
Power Downtown Toronto

Project Update #1: Progress of the Class Environmental Assessment

Dear Resident,

November 2018

Hydro One plays an important role in delivering electricity to your community by supplying power to Toronto Hydro and its customers. We have identified a need to replace a critical underground cable between our Esplanade Transformer Station (TS) and Terauley TS which was installed in the 1950s. This cable is key in supplying power to Toronto's downtown core and is reaching its end of life. These upgrades will strengthen and modernize Toronto's power system.

This project is subject to the Class Environmental Assessment (EA) for Minor Transmission Facilities (Hydro One, 2016), in accordance with the *Ontario Environmental Assessment Act*. The Class EA is a streamlined process to ensure that transmission projects that have a predictable range of effects have feasible environmental mitigation and/or protection measures in place.

In spring 2018, Hydro One's project team launched the Class EA process to evaluate alternative routes and construction methods for replacing the cable. Since then, our team has:

- Continued to receive feedback through our online community feedback forum (www.talkpowerdowntownto.ca)
- Met with various key utility and city partners to gather information on the feasibility of routes
- Completed a preliminary review of environmental and existing underground infrastructure data

Based on our work to date, we have refined our project study area, as shown on the reverse map. Due to technical and construction constraints, we will no longer be considering Open Cut Routes 1 and 3. We have expanded our study area in the East, to include Parliament Street and in the North, to include Gerrard Street and are currently reviewing other potential routes in this area to be considered in the Class EA process.

Gathering input from residents, businesses and interest groups is an important part of this process. In an effort to collect feedback on all feasible alternative routes, you will receive an invitation to an open house in early 2019. This open house will provide you with the opportunity to meet with our project team and learn more about what we've heard so far.

For more information or if you have any questions please contact our community relations team at:

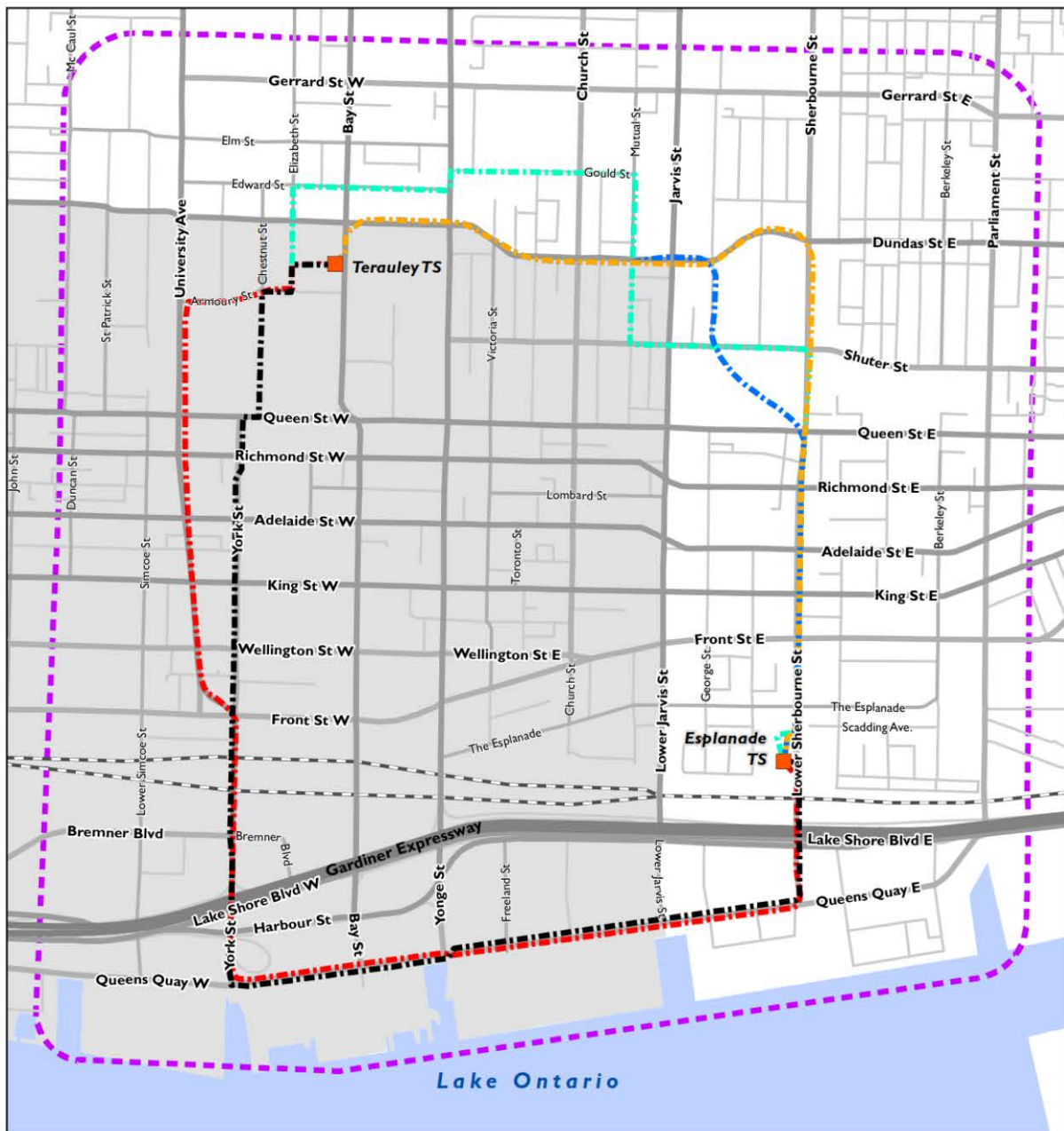
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Refined Study Area Map



**POWER DOWNTOWN TORONTO
REFINED STUDY AREA**

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■ Transformer Station	 Refined Study Area
 Open Cut Route 1 (Existing CSE/C7E Route)*	 Roadway Construction Restriction Zone
 Open Cut Route 2	
 Open Cut Route 3*	
 Tunnel Route 1	
 Tunnel Route 2	

* Open Cut Routes 1 and 3 are no longer being considered options.

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