

South Yonge Street Corridor Streetscape Master Plan

Presentation to
Transportation Services Committee

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Regional Context



Policy Context



- 3 Municipalities
- 6 Planning Policy and Infrastructure plans
- 17 Urban Design and Special Studies
- 7 Transportation Studies

Collaborative Approach

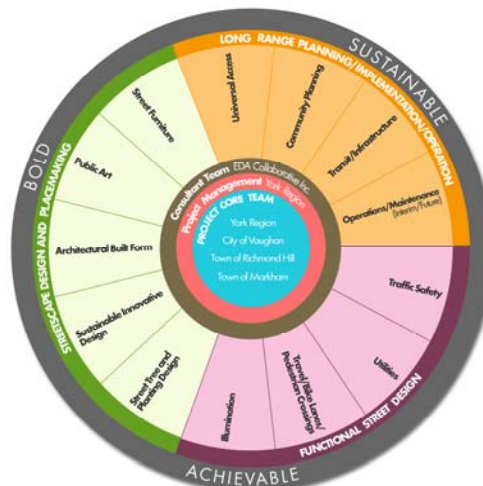
*“A **comprehensive** and **coordinated** streetscape plan for the Yonge St. corridor will play a key role in realizing the full potential of the proposed transit improvements and the enhancements to the quality of the urban context that will result. York Region, which has jurisdiction over the Yonge St. corridor... will play a key role in coordinating, directing and implementing a future **vision** for the Yonge St. streetscape.”*

– Markham Council Resolution, Feb 2009

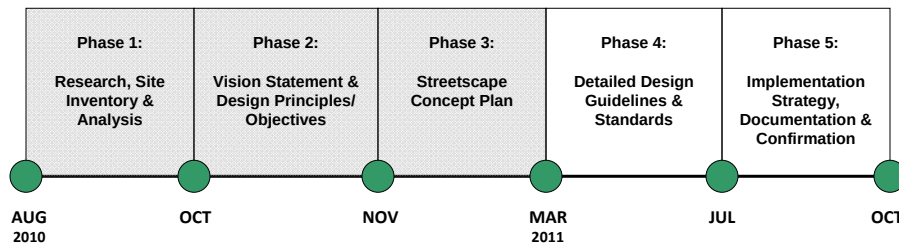
Key Study Objectives

- ❑ Establish a bold **Vision** for a pedestrian-friendly streetscape master plan to complement planned transit initiatives and inform future development along Yonge Street.
- ❑ Develop **Detailed Design Guidelines and Standards** that are sustainable and achievable.
- ❑ Develop an **Implementation and Phasing Strategy**.
- ❑ Provide a framework and **design direction** for Regional and local planning staff, and the development community.

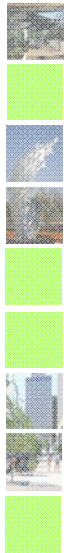
Study Components



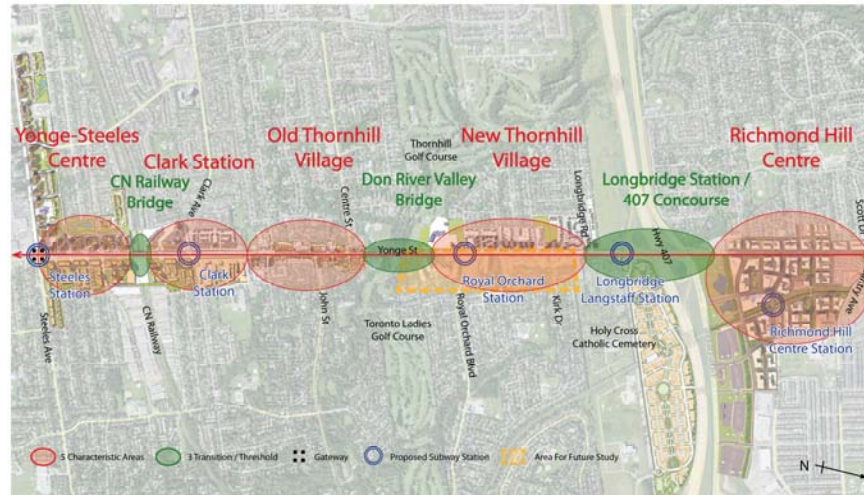
Work Plan



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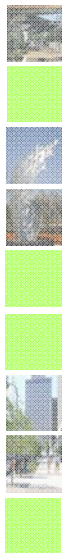
Overall Site Conditions



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Phase 1 Findings



Opportunities

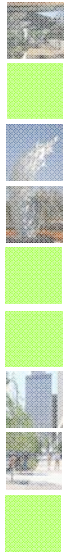
- Bold, sustainable and achievable streetscape plan
- Advance implementation of planning / urban design visions
- Integrate TOD with multi-purpose streets
- Powerful and iconic gateway
- Consistent streetscape treatment
- Partnership opportunities

Challenges

- Integration of subway development
- Transit development / interim streetscape condition
- Multi-jurisdictional study area

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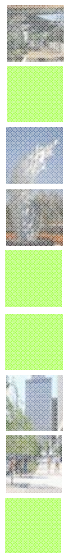


Phase 2

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Visioning Workshop



- York Region
- City of Vaughan
- Town of Markham
- Town of Richmond Hill



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Vision Statement, Principles and Objectives



Bold

Vibrant and Engaging



Sustainable

*Natural, Social and
Economic Environment*



Achievable

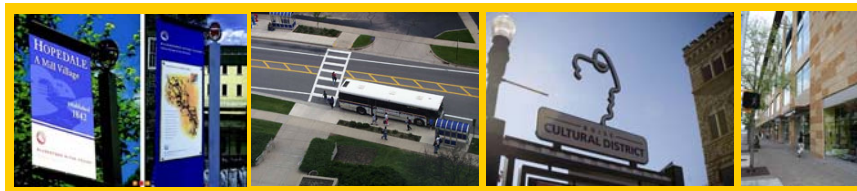
*Partnerships, Consistency,
Supports Local Character*



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Access & Wayfinding



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Architectural Built Form, Place Making & Public Art



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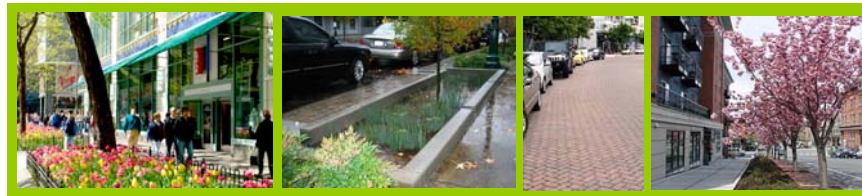
Fundamentals of Street Design



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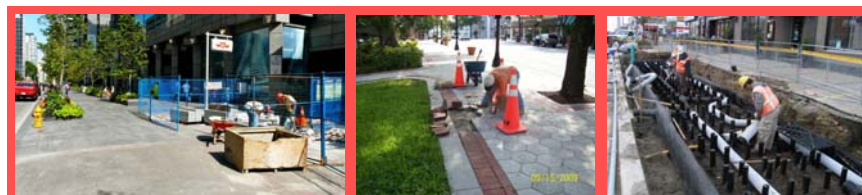
Green Streets & Sustainable Design



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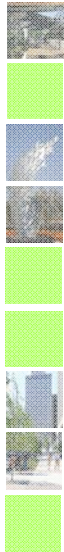
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Implementation



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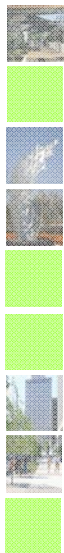


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Team Charrette Workshop



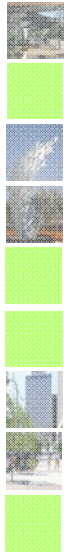
- York Region
- City of Vaughan
- Town of Markham
- Town of Richmond Hill
- City of Toronto, MTO, 407/ETR



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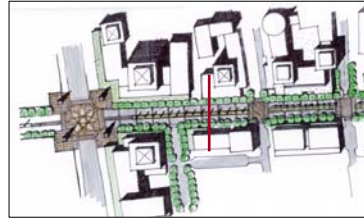
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Yonge / Steeles District

- Distinctive Urban Character
- 4 Corner Treatment
- Vibrant Streetscape and People Friendly Spaces



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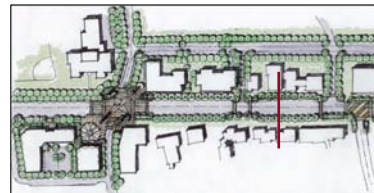
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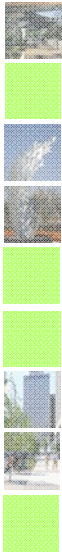
- Heritage Community Character
- Streetscape as Integrator
- Old and New



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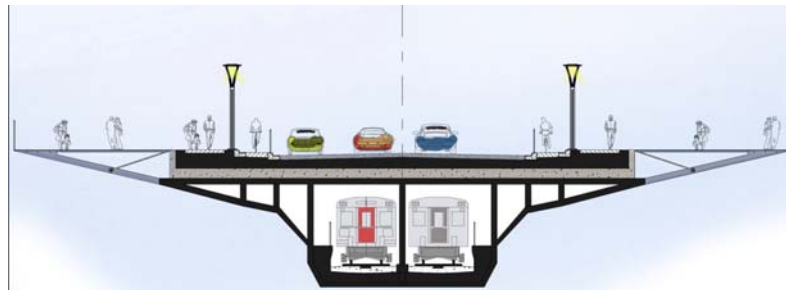
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Don River Bridge

- Enhance Natural Valley Features
- Public Art as Infrastructure
- Pedestrian Connection and Viewing



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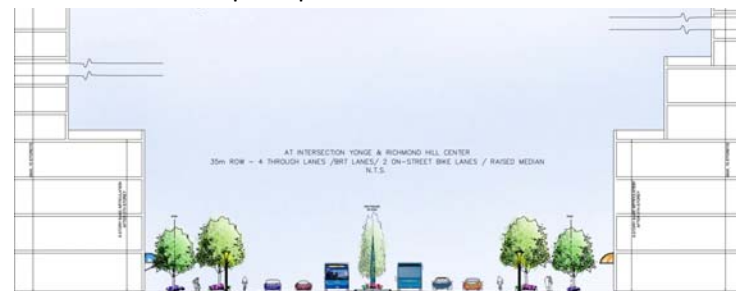
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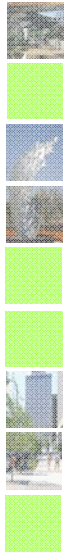
Highway 407 to Bantry

- Richmond Hill Centre/ Langstaff UGC
- Transit Integration
- 407 - Hydro Art Park (Potential)
- Pedestrian and Open Space Connections



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Next Steps

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Phase 4:

Detailed Design Guidelines & Standards

- Urban design guidelines – detailed level
- Urban design checklist – design criteria

Phase 5:

Implementation Strategy, Documentation & Confirmation

- Policy recommendations
- Implementation strategy
 - Options for project delivery
 - Capital and maintenance cost matrix
- Final draft
- **Public information session (Fall 2011)**
- Final presentation to Regional and Municipal Councils

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Questions?

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