

**Date:** Tuesday, November 26, 2024

**Meeting Type:** In-Person

**Start time:** 6:00 p.m. **End Time:** 8:30 p.m.

## Project Overview:

The City of Toronto is carrying out a Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (EA) Study to determine the design of new major streets and for the design, realignment and/or extension of some existing major streets identified in the Golden Mile area. The Study will complete Phases 3 and 4 of the EA process. The Study builds on the recommended infrastructure improvements identified in the Golden Mile Secondary Plan Study that was completed in 2020 and included the Golden Mile Transportation Master Plan PDF (TMP) that completed Phases 1 and 2 of the EA process.

The City of Toronto's Golden Mile Transportation Master Plan (TMP) and Golden Mile Secondary Plan (GMSP) identified improvements to the following corridors:

- O'Connor Drive (potential re-alignment, reconfiguration, and extension to Birchmount Road);
- Golden Mile Boulevard, (potential new east-west public street from Victoria Park Avenue to Birchmount Road);
- Craigton Drive (potential re-alignment, widening and reconfiguration);
- Thermos Road / Sinnott Road at Eglinton Avenue East intersection (potential reconfiguration); and
- Jonesville Crescent / Craigton Drive / Ashtonbee Road from Eglinton Avenue East to Birchmount Road (potential corridor improvements)

## Meeting Objectives:

Event #2- In-Person Meeting was held to present the recommended street design for each of the five (5) study corridors. Members of the public were able to review and provide feedback on the work completed to date and ask questions on the project.

## Meeting Overview:

The in-person meeting was held in the gymnasium of Clairlea Public School. The meeting was facilitated by Dominic Cobran, Senior Coordinator in the Public Consultation Unit. Councillor Parthi Kandavel gave opening remarks at the beginning of the presentation. A presentation was provided by Heather Templeton and Justin Jones of HDR, consultants on the project.

## Meeting Agenda

1. Introductions
2. Study Overview and Recap of the Phase 1 Public Consultation
3. Alternative Refinement and Evaluation
4. Recommended Alignments and Network

5. Recommended Street Designs
6. Next Steps
7. Q & A Period

After the presentation and Q & A period, attendees were invited to review and provide comments on the roll plans of the study corridors posted in the hallway outside the gymnasium. There was also an opportunity to further pose their questions/comments to project staff through one-on-one conversations.

Over 60 participants attended the Public Consultation Event.

## Questions & Comments

Below is a record of key points, concerns and follow up as identified through the Q & A period as well as through the roll-plan review period. The discussion captured is summarized below:

**Q:** Question | **A:** Answer | **C:** Comment | **R:** Response

**Action:** Action items and *Action Item* by Member.

The following questions and answers were provided during the meeting. All questions have been categorized by topic.

Topic	Questions and Comments	Project Team Response
<b>Q &amp; A Period</b>		
Emergency Services	<b>Q:</b> How will emergency vehicles get through when there is only one lane each direction?	<b>A:</b> Emergency services have been consulted on this project and they have not raised any issues with their operation.  There are many other 2-lane streets in Toronto where emergency services vehicles can get through.
Consultation	<b>C:</b> The public should have been consulted before the drawings were made. O'Connor Drive is a driving road.	<b>R:</b> Comment noted.
Traffic Operations	<b>C:</b> The bridge on O'Connor Drive over Woodbine Avenue currently sees capacity issues, this should be solved before or in tandem with other works on O'Connor Drive.	<b>R:</b> Comment noted.
Eglinton Crosstown LRT Signals	<b>C:</b> Perhaps this is a part of the Eglinton Crosstown signal adjustments, but currently we can't make a northbound left turn from	<b>R:</b> Comment noted and will be shared with the corresponding City staff.

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	Victoria Park Avenue onto Eglinton Avenue.	
Project Timeline	<b>Q:</b> When will construction take place?	<p><b>A:</b> This EA Study is anticipated to be complete in 2025. Individual developers are in different stages of the planning process, with some that are slated to begin construction of local streets next year. However, the full buildout of the Golden Mile area could take decades.</p> <p>To offer some perspective, the intensification of North York Centre has taken over 30 years and is still on-going.</p>
Eglinton Crosstown LRT Signals	<b>C:</b> Currently we cannot make a northbound left turn onto Eglinton Avenue.	<b>R:</b> Comment noted. There will be new north-south streets in the Golden Mile area that can turn onto Eglinton Avenue.
Active Transportation	<b>Q:</b> How will the new provincial legislation on the removal of bike lanes impact the proposed designs?	<b>A:</b> Our understanding of the legislation is that it does not apply to new streets.
Accessibility	<b>Q:</b> How can people with mobility devices be accommodated?	<b>A:</b> More accessibility features will be incorporated during the detailed design phase, but the design will follow City accessibility standards.
Project Timeline	<b>Q:</b> How will the roads be constructed?	<b>A:</b> They will be constructed as the area goes through redevelopment, over the span of many years.
Costs	<b>Q:</b> How will this project be paid for?	<b>A:</b> Where possible, the City is letting development pay for the new roads.
Population	<b>Q:</b> How were population and mode split values estimated?	<b>A:</b> The population and mode split forecasting was completed during the TMP and development of the Golden Mile Secondary Plan. They have been updated throughout the EA as development applications have proceeded and population figures have been revised.
Property Impact	<b>Q:</b> What will happen to the existing big box stores?	<b>A:</b> Councillor Kandavel will hold a public meeting focused on

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		<p>development in the area in the new year.</p> <p>The City cannot demand the provision of a specific store, that is the landowner's prerogative. However, there is the expectation that current supermarkets would remain.</p>
Future Development	<b>Q:</b> How can we know that there won't be more streets to cut through the area in the future?	<b>A:</b> The City has no future plans for more roads in the area.
Alignment Configuration	<b>C:</b> The O'Connor Drive reconfiguration looks like a very sharp turn.	<b>R:</b> Comment noted. The turn has been designed to safely accommodate all types of vehicles, including heavy trucks.
Property Impact	<b>Q:</b> What will be the impacts to the pumping station due to the Craigton Drive reconfiguration?	<b>A:</b> No impacts are anticipated to the pumping station. The project team is working with Emergency Services to relocate the existing EMS station north of the pumping station to elsewhere within the Golden Mile to make space for future works at the pumping station.
Eglinton Crosstown LRT Signals	<b>Q:</b> What are the impacts of the Eglinton Crosstown LRT signal changes?	<b>A:</b> This is outside the scope of this EA Study.
Active Transportation	<b>Q:</b> How will technologies like e-scooters and self-driving vehicles be accommodated in the Golden Mile area?	<b>A:</b> There are spaces in the designs of the streets within the Golden Mile area that are reserved for infrastructure such as bike share and car-share. We are working with the Toronto Parking Authority to coordinate the provision of these spaces.

**Total Participants: 66**

## Project Team and Panelists

### City of Toronto:

- Cassidy Ritz - Transportation Services
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- Justin Jones – HDR
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