



# Steeles Avenue East Widening Tapscott Road to Ninth Line

Public Information Meeting

January 28, 2026

# Agenda

- 6:00 p.m. Doors Open & Drop-in
- 6:35 p.m. Welcome & Introductions
- 6:40 p.m. Presentation & Q&A
- 7:45 p.m. Panel Viewing & Discuss with Staff
- 8:30 p.m. End of Meeting

# Land Acknowledgement

*The land we are standing on today 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. I also acknowledge that Toronto is covered by Treaty 13 signed with the Mississaugas of the Credit, and the Williams Treaties signed with multiple Mississaugas and Chippewa bands.*

# Opening Remarks

**Councillor Jamaal Myers**  
**Ward 23, Scarborough-North**  
**City of Toronto**



# Remarks

**Representing  
Councillor Neethan Shan  
Ward 25, Scarborough-Rouge Park  
City of Toronto**



# City of Toronto Project Team

## **Engineering & Construction Services**

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## **Public Consultation**

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## **Transportation Services**

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# Code of Conduct

- **Be brief:** Limit yourself to one question or comment when you are called on to speak.
- **Be respectful:** The City of Toronto is an inclusive public organization. Discriminatory, prejudicial or hateful comments and questions will not be tolerated, and you will be removed from the meeting.



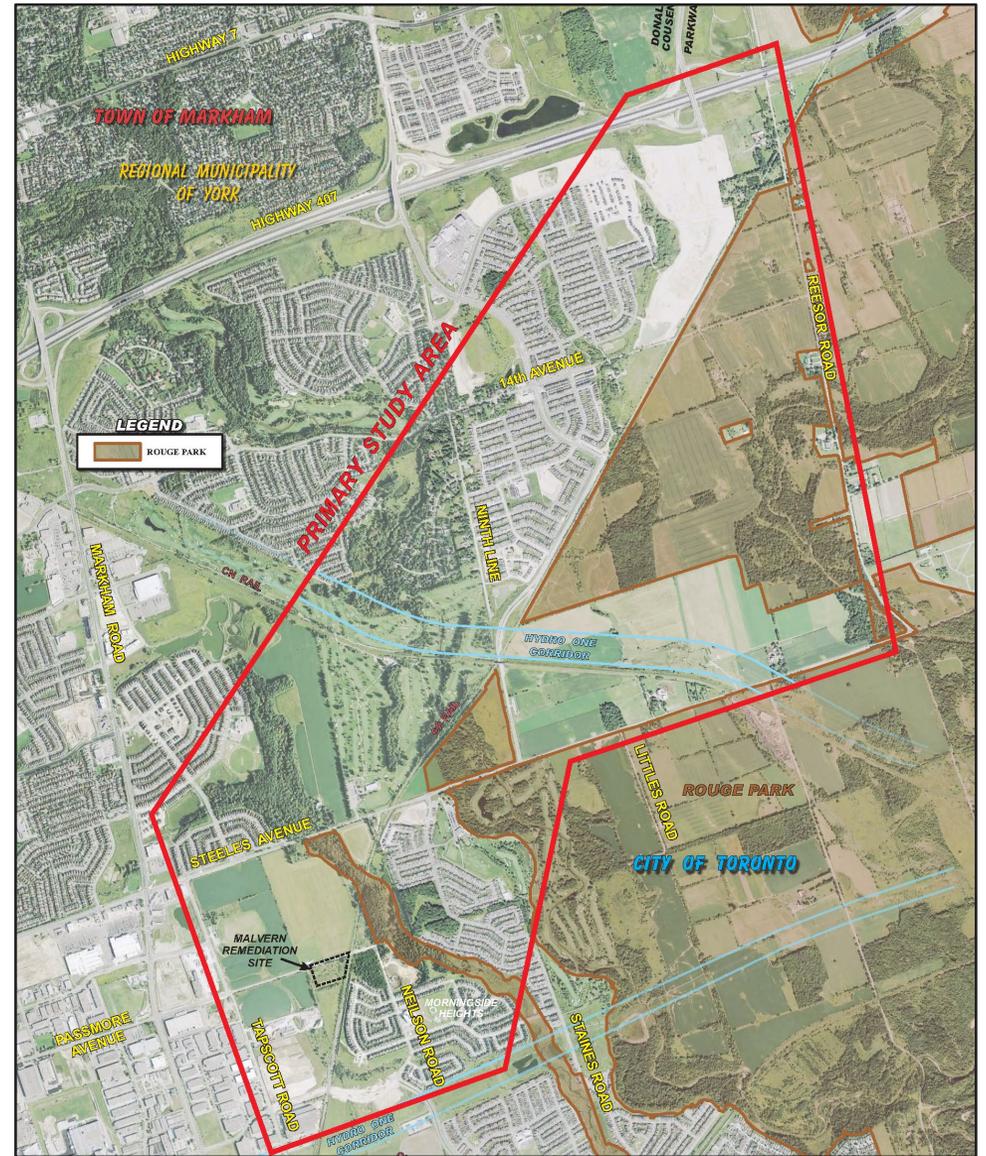
We want to hear from you – all questions are good questions!

Please wait until the end of the presentation to ask your questions. There is time after questions to discuss with staff one on one. If we do not address your question, staff will follow up with you after the meeting.

# Project Background & Environmental Assessment

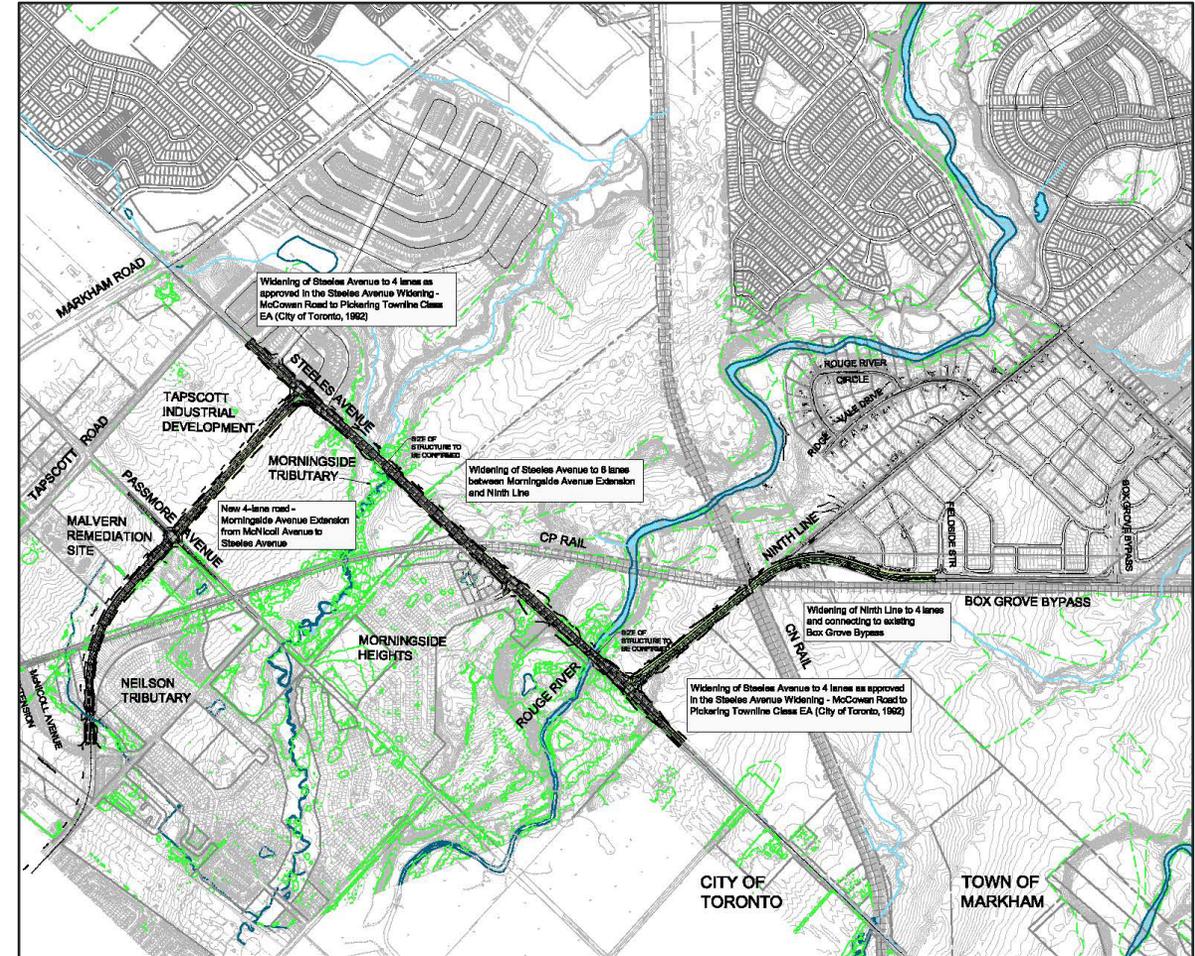
# Project Background

- Origin of this work was to address existing and future transportation deficiencies across the boundary of the southeastern areas of the Town of Markham and the northeastern areas of the City of Toronto.
- **York Region commenced an Environmental Assessment (EA) in 2005** (*Transportation Improvements, Donald Cousens Parkway to Morningside Avenue Link Amended Environmental Assessment*).
- The EA Study Area included lands within the boundaries of both York Region and the City of Toronto.
- Steeles Avenue is entirely within the City of Toronto's ownership and jurisdiction.

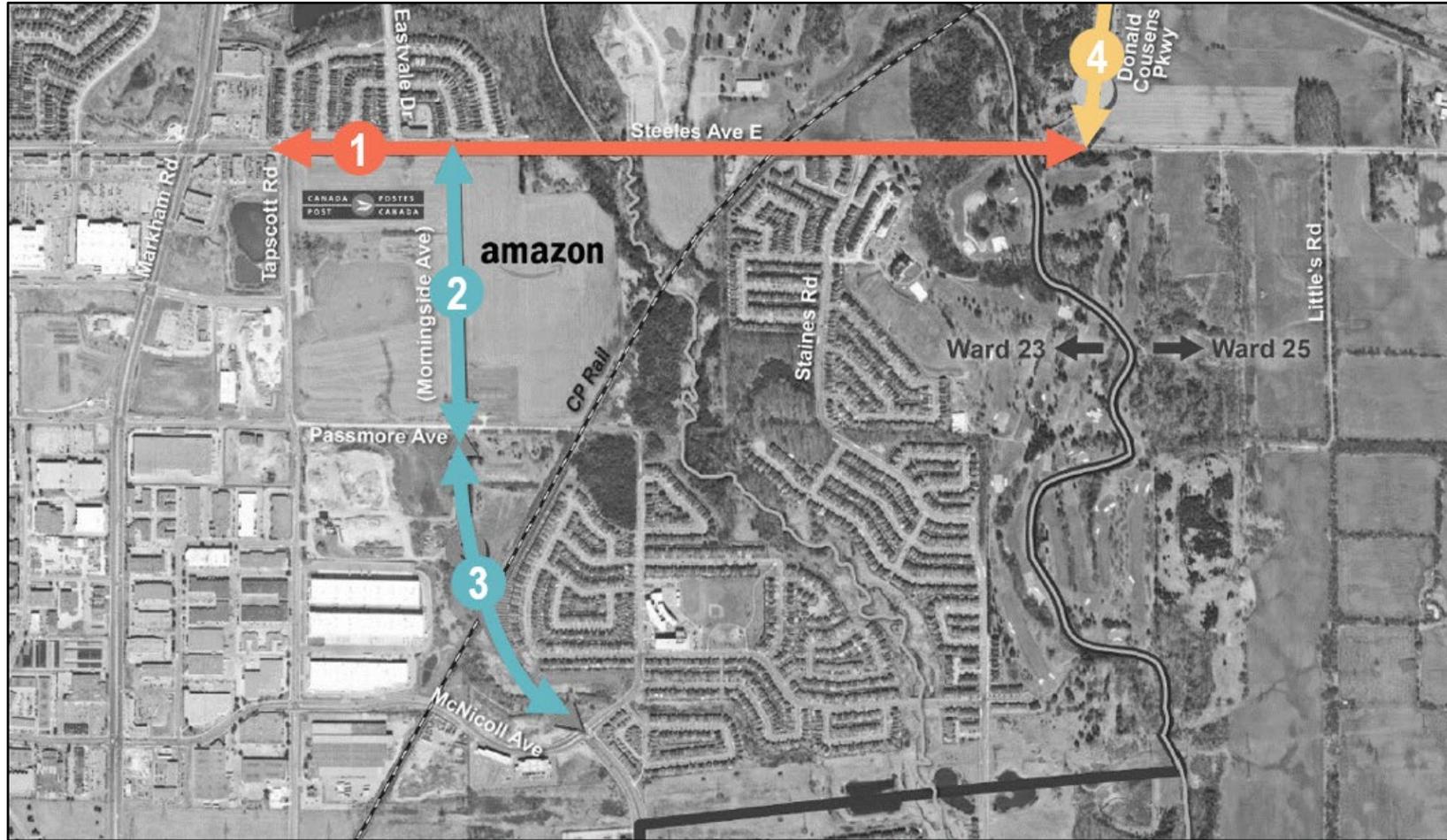


# Environmental Assessment

- The EA included several transportation improvements including:
  - **Widening of Steeles Avenue East from Morningside Avenue to Ninth Line** (Donald Cousens Parkway) from two to six lanes
  - **Extending Morningside Avenue from McNicoll Avenue to Steeles Avenue East**
  - **Widening Ninth Line (Donald Cousens Parkway) from two to four lanes** by York Region
- In January 2013, the Minister of the Environment approved the EA.
- The City of Toronto has been collaborating with York Region on the design of Steeles Avenue East and is finalizing a 50/50 cost sharing agreement for design and construction.



# 2013 EA Approved Alignment



- 1** Steeles Avenue East (Tapscott to Ninth Line) Widening
- 2** Morningside Avenue (Steeles Avenue East to Passmore Avenue) Extension (Landowner design & construction, completed in 2023)
- 3** Morningside Avenue (Passmore Avenue to McNicoll Avenue) Extension (City of Toronto design & construction)
- 4** Ninth Line/Donald Cousens Parkway (York Region design & construction)

# **Steeles Avenue East (Tapscott to Ninth Line) & Morningside Avenue**

# Phases of Design

- Design and construction plans for large infrastructure projects are developed and reviewed in phases, i.e. 30% (Preliminary), 60% (Detailed), etc.
- 100% design includes complete engineering plans, construction staging plans and construction traffic management plans.

Detailed design is the process where engineers perform analysis and develop technical drawings that are used to plan and carry out construction. It includes:

- Planning for relocation of utilities
- Designing various components of roads, bridge structures and/or underground infrastructure according to the applicable codes and standards
- Supporting technical and background documents (natural heritage, archaeology, etc.)
- Identifying property impacts
- Construction staging and traffic management planning

# City of Toronto Work To-Date

- Following approval of York Region's EA in 2013, the **City of Toronto retained a consultant team** and began design and implementation for Steeles Avenue East and Morningside Avenue.
- **Detailed design was put on hold in 2018** to allow the Amazon/Canada Post developments to advance and to re-evaluate the design and associated costs of the two bridge structures on Steeles Avenue East.



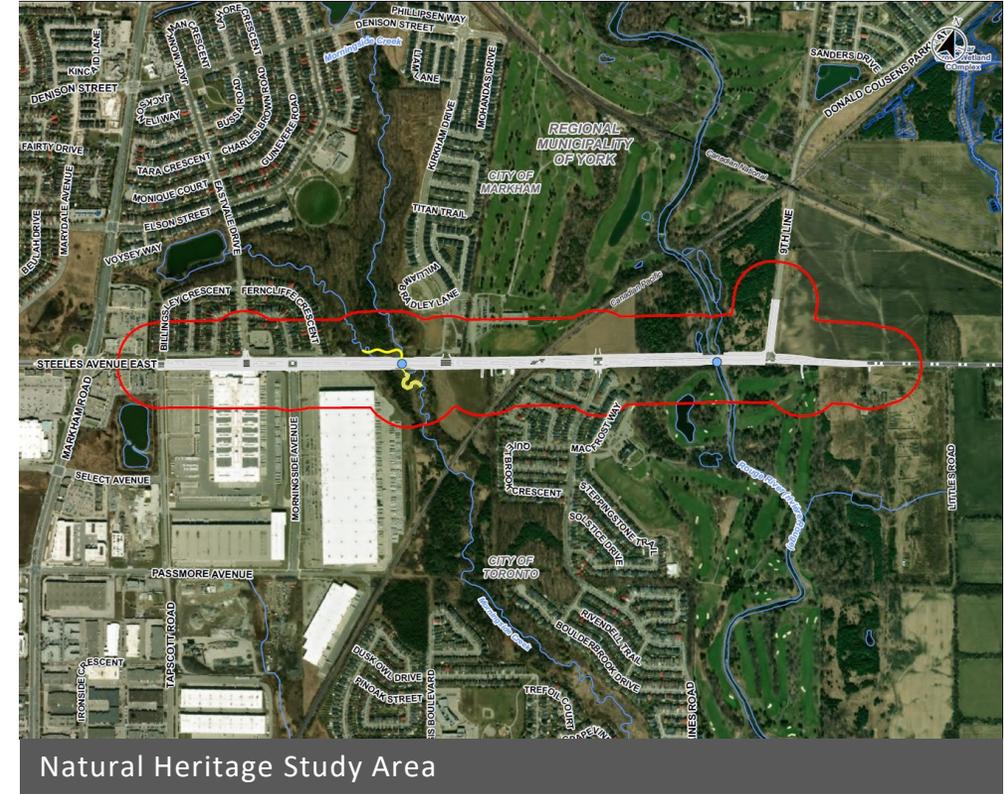
Amazon building on Morningside Ave, just south of Steeles Ave E



Canada Post building on Steeles Ave E, west of Morningside Ave

# City of Toronto Work To Date

- **Work on an updated Preliminary Design resumed in 2023**, with additional studies completed to advance the design for Steeles Avenue East Widening, including:
  - Hydrogeomorphology Studies
  - Updated underground utilities surveys
  - Discussions with Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA)
  - Discussions with Canadian Pacific Kansas City (CPKC) Rail: identifying the need for further due diligence at the proposed rail crossing along Morningside Avenue (between Passmore Avenue and McNicoll Avenue)
- **Current focus is on the design for Steeles Avenue East**, including minimizing property impacts and ensuring current design standards and best practices are integrated into the design.



# City of Toronto Work To Date

Through 2024 – 2025, Preliminary Design work has continued, including:

- Updated traffic counts and traffic analysis
- Stage 2 Archeological Assessment field work and documentation with First Nations involvement and review
- Updates to the plan and cross sections, incorporating updated design standards for green infrastructure, complete street design, and lane width guidelines
- Updated Natural Heritage Study and other background and technical studies
- Continued discussions with CPKC Rail for the Morningside Avenue extension and conditions at the rail crossing



Stage 2 Archeological Assessment field work in late 2024

# What's Planned

## Steeles Avenue East

- Widened from two to six vehicular lanes
- Sidewalks on north and south sides
- Bi-directional cycle track on the south side
- Dedicated left turn lanes at select intersections
- Bus stops
- Curb lanes designed to allow for potential dedicated bus lanes

- A** Street-level crossing of CPKC Rail
- B** Replace existing bridge at Morningside Creek
- C** Replace existing bridge at Rouge River



# Current and Future Work

## Morningside Avenue, Steeles Avenue to Passmore Avenue – *Built*

- Four vehicular lanes
- Sidewalks on east and west sides
- Multi-use trail on the east side
- TTC Bus stops
- Street trees and green infrastructure

## Morningside Avenue, Passmore Avenue to McNicoll Avenue – *Planned*

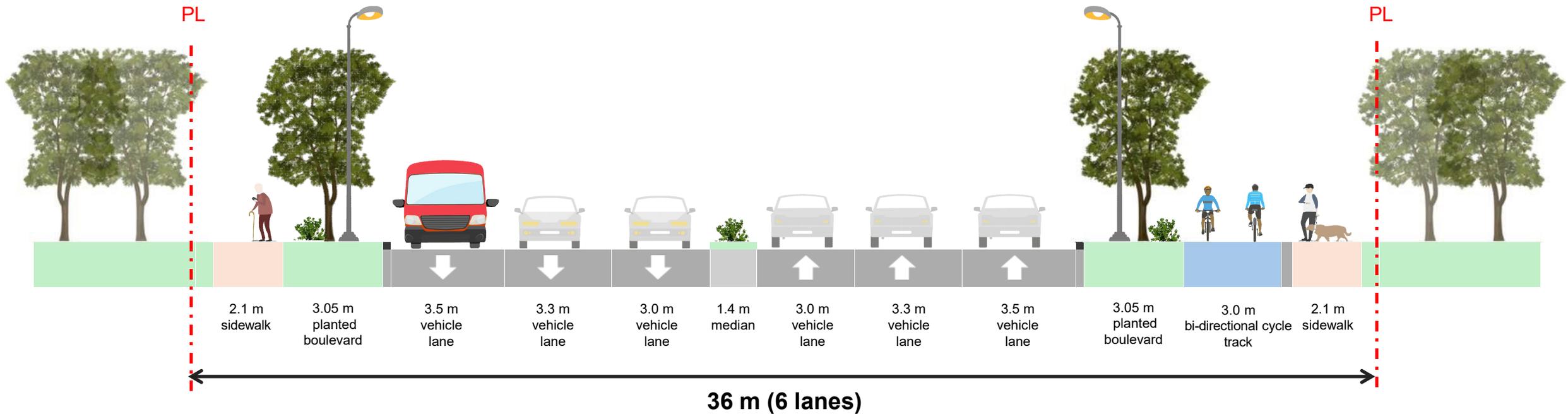
- Four vehicular lanes
- Sidewalks on east and west sides
- Incorporation of cycling infrastructure

**A** Crossing of CPKC Rail



# Steeles Avenue East

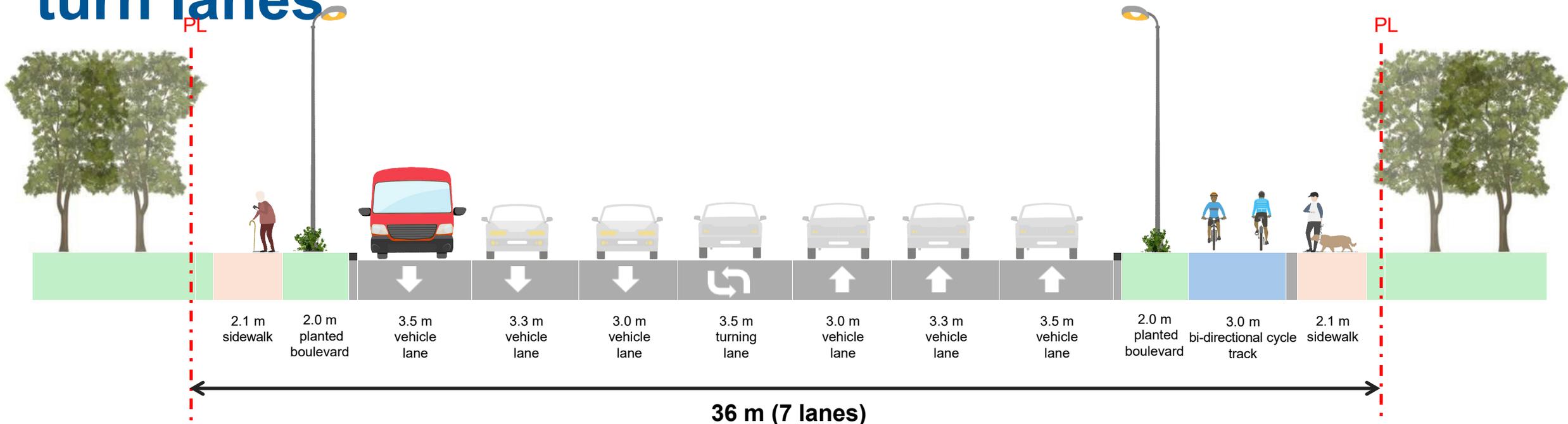
## Typical Cross Section – 6 lanes



*Width and location of median varies along length of Steeles Avenue East*

# Steeles Avenue East

## Typical Cross Section – 6 lanes + dedicated left turn lanes



*Dedicated left turn lanes at select intersections on Steeles Avenue East*

# Steeles Avenue East – Before



Steeles Avenue East looking east from east of Morningside Avenue & Steeles Avenue East

# Steeles Avenue East – After



Artistic Rendering – Steeles Avenue East looking east from east of Morningside Avenue & Steeles Avenue East

# Steeles Avenue East Ninth Line to Beare Road

# Steeles Avenue East (Ninth Line to Beare Road) Widening

- In October 2024, Toronto City Council asked the City Manager to form a working group with representatives from Toronto, Pickering, Markham, Parks Canada, and Metrolinx.
- This group has met multiple times to discuss current and future development plans that affect Steeles Avenue East.



# Current Focus

- The City of Toronto is prioritizing widening of Steeles Avenue East between Tapscott Road and Ninth Line. This project is fully funded in the City's Capital Plan, with 50% funding from York Region, and work is actively moving forward.
- Other municipalities have not identified Steeles Avenue East (Ninth Line to Beare Road) as a funding priority at this time.
- Toronto's City Planning Division will be reviewing growth forecasts and future traffic patterns along Steeles Avenue East from Ninth Line to Beare Road to guide future decisions.
- In December 2025, Toronto City Council adopted a report that confirmed no additional feasibility studies will proceed for now on extending the widening of Steeles Avenue East, due to existing commitments and budget priorities.

# Next Steps

# Ongoing Work & Next Steps

## Steeles Avenue East Widening

- Continue coordination with York Region and City of Markham.
- Finalize the Steeles Avenue East Preliminary Design (30%), reflecting City and jurisdictional review; consultants are preparing a full Preliminary Design Report.
- The final Preliminary Design will inform procurement of a new contract to complete Detailed Design.
- Advance approvals for Steeles Avenue East, including coordination and approvals from other regulatory bodies including Parks Canada, Toronto and Region Conservation Authority, and affected property owners.
- Construction is targeted to begin as early as the end of 2027, pending coordination with other major infrastructure projects in the area.

## Morningside Avenue Extension

- Coordination and follow-up with CPKC regarding the crossing condition.
- Continue to protect for the future Morningside Avenue extension through adjacent development application review.
- Resume design work on Morningside Avenue (Passmore Avenue to McNicoll Avenue) pending confirmation of at-grade crossing.

# Further Information

**Following time for questions, the remainder of the evening allows for viewing the plans and section drawings and discussion with staff.**



If you have any questions, please contact:

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**Thank you!**  
**Questions?**