

Maple Leaf and Rustic Neighbourhood Streets Plan

Local Advisory Committee

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The LAC is a non-political advisory body with a mandate to provide constructive feedback to the City Project team as part of Phase 2 of Public Consultation for the Maple Leaf & Rustic Neighbourhood Streets Plan and provide insights to residents' perspectives.

Agenda

- Presentation (30 minutes)
 - Introduce Keele-Lawrence project
 - Introduce Culford Road and Queen's Drive project
 - Proposed Changes-Revised
 - Public Consultation
- Questions and Discussion (40 minutes)
- Wrap-up

Maple Leaf and Rustic Neighbourhood Streets Plan Key Findings

1. Congestion at the Keele-Lawrence Intersection is a core issue
2. East-West infiltration is seen as an outside problem
3. Culford Road is a central community route
4. School areas could function better
5. Residents would like walking to become a more safe and comfortable option

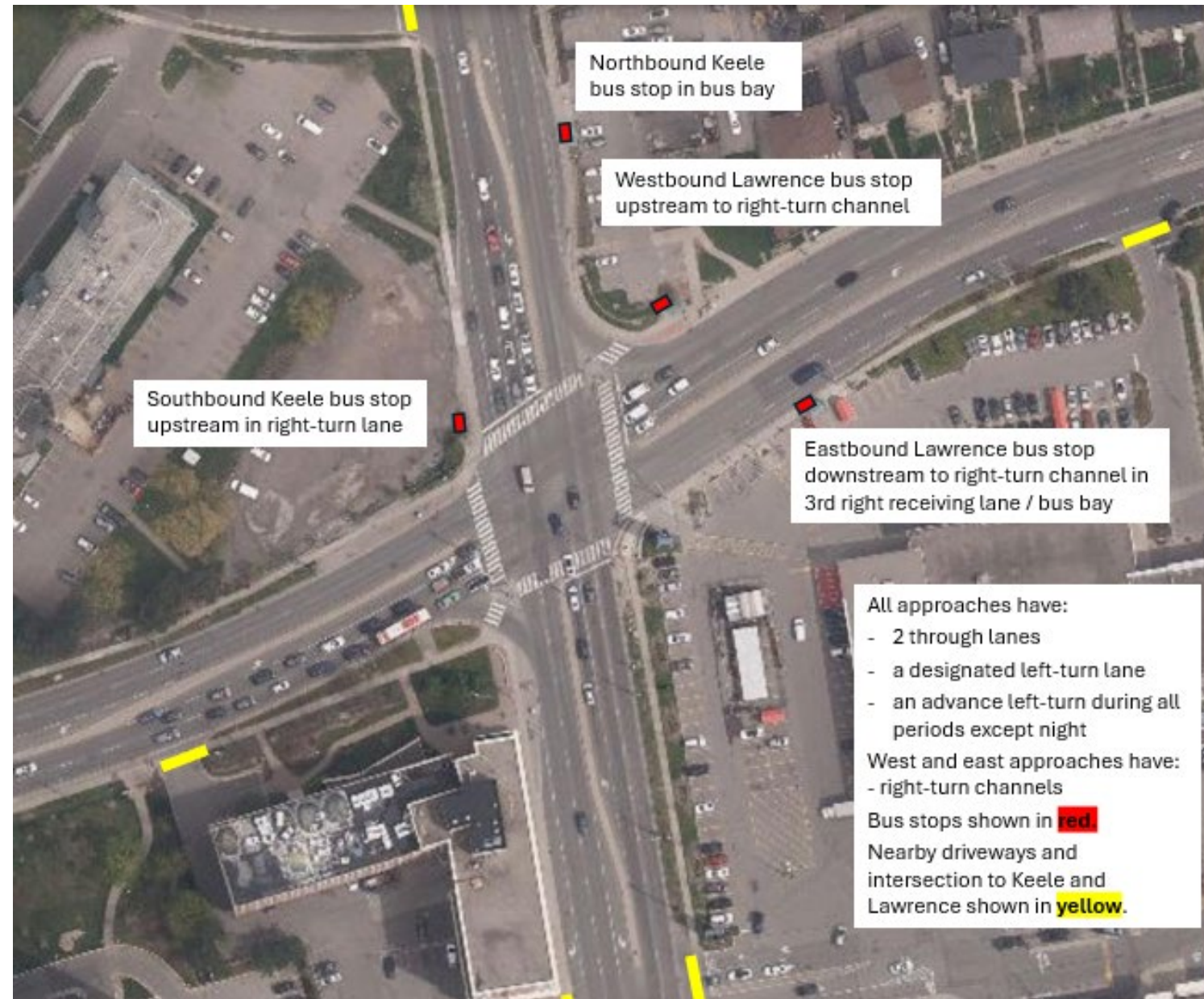


Keele-Lawrence Intersection

Scope

A study to investigate options for operational improvement and design improvements, such as:

- Signal timing changes, new signal phases and related infrastructure
- Bus stop relocations
- Changes to intersection layout, including geometry
- Restrictions upstream and downstream



Existing conditions at Keele Avenue and Lawrence Avenue West

Work Plan

- Consultant-led study; contract under final negotiation now
- Streets Plans Project Manager will manage the consultant
- Collaboration with relevant teams in Transportation Services:
 - Traffic Signals Operation
 - Traffic Systems Capital Planning
 - Vision Zero Projects
 - Capital Planning and Program

- Consultant tasks include:
 - Background review
 - Existing conditions memo
 - Develop conceptual options
 - Assess and evaluate options
 - Presentation of findings
 - Final report

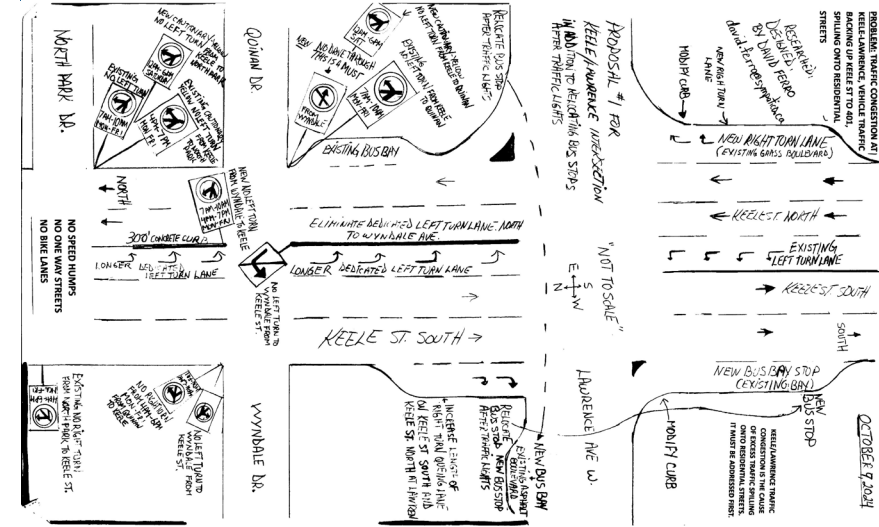
Findings of study will be reported to Etobicoke York Community Council with implementation plan prepared by City staff

Anticipated to take 9-12 months

Community Engagement

- All design input and feedback provided by the Maple Leaf and Rustic Local Advisory Committee will be provided to consultant
- The Maple Leaf and Rustic Neighbourhood Streets Plan final public event and survey will have a dedicated section
 - what we know about the intersection
 - a summary of comments the public and local advisory committee have shared to date
 - opportunity to provide any additional insights
- Study findings will be shared as an update to the Streets Plan project email mailing list before formal reporting to Community Council; there will be an opportunity for Councillor newsletter article around that time

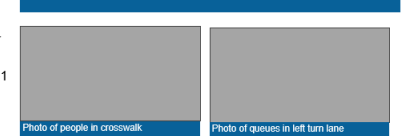
Input from LAC will be provided to consultant



1. Keele-Lawrence Intersection

Residents have raised concerns about congestion on major corridors, particularly that the delays at the Keele-Lawrence intersection encourage drivers to divert through neighbourhood streets.

- Streets to the immediate northeast (such as Duval Drive, North Park Drive, Quinlan Drive, Redberry Parkway) are a focus of concern.
- There is also general concerns about diversion to Culford Road and other east-west streets (such as Falstaff Avenue, Maple Leaf Drive, and Rustic Road) from drivers avoiding Keele Street or Lawrence Avenue due to delays at this intersection.
- During daytime hours, at least 35,400 vehicles pass through the intersection during a over an 8-hour period including 6700 pedestrians. 30% of all motor vehicles are turning right, a 50-50 split turning right versus left.
- Bus stops located on the north and east service TTC routes in Keele, 52 Lawrence, 59 Maple Leaf and the 400 Community Route.
- Over the last 10 years, there were 5 collisions that resulted in a death or serious injury including 3 pedestrians. 680 collisions total were reported.
- The layout has two (2) through travel lanes per direction plus turn lanes. There is a designated left-turn lane with advance left signal for all legs, and eastbound and westbound right turn channels.
- Street network barriers such as the east rail corridor and Highway 401 contribute to high demand / volumes at this intersection as both Lawrence Avenue and Keele Street cross these barriers.



Topic will be included in final LAC meeting and final public event for the Maple Leaf & Rustic Neighbourhood Streets Plan



Culford Road

Character of Culford Road

Culford Road is the central north-south route through the heart of the Maple Leaf & Rustic Neighbourhood:

- Collector Road with mix of homes, parks, schools, Rustic Bakery retail plaza
- TTC Bus Service Route 59 Maple Leaf
- Daily volume of approx. 3500-3750 vehicle trips; equally busy AM and PM
- 85th percentile operating speed over 48km/h (qualifies for traffic calming)

We have heard requests for improvement from residents:

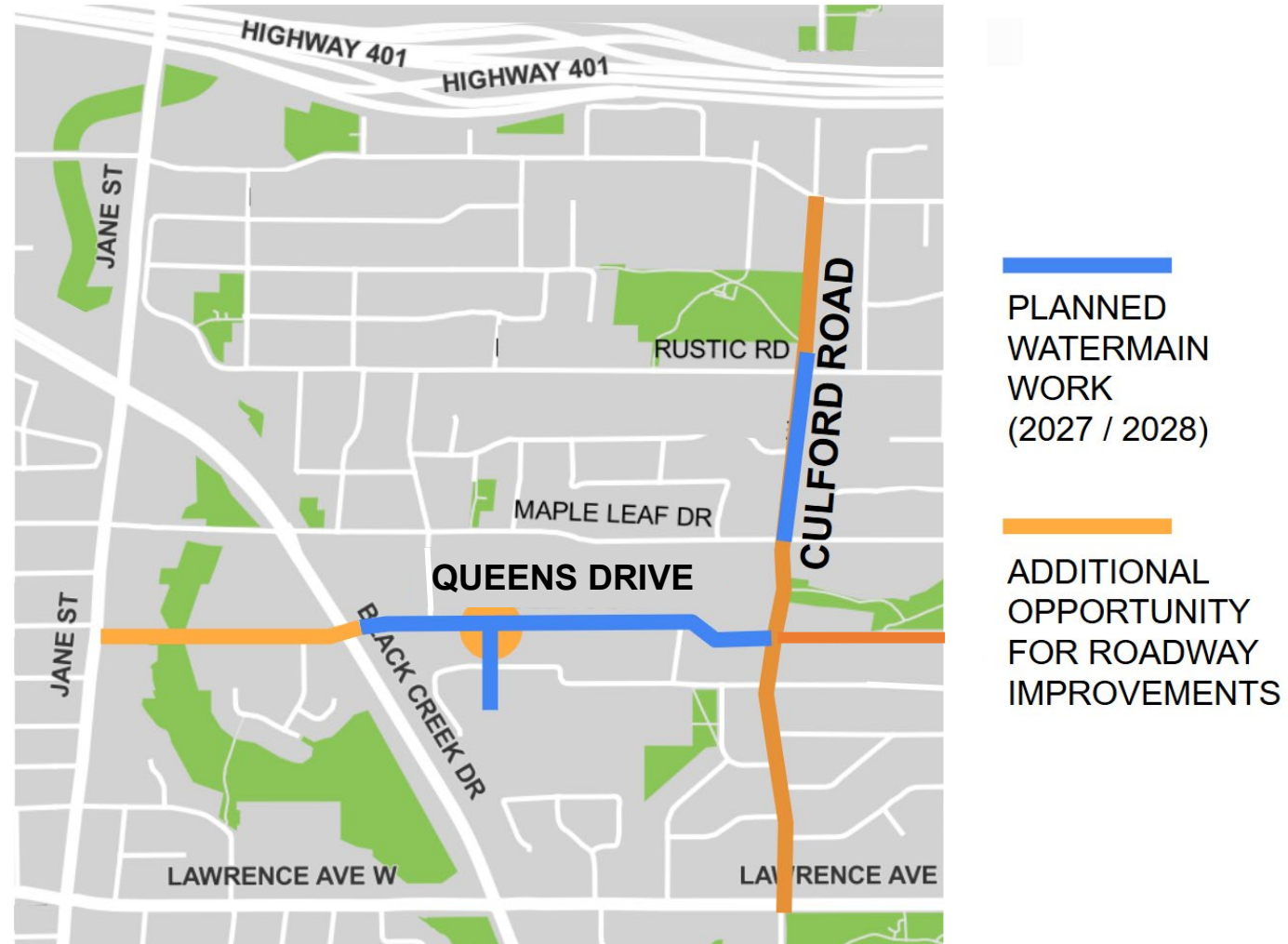
- No parking zone on east side north of Rustic Road to improve visibility and safety
- Improve entrance access at Maple Leaf Park
- Safety improvements at intersection with Rustic Road near local retail and school
- Improvement or relocation of school bus loading zone for Maple Leaf Public School
- New traffic signal at Culford Road and Maple Leaf Drive



Culford Road during school pick-up time

Scope of Potential Work

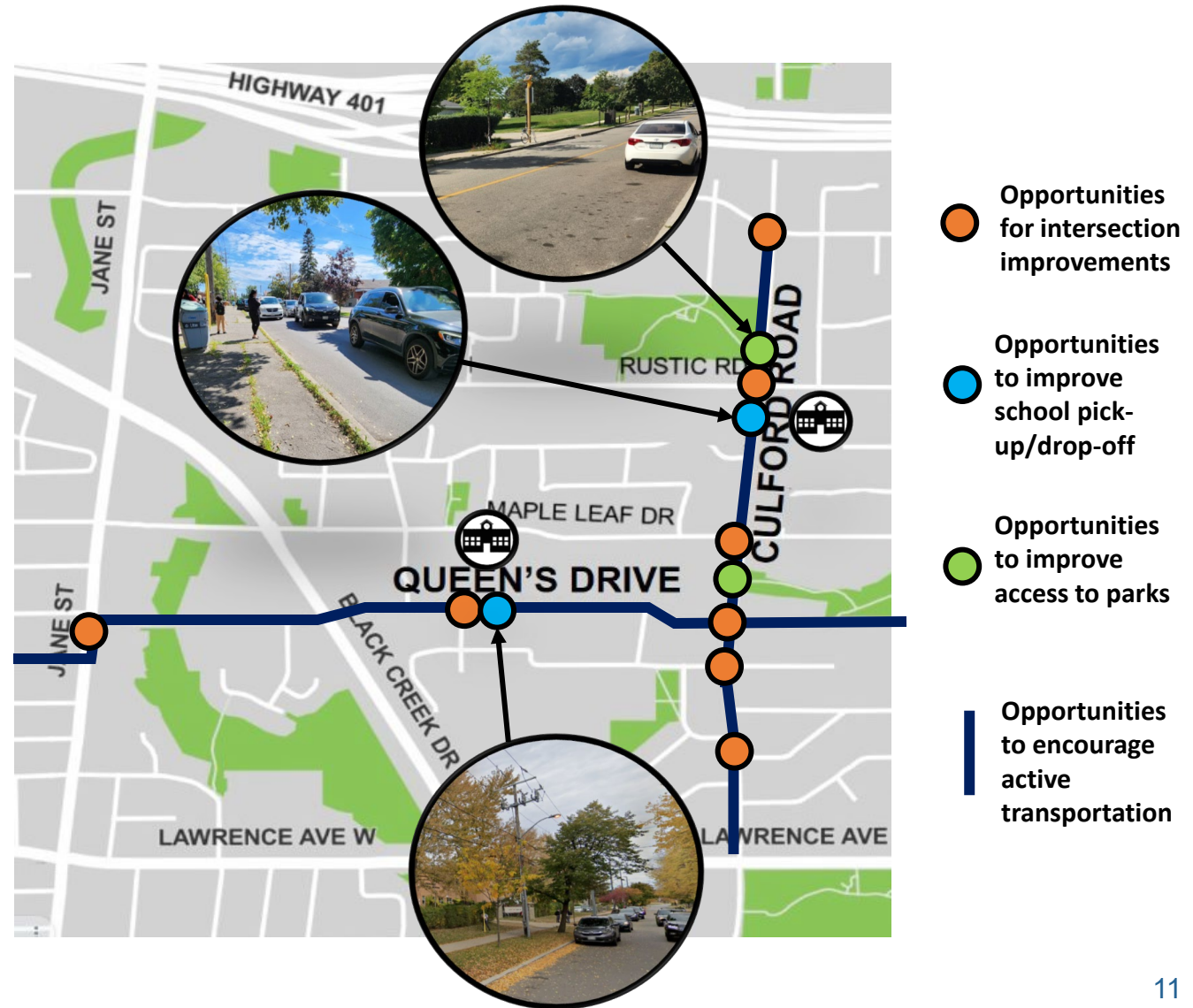
- Watermain replacement work is currently planned on Culford Road and Queens Drive in 2027-2028
- This provides an opportunity to consider changes to street design that would:
 - discourage non-local traffic
 - incorporate findings from the Neighbourhood Streets Plan
 - improve connections for pedestrians, public transit riders and people cycling without changing the number of vehicle lanes or direction of streets



Opportunities to Address Concerns

Several design changes can be considered to make Culford Road look and feel like a community street to operate better for residents and discourage non-local traffic:

- Intersection safety and bus stop improvements
- Adjust school bus loading zone at Maple Leaf Public School to improve safety and congestion
- Improve access and manage parking near Queen's Greenbelt and Maple Leaf Park
- Narrow roadway and travel lanes to lower speeds and introduction of active transportation routes
- Add a mix of multi-use paths and bikeways to make active routes to school safer and more attractive, helping with school related congestion



Work Plan and Timeline

Fall 2025	Introduce the project at the final Maple Leaf & Rustic Neighbourhood Streets Plan community meeting
Winter 2026	Develop a design plan for Culford Road and Queens Drive in consultation with community
Spring 2026	City Council Decision on approved street improvements, through Infrastructure & Environment Committee
2027	Construction of new watermains and any approved street improvements

- Detailed design option(s) will:
 - Incorporate community feedback gathered through the Neighbourhood Streets Plan
 - Incorporate additional needs raised by the TTC, local schools (particularly Maple Leaf Public School and Chaminade College School which front on Culford Road and Queens Drive), and residents of the streets and surrounding areas
 - Manage utility conflicts
- Construction will be coordinated for a 'one-and-done' project improving both water service and street operations together

Community Engagement

Today!	Introduce potential scope of work to Maple Leaf & Rustic Local Advisory Committee and ideas and inspiration for design options
Later Fall 2025 – Date TBC	Introduce project as part of the final Maple Leaf & Rustic Neighbourhood Streets Plan public event; include question in final survey to gather preliminary input on goals for improvements to Culford Road and Queens Drive
Winter 2026	Small group meeting(s) with interest groups (e.g. TTC and local schools)
Late Winter - Spring 2026	Community event and survey to review design option(s) for Culford Road and Queens Drive and provide feedback on opportunities and impacts
Spring 2026	City Council Decision on approved street improvements, with option for community members to depute at Infrastructure & Environment Committee
2027	Design team will remain accessible through project inbox throughout pre-construction notice period, construction, and settling in period after construction



Proposed Changes-Revised

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Proposed Changes in Short-Term and Medium-Term

Proposed Traffic Operation Changes

- 1 Keele-Lawrence Study
- ▲ In-road speed signs

Proposed Safety Improvements

- 2 Culford Rd & Queens Dr Project (further consultation Spring 2026)
- New pedestrian crossing
- Intersection safety improvement
- Designated Safety Zone
- ⊘ No parking or no stopping
- Minor safety improvement

KEY REVISIONS

- 1 New Keele-Lawrence study
- 2 New Culford Rd & Queens Dr project
- ✖ No one-way streets
- ✖ No change to allow parking at existing locations with no parking restriction
- ⊘ Few more restrictions
- No cycling connections beyond option analysis in Culford Rd & Queens Dr project



REVISED PROPOSAL

East-West Infiltration

What has changed?

- All proposals for one-way loops have been removed
- Right-in-right-out only restrictions at Keele Street and Wyndale Dr/Quinan Dr can be considered as part of Keele-Lawrence intersection improvement study
- Turn restrictions at Queens Drive and Arkwright Avenue can be considered as part of the Culford Road and Queens Drive project:
 - No through from Queen Drive eastbound from 7am to 9am, and from 4pm to 6pm (bicycles excepted) – as part of Culford Road and Queens Drive project
 - No right-turns from Arkwright Street to Queens Drive from 7am to 9am, and from 4pm to 6pm (bicycles excepted) – as part of Culford Road and Queens Drive project
- Staff are assisting Councillor with Erie Street turn restrictions inquiry being handled separately

What proposals remain?

- Turn restrictions are proposed:
 - No left-turns from driveways of Tim Horton's (2029 Jane Street) and apartment building (20 Falstaff Avenue) to Falstaff Avenue from 7am to 9am, and from 4pm to 6pm (primarily for safety reasons)

School Areas

What has changed?

- All proposals for one-way loops have been removed
- Turn restrictions at intersection of Queens Drive and Arkwright Avenue can be considered as part of Culford Road and Queens Drive project

What proposals remain?

- Measures to support the new location of St. Fidelis Catholic School
 - Designate School Safety Zone on Falstaff Avenue, from Frankfort Avenue to Mayo Drive
 - No stopping on the north side during school pick-up and drop-off hours, hours to be confirmed
 - No left-turn to/from school driveway during school pick-up and drop-off hours (hours to be confirmed)
 - Add zebra crosswalk markings at existing all-way stop sign at Frankfort Avenue and side streets at Lorne Bruce Drive
- Designate a no stopping zone on north side Gracefield Avenue and west side of Del Ria Drive near St. Francis Xavier School
- *Pedestrian safety improvements (next slide) would also support school travel.*

Pedestrian Safety

What has changed?

- Missing sidewalk links will be reconsidered in the future, on a case-by-case basis and not decided at the neighbourhood scale (see map slide 20)
- Traffic calming (speed humps and speed cushions) can be reconsidered in the future on a case-by-base basis through the Councillor's Office, if there is demonstration of street-wide support (see map slide 20)

Minor safety improvements are proposed

- New/refreshed pavement markings at several locations throughout neighbourhood (see map slide 19)
- New mid-block pedestrian crossover on Maple Leaf Drive at TTC stop and safety improvements between Jane Street and Stella Street (section over Black Creek Drive)
 - Designate Community Safety Zone
 - Install in-road speed signs between Jane Street and Stella Street
- Intersection safety improvements
 - Maple Leaf Drive at Cornelius Parkway and Romeo Drive – installation scheduled 2026
 - Queens Drive at Arkwright Street – to be considered by Culford Road and Queens Drive Project
 - Keele Street at Quinan Drive and Wyndale Drive – to be considered by Keele-Lawrence Intersection Study
- New/refreshed pavement markings at several locations throughout neighbourhood (see map slide 19)

Parking

What has changed?

- All proposals to allow additional parking locations have been removed

What proposals remain?

To improve visibility and traffic flow, parking or stopping restrictions are proposed on:

- Culford Road from Falstaff Avenue to Rustic Road (east side): no parking at all times
- Falstaff Avenue from Frankfort Avenue to Culford Road (north side): no stopping at all times
- Gracefield Drive from Del Ria Drive to Bryn Road (north side): no stopping at all times
- Del Ria Drive from Gracefield Drive to a point 75m south (west side): no stopping at all times
- Mangrove Road, near entrance to Maple Leaf Park: no parking within 30m of trail entrance at all times
- Cornelius Parkway, near trail entrance: no parking within 30m of trail entrance at all times

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Options to Consider in Future

Proposed Traffic Operation Changes

- 1 Keele-Lawrence Study
- Speed humps / speed cushions
- In-road speed signs
- New restrictions

Proposed Safety Improvements

- 2 Culford Rd & Queens Dr Project (further consultation Spring 2028)
- Intersection safety improvement
- Missing sidewalk



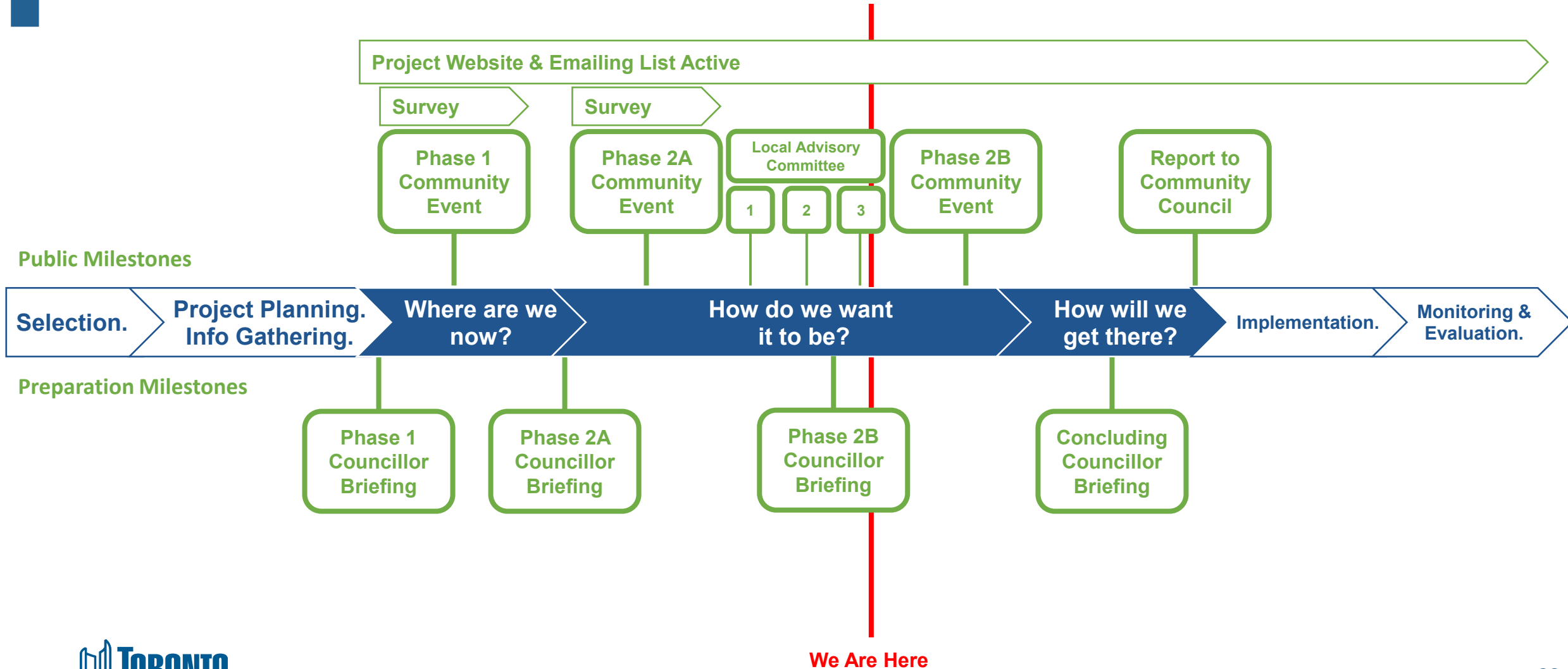
FUTURE CONSIDERATIONS



Public Consultation

For final phase of the Maple Leaf & Rustic Neighbourhood Streets Plan

Project Progress



Remaining Consultation Events

Final Community Consultation

Goal: To comment on revised staff recommendations; to introduce two follow-up projects: Culford Road and Queens Drive street improvements project, and Keele/Lawrence intersection improvements feasibility study.

Activities include:

- Mailed Notice
- Public Event - short presentation followed by stations by theme
- Online survey

Proposed date: Late Fall (exact day TBC based on venue availability)



Thank you

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