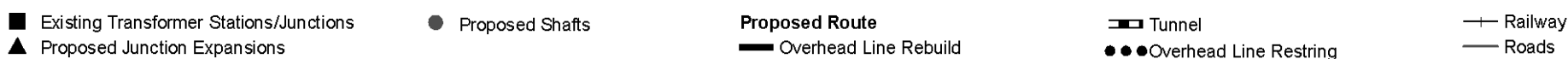
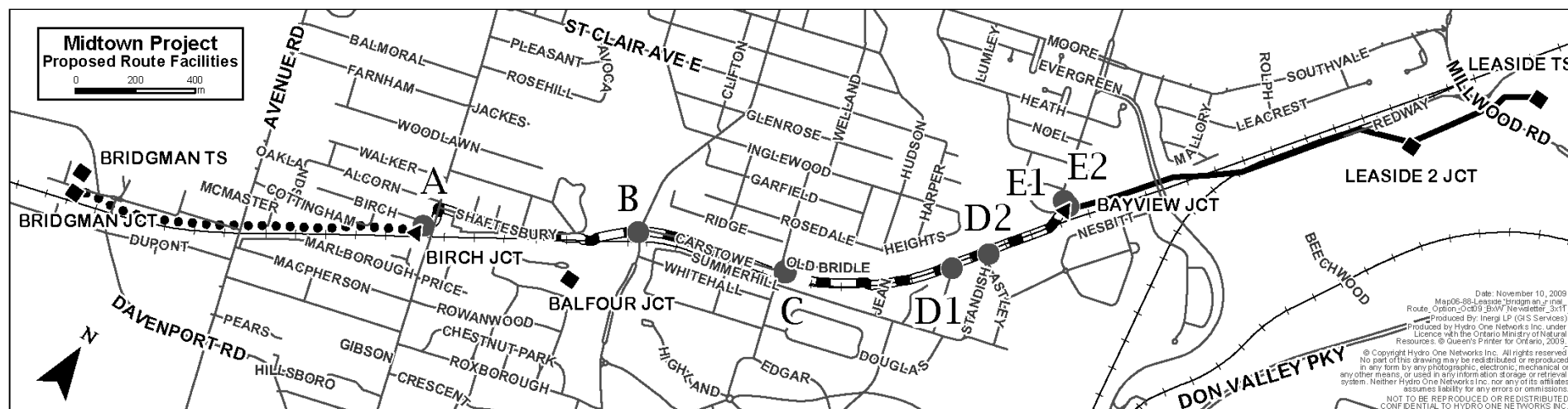


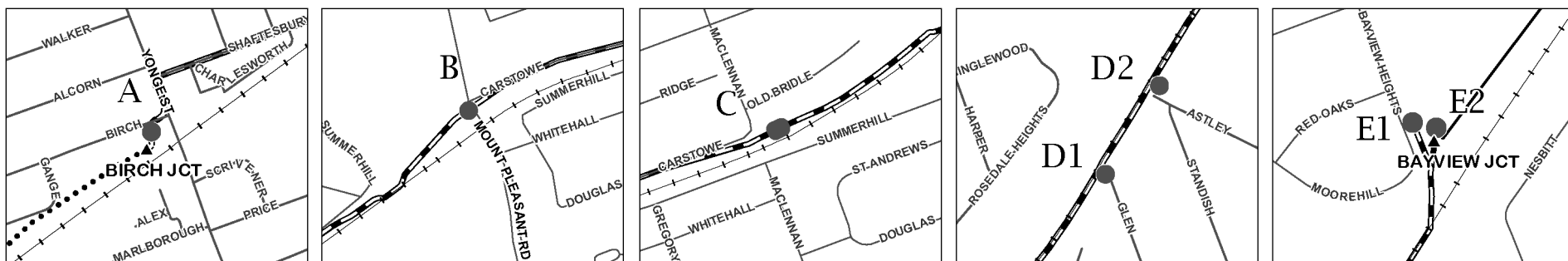
NOTICE OF SECOND PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTRE

Class Environmental Assessment

Midtown Electricity Infrastructure Renewal Project



Approximate Locations of Proposed Shafts



In February 2009, Hydro One Networks (Hydro One) held its first series of public information centres to initiate a Class Environmental Assessment (EA) to refurbish the existing 115 kilovolt (kV) transmission infrastructure which currently serves the midtown Toronto area. The project addresses two needs: an aging underground cable is reaching the end of its service life and must be replaced; and continued growth in power demand as a result of development and land use intensification has resulted in the need for additional power supply. The project would reduce the risk of power outages and improve power reliability for Toronto Hydro customers. With the necessary approvals, construction could begin fall 2010 with the new facilities in-service by fall 2012.

As part of the Class EA and based on community input, alternative routes and methods to refurbish this transmission infrastructure were evaluated. The process included consultation with government agencies, stakeholders and members of the community. The preferred option uses a combination of overhead lines and underground cables predominantly following the existing route along the CPR corridor and City of Toronto road allowance. The preferred option limits disruption to the community and natural environment and was widely supported by stakeholders during the consultation process.

Details for each section of the preferred option now involve:

1. Leaside Transformer Station (TS) to Bayview Junction (Jct)

- Install an additional 115 kV overhead circuit (line) to relieve loading on the existing two circuits between Leaside TS and Bayview Jct. New towers (lattice, steel poles or a combination) will replace the existing towers on the existing right-of-way.

2. Bayview Jct to Birch Jct

- Replace an aging underground cable and add a second cable using a deep-rock tunnel 75 metres below ground. This option would also require the installation of five shafts along the proposed route to provide access for construction and future maintenance. The main shaft and construction staging area will be located on Hydro One's property east of Carstowe Road (C). The approximate locations of the proposed exit and intermediate shafts are shown in more detail on the maps above.

3. Birch Jct to Bridgman TS

- Replace and restring the 115 kV overhead lines on the existing towers.

4. Leaside TS, Bayview, Birch and Bridgman Junctions

- Install new equipment associated with the line and cable refurbishments within Hydro One's property at these sites.

The EA Process

This project is subject to the Ontario *Environmental Assessment Act* in accordance with the Class EA for Minor Transmission Facilities. The Class EA process provides opportunities for public and stakeholder consultation and your feedback is very important to us. At the public information centres (PICs), Hydro One and Toronto Hydro will provide information about environmental considerations and mitigation, alternative options, construction methods, the preferred route option and the approvals processes. We encourage you to drop into one of the upcoming PICs to learn more about the project, provide your input, and discuss any issues or concerns with our project team.

Public Information Centres

Tuesday, December 1, 2009
Bennington Heights Elementary School
76 Bennington Heights Drive
6 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

Wednesday, December 2, 2009
Whitney Junior Public School
119 Rosedale Heights Drive
6 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

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