

Waterfront Transit Reset Phase 1 Study

Public Forum Discussion Guide



Wednesday, May 25, 2016
6:00 – 8:30 PM
Harbourfront Centre
235 Queens Quay West

Thursday, May 26, 2016
6:00 – 8:30 PM
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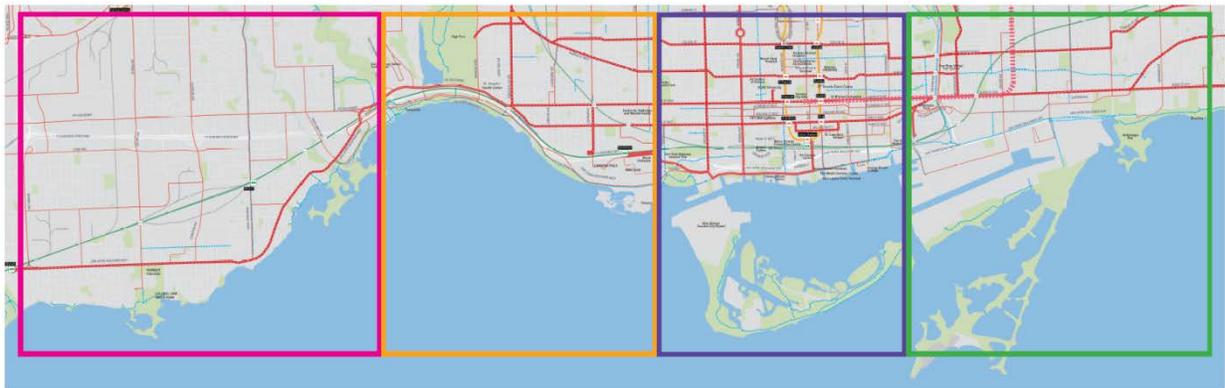
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What is this about?

The City of Toronto, in partnership with the Toronto Transit Commission (TTC) and Waterfront Toronto, has initiated a “reset” of waterfront transit planning. The Waterfront Transit Reset Phase 1 Study will help create a vision and plan for Toronto’s waterfront, from Long Branch in the west to Woodbine Avenue in the east. A map of the study area is included below.



01 Long Branch to Humber River

02 Humber River to Strachan Ave

03 Strachan Ave to Parliament St

04 Parliament St to Woodbine Ave

Throughout the years, transit planning along the waterfront has been completed on a project by project basis, and as a result there is currently no comprehensive plan for a transit network that can respond to the rapid growth and transformation along the water’s edge. With the current and future anticipated demand for transit along much of the waterfront area, there is a need to define a long-term integrated transit solution.

This study involves a review of existing waterfront transit, previously planned waterfront transit initiatives, and current and future transit needs. A range of transit alternatives are being developed and evaluated to help determine a preferred east-west waterfront transit solution that will integrate north/south transit and active transportation, linking people from across the City to the waterfront and its nearby destinations and attractions.

The integrated waterfront transit solution is being coordinated with the directions emerging from other major transit initiatives that are currently underway, including Smart Track, Relief Line, Scarborough Transit Planning, and the Metrolinx Regional Express Rail (RER) expansion program.

Study Process and Timelines

The study is being completed in phases:

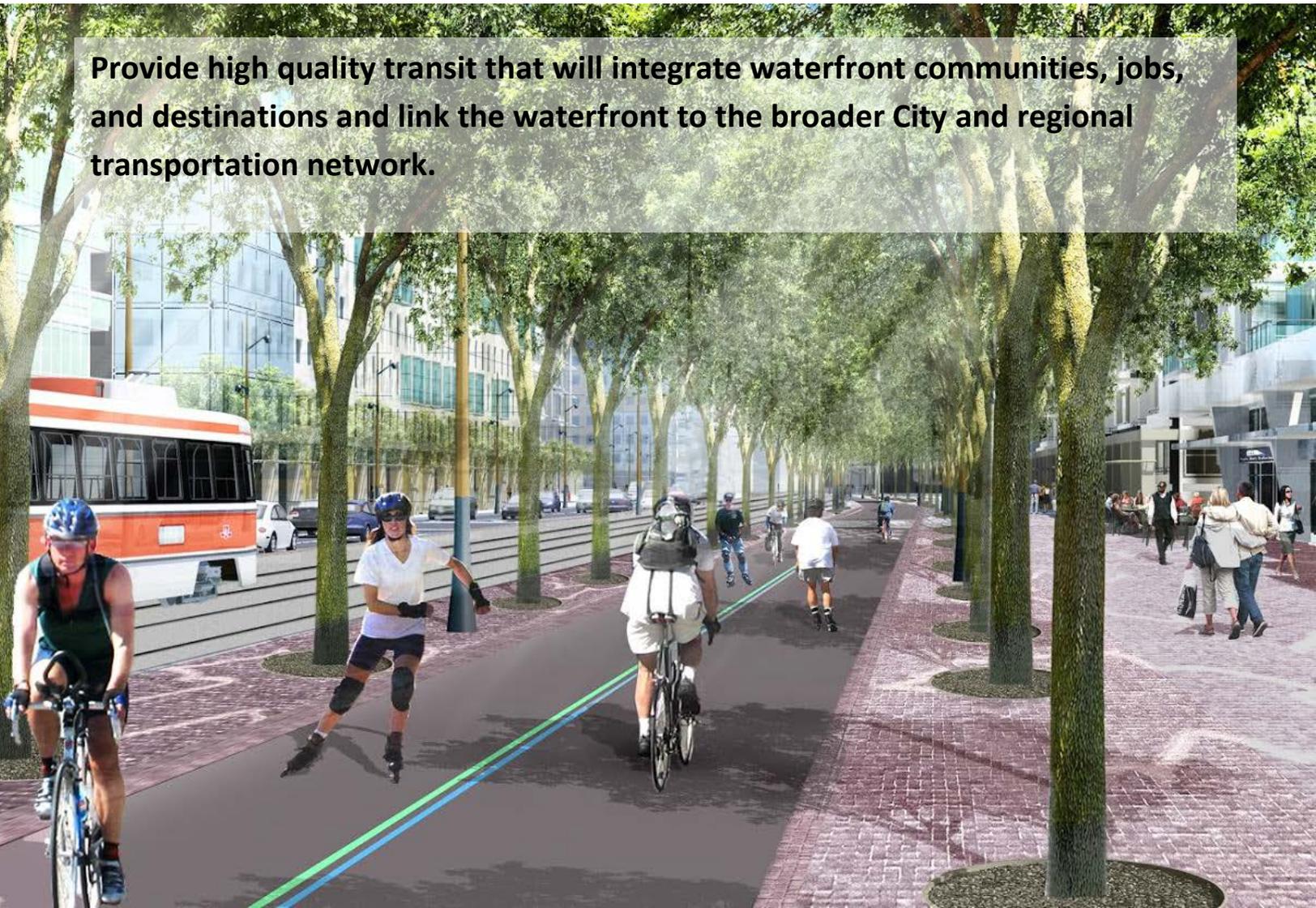
Phase 1 of Study (current) will **establish a clear vision and identify reasonable alternative concepts** for a Waterfront Transit Solution.

Phase 2, subject to City Council approval in summer 2016, would:

- Advance feasibility studies;
- Begin Environmental Assessment(s) or amend existing Environmental Assessment(s);
- Pursue the implementation of short term strategic improvements that minimize long term throwaway costs; and
- Advance a Business Case and pursue funding opportunities.

Vision for Waterfront Transit

Provide high quality transit that will integrate waterfront communities, jobs, and destinations and link the waterfront to the broader City and regional transportation network.



Study Objectives

- Connect waterfront communities locally and to downtown with reliable and convenient transit service:
 - Promote and support residential and employment growth; and
 - Provide more travel choices.
- Enhance accessibility (improved reliability and convenience) of transit service linking key destinations (employment, housing, institutional, education, cultural, recreational, commercial):
 - Better connect people to everyday places;
 - Improve connectivity in neighbourhood improvement areas;
 - Make transit an attractive option for more trips;
 - Attract new transit riders; and
 - Improve quality of life.
- Promote broader City and regional transportation network connections.
- Develop implementable and affordable solutions to address current needs and the flexibility to respond to future conditions.

Evaluation Framework

The evaluation framework established for the transportation component of the City’s Official Plan review process – *Feeling Congested?* – will be used to ensure a consistent and transparent approach. The approach is based on three major principles under a total of eight evaluation criteria, as illustrated below:



Evaluation Process and Measures

A two stage evaluation process is proposed:

Phase 1

Initial Screening

- Use *Feeling Congested?* Framework
- Identify opportunities and constraints
- Screen initial concepts by segment

Phase 2

Detailed Assessments

- Conduct a comprehensive assessment of options consistent with *Feeling Congested?* criteria and/or EA process
- Inputs and updates from feasibility studies taken into account

Based on the *Feeling Congested?* Framework, evaluation measures have been established to assess the relative merits of each LRT corridor concept. The measures are outlined in the table below:

Criteria	Measures
Serve People	
Experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is it reliable? Faster? • Is it safe? Does it offer a pleasant ride? • Can you find a seat for your trip (will it increase transit capacity)?
Choice	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Does it provide more connections to the City and the region? • Does it connect people to jobs, cultural landmarks, and recreation? • Does it promote walking or cycling as a way to access transit?
Social Equity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Does it provide connections to priority neighbourhoods and community services?
Strengthen Places	
Shaping the City	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Does it support residential and employment development in desired locations? • Will it foster transit-oriented communities?
Healthy Neighbourhoods	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will it strengthen and enhance existing neighbourhoods? • Will it improve walking and cycling safety between neighbourhoods?
Public Health & Environment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Does it support and enhance natural heritage areas and parks • Does it minimize environmental effects?
Support Prosperity	
Supports Growth	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will it promote economic development? • Does it improve mobility?
Affordability	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Does it minimize costs to build, maintain, and operate? Is the plan flexible?

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Meeting Agenda

- 6:00 pm Open House
- 6:30 pm Agenda Review, Opening Remarks and Introductions
- 6:40 pm Presentation
- Background, Study Approach and Timeline
 - Purpose, Vision, Opportunities and Constraints
 - Evaluation Framework, Preliminary Concepts, and Preliminary Evaluation
 - Next Steps
- Questions of Clarification
- 7:30 pm Interactive Workshop
- 8:10 pm Report Back
- 8:30 pm Adjourn

We Want to Hear from You!

After the presentation, visit the topic stations you are interested in and record your feedback on the worksheets provided near the display boards.

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