

Draft Metrolinx 2041 Regional Transportation Plan

Presentation to

Committee of the Whole

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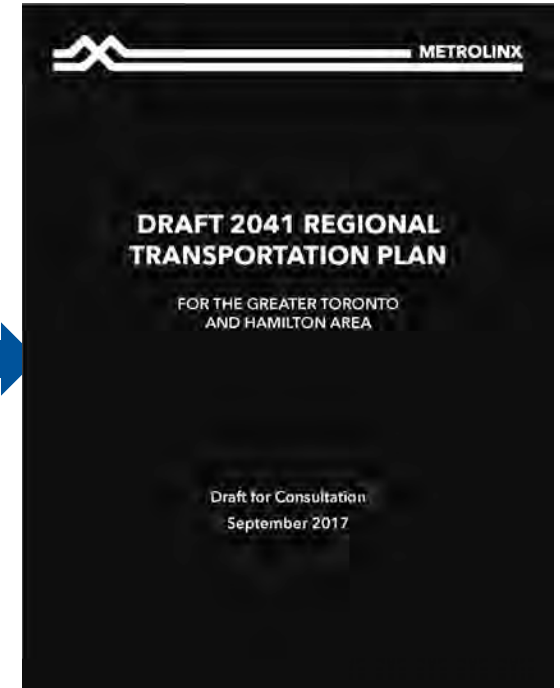
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Outline

- Context for the Region
- Regional Comments on Draft RTP
- Next Steps
- Report Recommendations

Context for the Region



Regional staff is supportive of the draft RTP which will have a significant and transformative impact on mobility in the GTHA

Regional Comments on Draft RTP

- Coordinated review and comments by Transportation Services, Planning and Economic Development, and YRRTC
- Comments focus on the following:
 - Yonge Subway Extension
 - Delineation of Downtown Relief Line
 - Inclusion of Bus Rapid Transit for Green Lane
 - Inclusion of Bus Rapid Transit for Major Mackenzie Drive East
 - Opposition to any increase in freight rail traffic traversing the Region

Yonge Subway Extension

- Yonge Subway extension remains the number one rapid transit priority for York Region
- Included in the Draft RTP



Council affirms that the Yonge Subway Extension to Richmond Hill remains the number one rapid transit priority for York Region

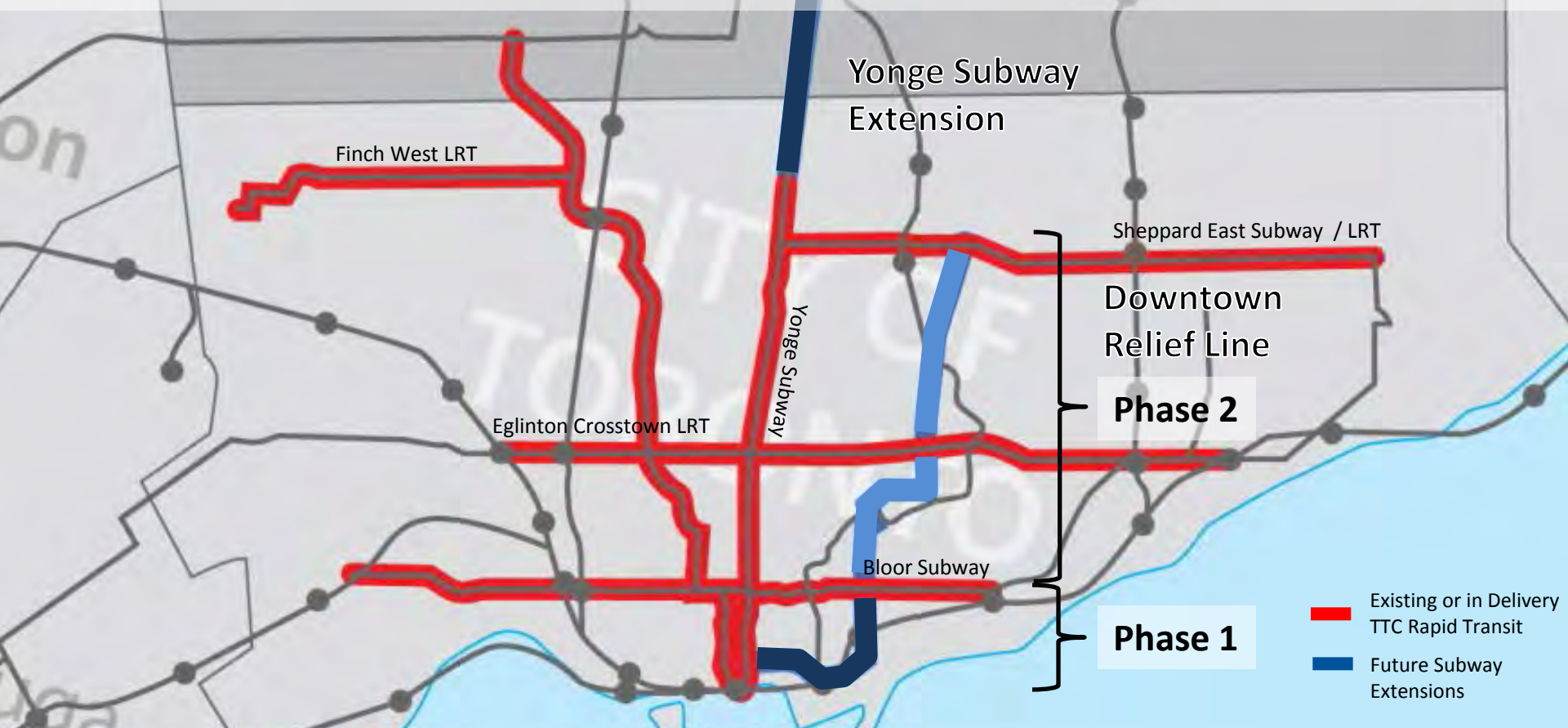
Delineation of Downtown Relief Line

- RTP depicts one project from Queen Station / Osgood Station to Sheppard Avenue
- Only section south of Bloor Street required for Yonge Subway extension

Delineation of the Downtown Relief Line into two phases on the maps
(south of Bloor Street – phase 1, north of Bloor Street – phase 2)

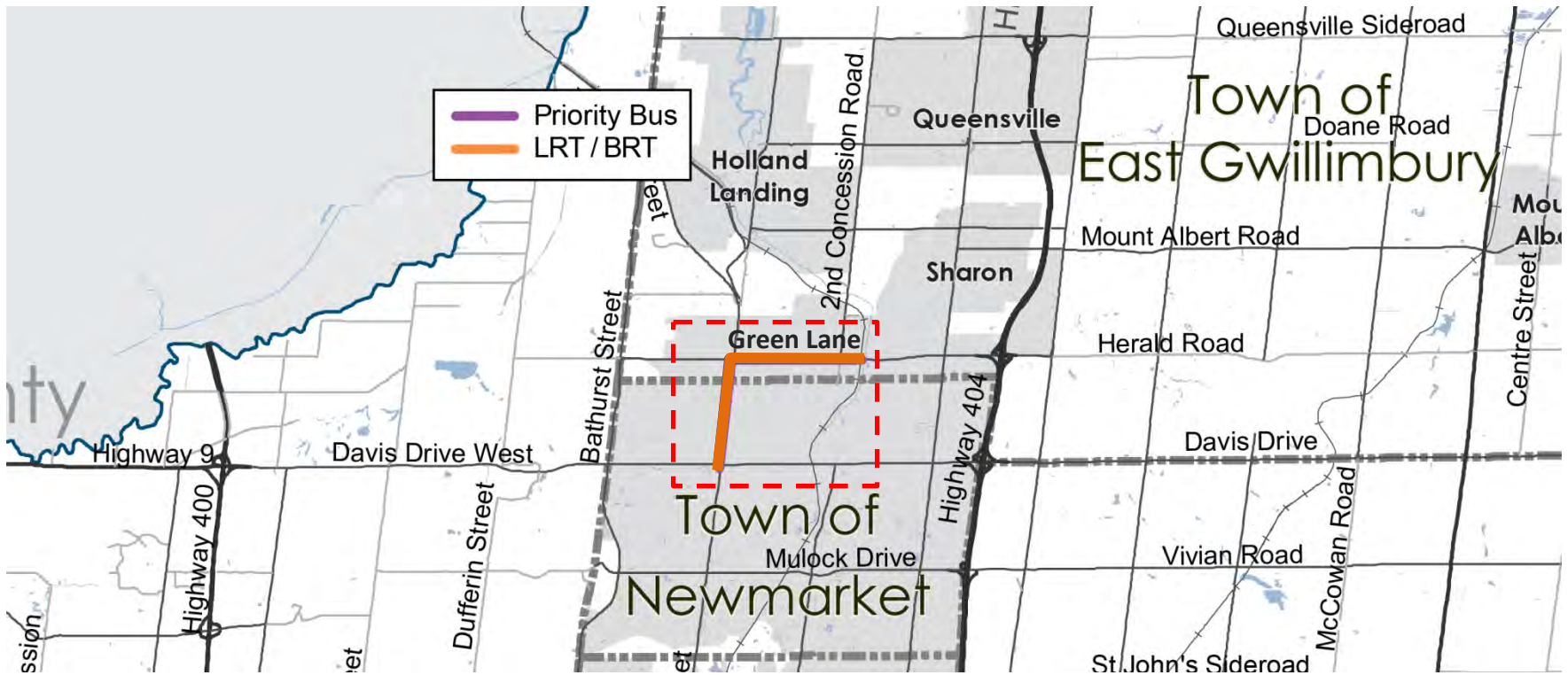
Delineation of Downtown Relief

Yonge Street Subway extension and required Downtown Relief Line



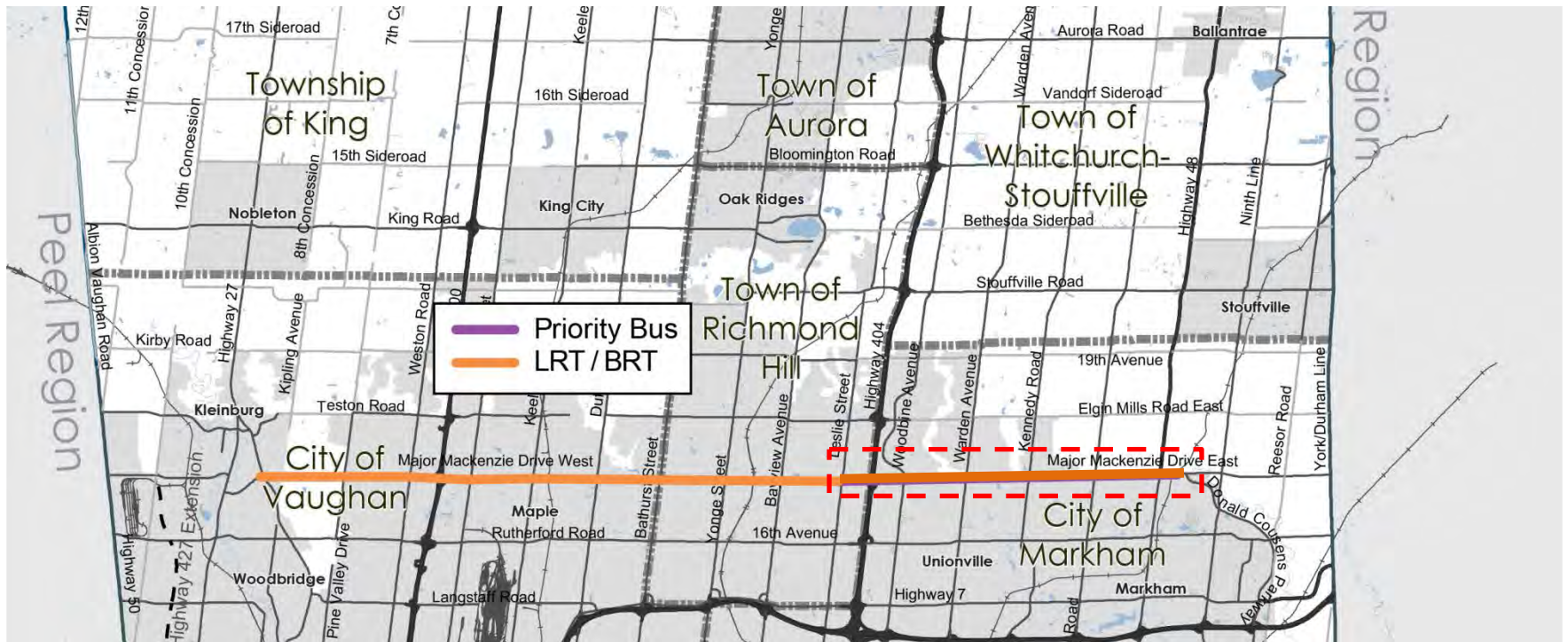
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Inclusion of Green Lane as Bus Rapid Transit



Update Map 6: Detailed Proposed 2041 Frequent Rapid Transit Network from Priority Bus to Bus Rapid Transit

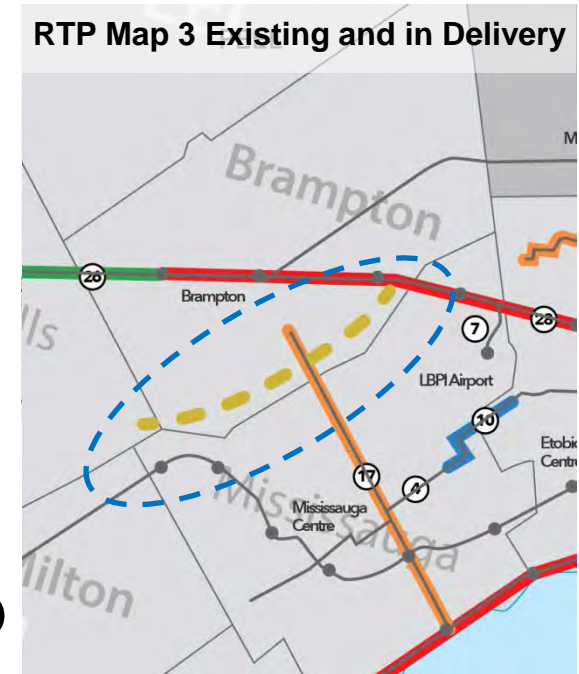
Inclusion of Major Mackenzie Drive east of Leslie Street as Bus Rapid Transit



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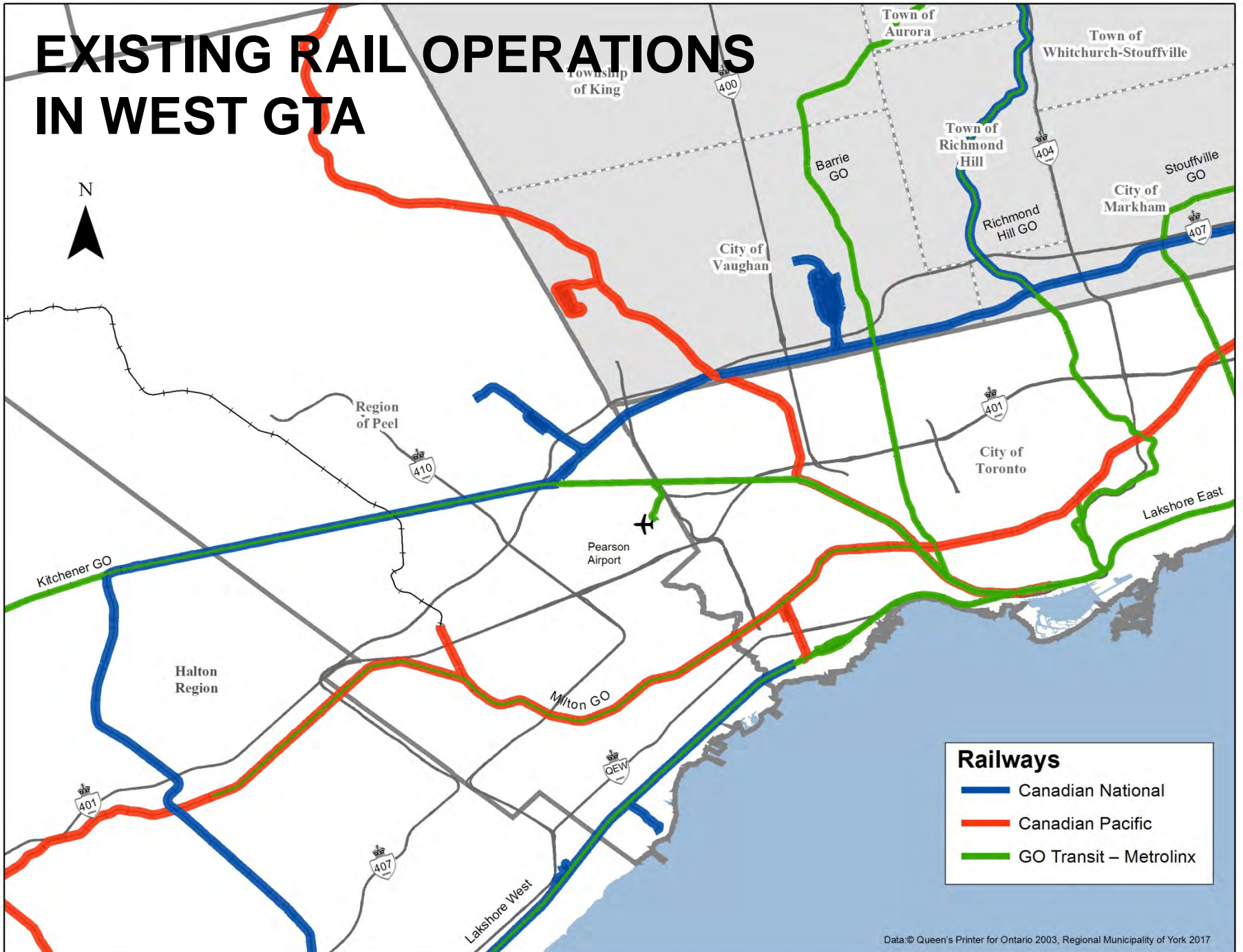
Opposition to any increase in freight rail traffic traversing the Region

- RER identifies 2-way all day service on Kitchener GO Corridor
- Metrolinx and CN Rail studying options to increase commuter rail frequency on shared Kitchener GO Corridor
- Could relocate CN Freight Rail to new freight rail corridor west of the Region
- Relocating CP Rail from shared Milton GO Corridor is not being proposed



Confirmation that the conceptual new freight corridor included in the RTP will not increase freight rail traffic through York Region

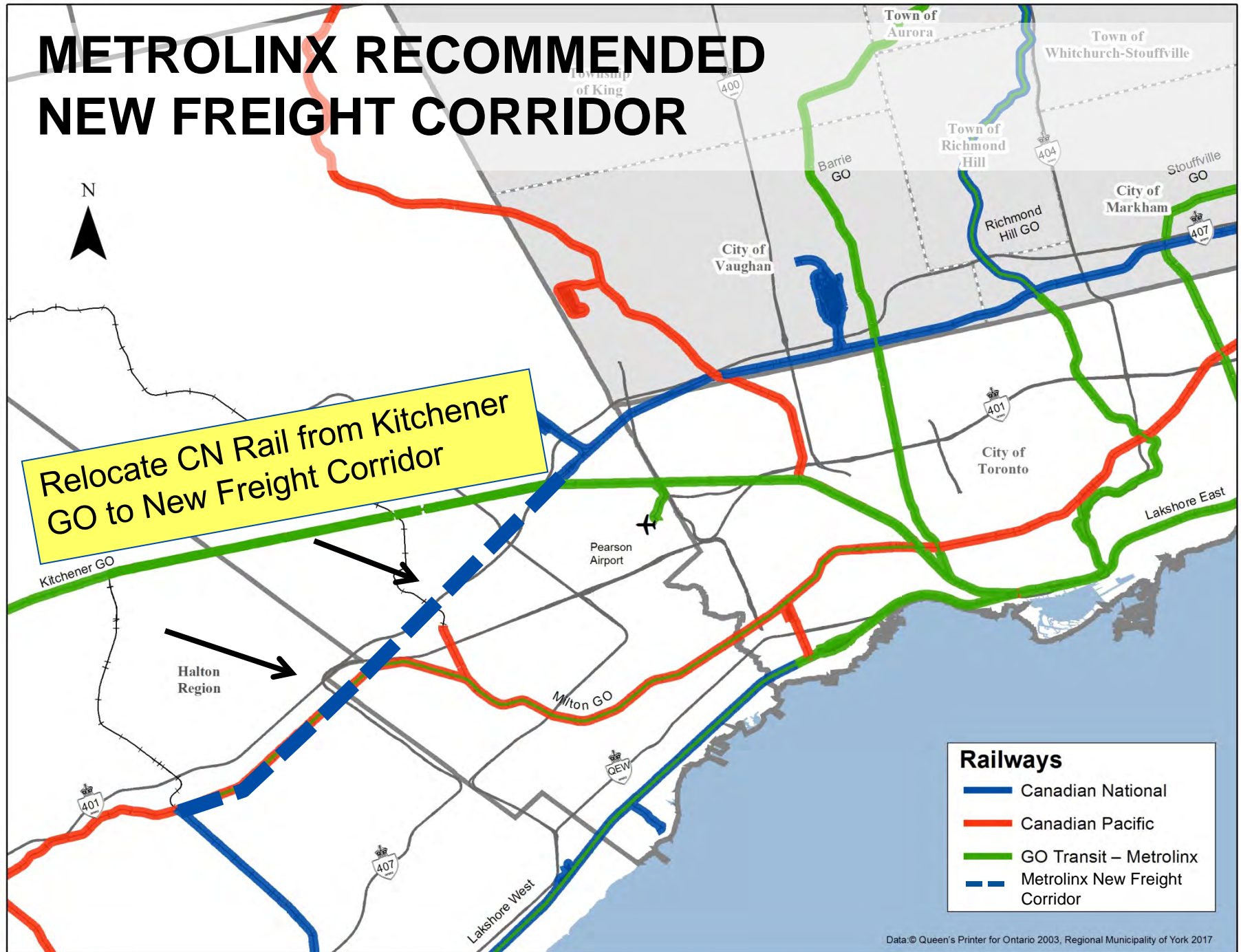
EXISTING RAIL OPERATIONS IN WEST GTA



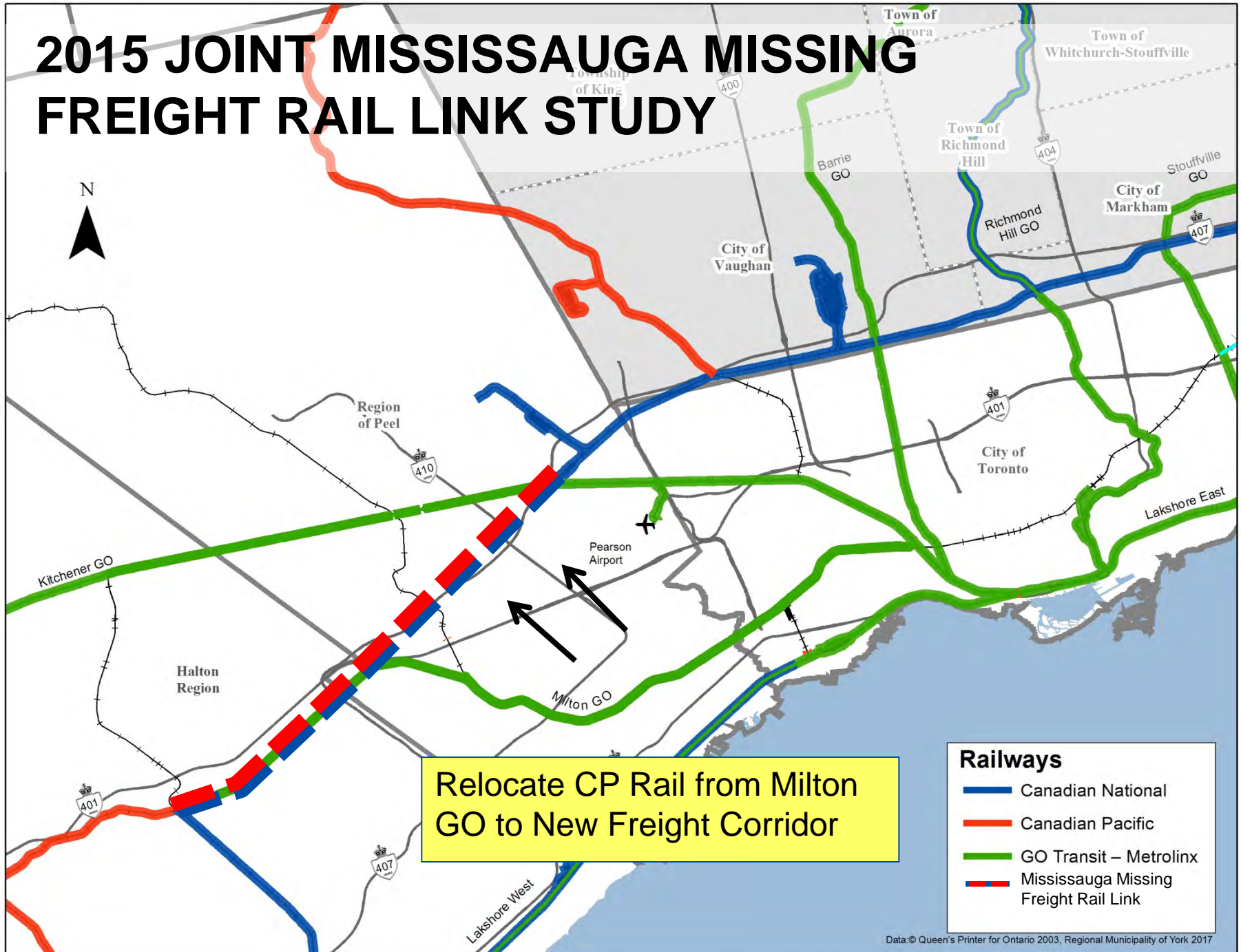
Railways

- Canadian National
- Canadian Pacific
- GO Transit – Metrolinx

METROLINX RECOMMENDED NEW FREIGHT CORRIDOR



2015 JOINT MISSISSAUGA MISSING FREIGHT RAIL LINK STUDY



Relocate CP Rail from Milton GO to New Freight Corridor

Railways

- Canadian National
- Canadian Pacific
- GO Transit – Metrolinx
- Mississauga Missing Freight Rail Link

Next Steps

- This report will be the basis of York Region's consolidated response to Draft Regional Transportation Plan
- Staff to continue to collaborate with Metrolinx through 2018/2019 in the development of the:
 - Detailed implementation Plan
 - Funding strategy
- Share comments with Local Municipalities

RTP will influence York Region's transportation investments going forward

Recommendations in Report E.2.1

1. Council endorse Metrolinx's draft 2041 Regional Transportation Plan subject to the following clarifications:
 - a) Delineation of the Downtown Relief Line into two phases on the maps (south of Bloor Street – phase 1, north of Bloor Street – phase 2).
 - b) Inclusion in the 2041 Frequent Rapid Transit Network of Bus Rapid Transit on Green Lane, and Major Mackenzie Drive East as per the York Region Transportation Master Plan.
 - c) Confirmation that the conceptual new freight corridor depicted as part of the “In Delivery” Regional and Rail Rapid Transit Network will not increase freight rail traffic through York Region.
2. Council affirm that the Yonge Subway Extension to Richmond Hill remains the number one rapid transit priority for York Region.

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3. Staff be directed to work closely with Metrolinx to advance the Region's position with respect to development of the follow-on implementation and funding strategy.
4. This report be submitted to the Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change as York Region's response to the Environmental Bill of Rights posting 013-1550 "A Call for Comments on the Draft 2041 Regional Transportation Plan".
5. The Regional Clerk circulate this report to the local municipalities and Metrolinx.

Thank you

