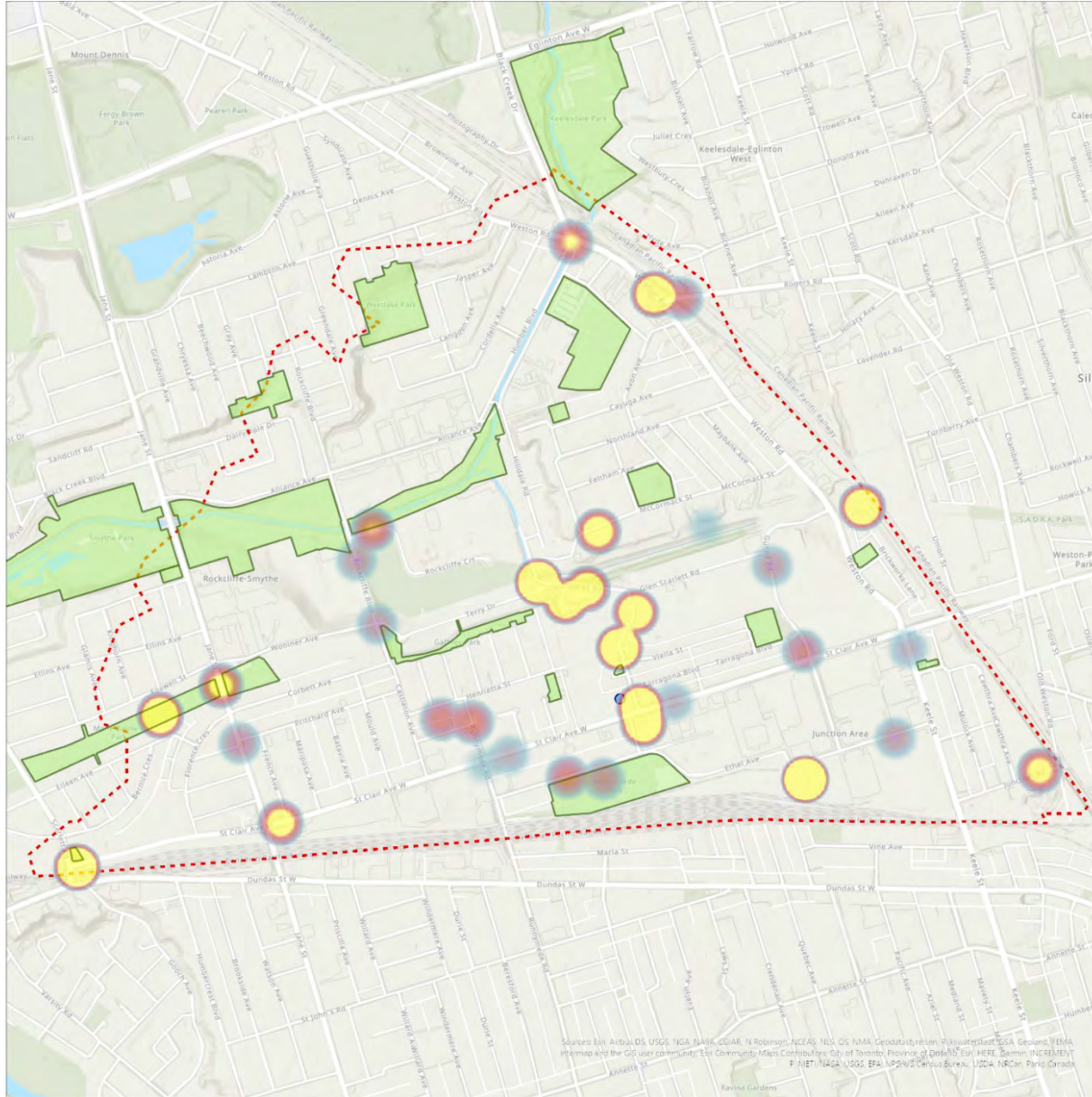
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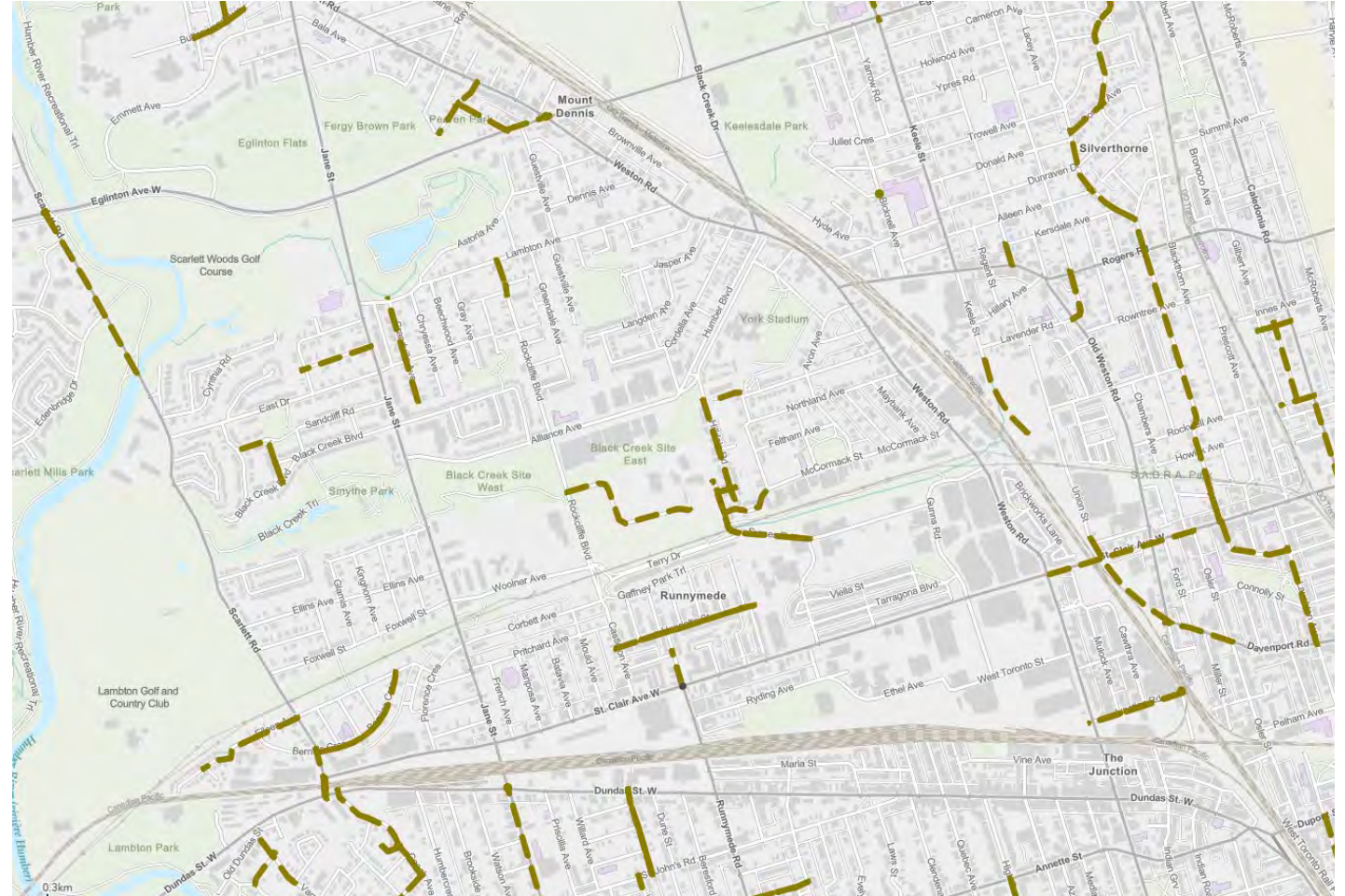


Upcoming work in the area in the next three years

- Road reconstruction
- Road resurfacing
- New sidewalks
- On-street bikeways

More info and project details here:

<https://map.toronto.ca/toinview/>

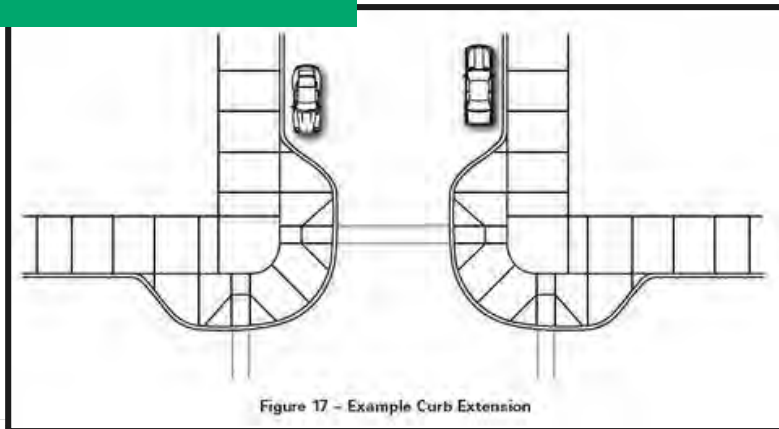


Planned Cycling Safety & Infrastructure Improvements

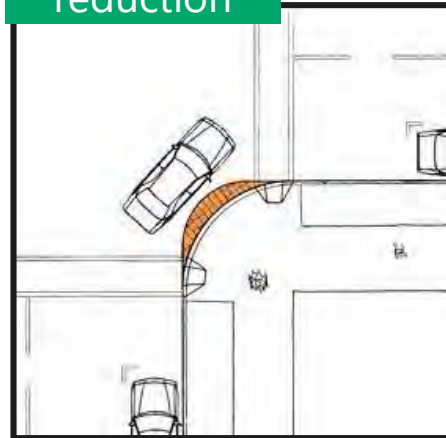
Types of improvements that can be expected with planned roadwork:

- Curb extensions
- Curb radii reductions
- Intersection normalization: reconfigure an irregular (skewed/offset) intersection
- Missing sidewalks (or widening of existing sidewalks to current standards)
- Raised crossings near schools
- Improvements to accessibility

Curb extension



Curb radii reduction



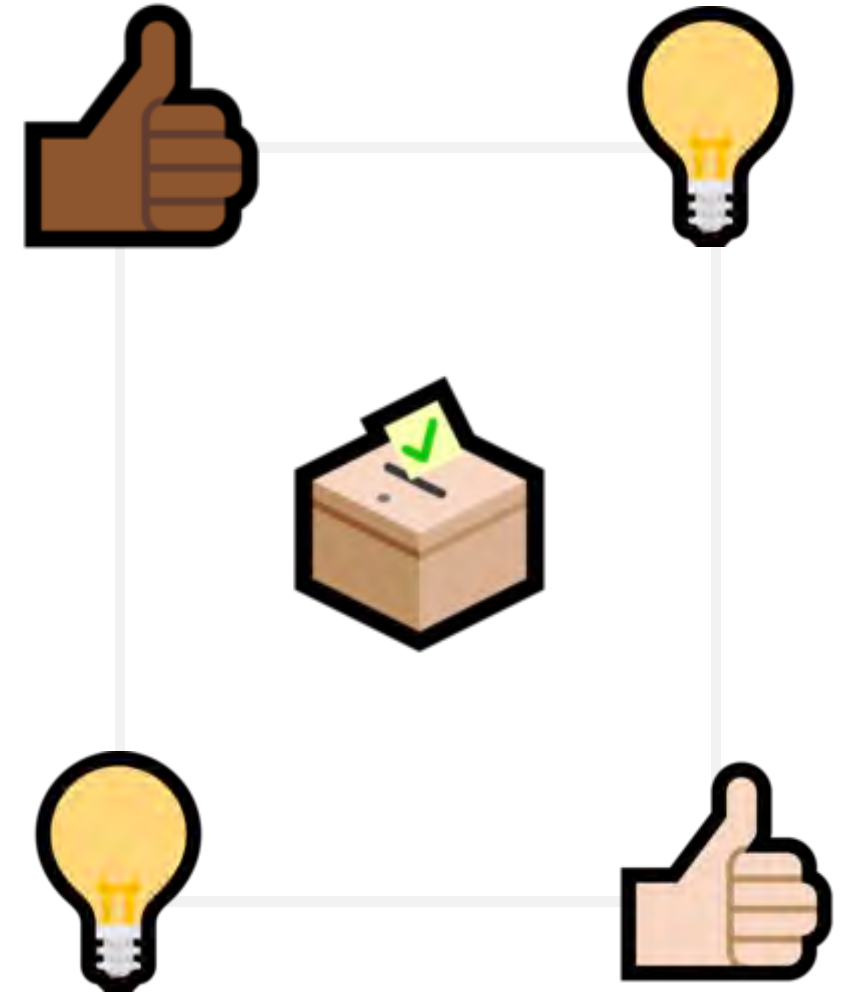
Raised crossings near schools



What's next?

Virtual Idea Ranking

- Launches on **Friday, March 5th** on the project webpage toronto.ca/StClairWestImprovements
- Will be an opportunity to virtually rank your preference on final ideas that came through the Interactive Mapping Exercise – some of which you had a sneak peek at tonight!
- **Will be open for 2 weeks!**



Do you have any questions?

Reminder: You will be able to review and rank the ideas you prefer through the virtual Idea Ranking exercise starting Friday, March 5th!



Next Steps

Visit the project webpage at
www.toronto.ca/StClairWestImprovements to:

- Sign up for e-updates!
- Access this presentation online, and a meeting summary in March
- Take part in the **Virtual Idea Ranking exercise** launching on March 5th!

Email any additional comments or questions to
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