

# Welcome

### West Toronto Transmission

## Line Relocation Project Community Open House #1

Why we are here:

- Present project need
- Introduce underground route alternatives and associated

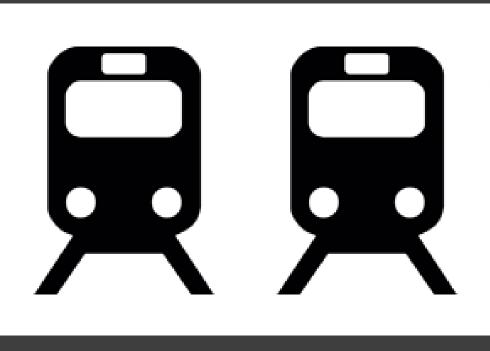
#### junctions

- Discuss the route selection process
- Listen to feedback and present next steps





## -X-METROLINX The Right Investment at the Right Time GO Rail Expansion will enable:



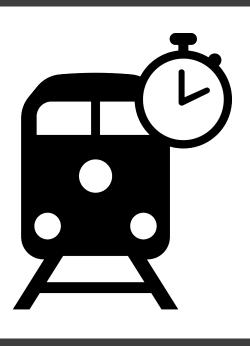
#### **MORE TRIPS**

6000 weekly trips 2x as many rush-hour options. 3x as many off-peak options

#### **REDUCED CONGESTION**

More trains = reduced congestion across the region, taking close to 145,000 car trips per day, off the road

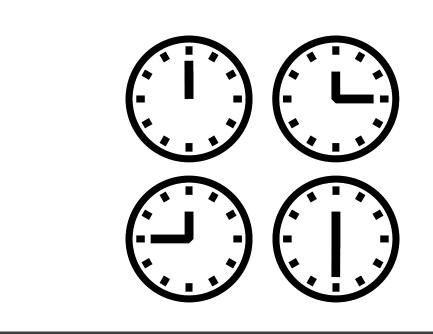
An estimated **8,300 annual jobs** created for the first 12 years of delivery will be created over the lifecycle of the program



#### **FASTER TRAVEL**

Electric trains accelerate and decelerate faster.

Introduction of **additional express** services



#### **HIGH FREQUENCY**

No need to check a schedule with service every 15 minutes or better, in both directions, all day

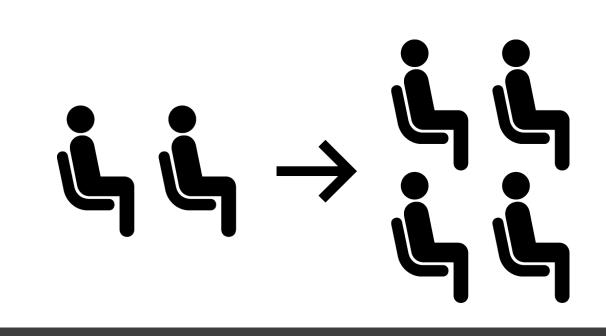


#### **CREATE JOBS**



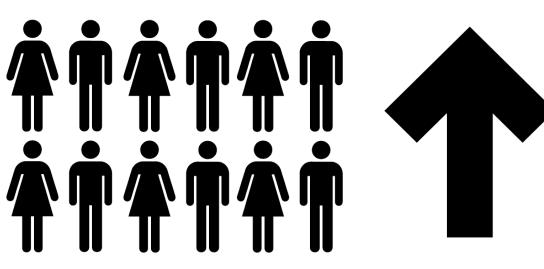
#### **SAVES TAXPAYERS MONEY**

All operating costs covered with fare box revenue. GO Rail revenues will exceed 110% of operating costs over the next 60 years



#### **MORE CAPACITY**

Doubling regional commuter capacity equivalent to nine highways the size of the 401



#### **INCREASED RIDERSHIP**

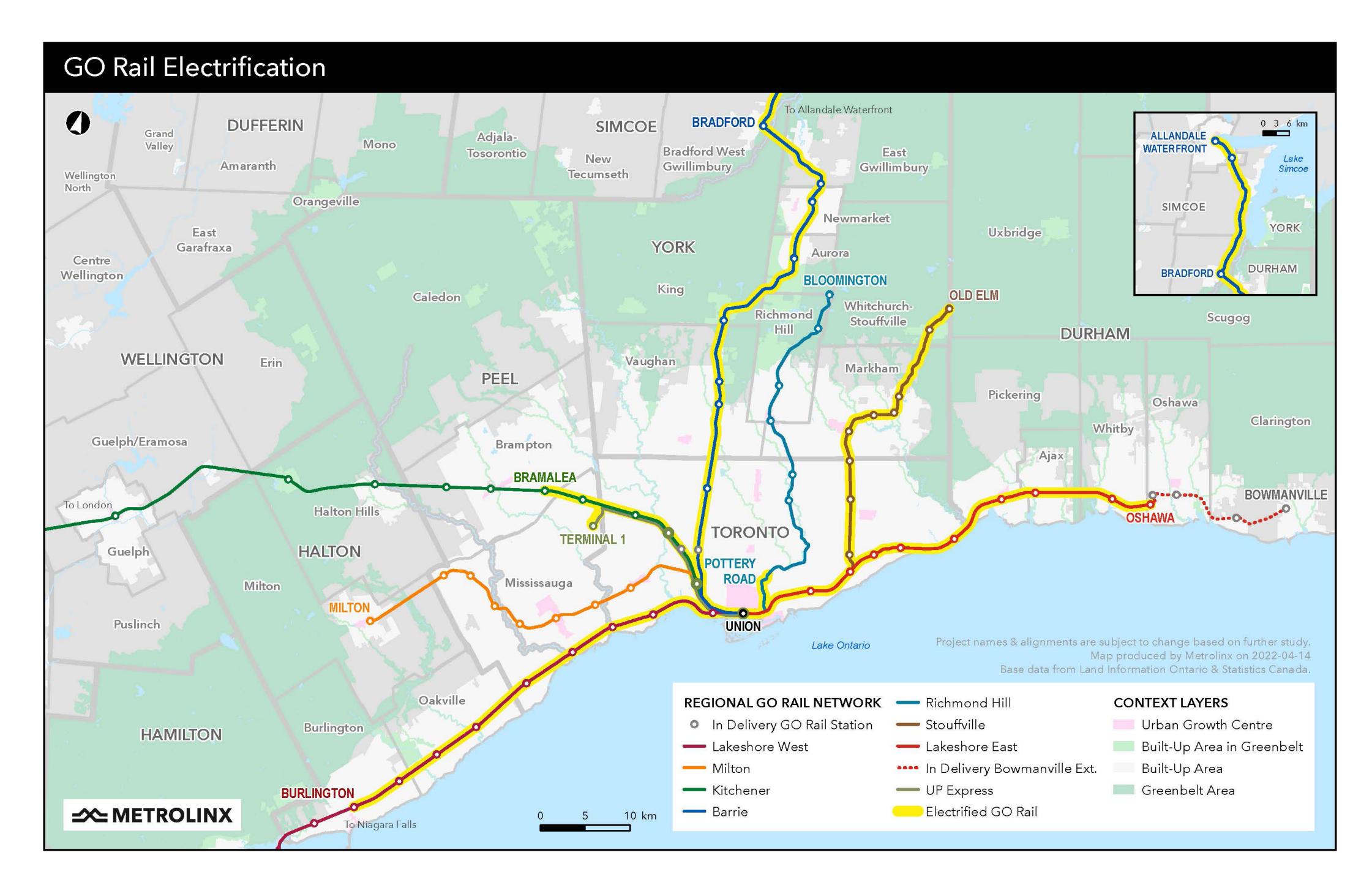
More options and faster trains will increase peak and off peak service. By 2055, annual ridership will exceed 200 million



## **GO Rail Network Electrification**

### **Service Types**

- Barrie Rail Corridor



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### • Metrolinx has approved plans to electrify the rail lines it currently owns, including the

### • According to the service plan, some locations will be served almost entirely by electric trains, some by a mix of electric and diesel trains

## Metrolinx Projects along the **Barrie Rail Corridor**

### **Barrie Double Track Enabling Works**

- Will be constructed between 2020 and 2024

### **Davenport Diamond Grade Separation**

- **CP Rail intersection near Dupont Street**
- This project will be completed by 2024

### **Caledonia GO Station**

complete

 The Project includes modifications and upgrades to the existing rail corridor (vegetation removal, noise walls), that will accommodate the electrification of the corridor and a second set of tracks to be installed in the future

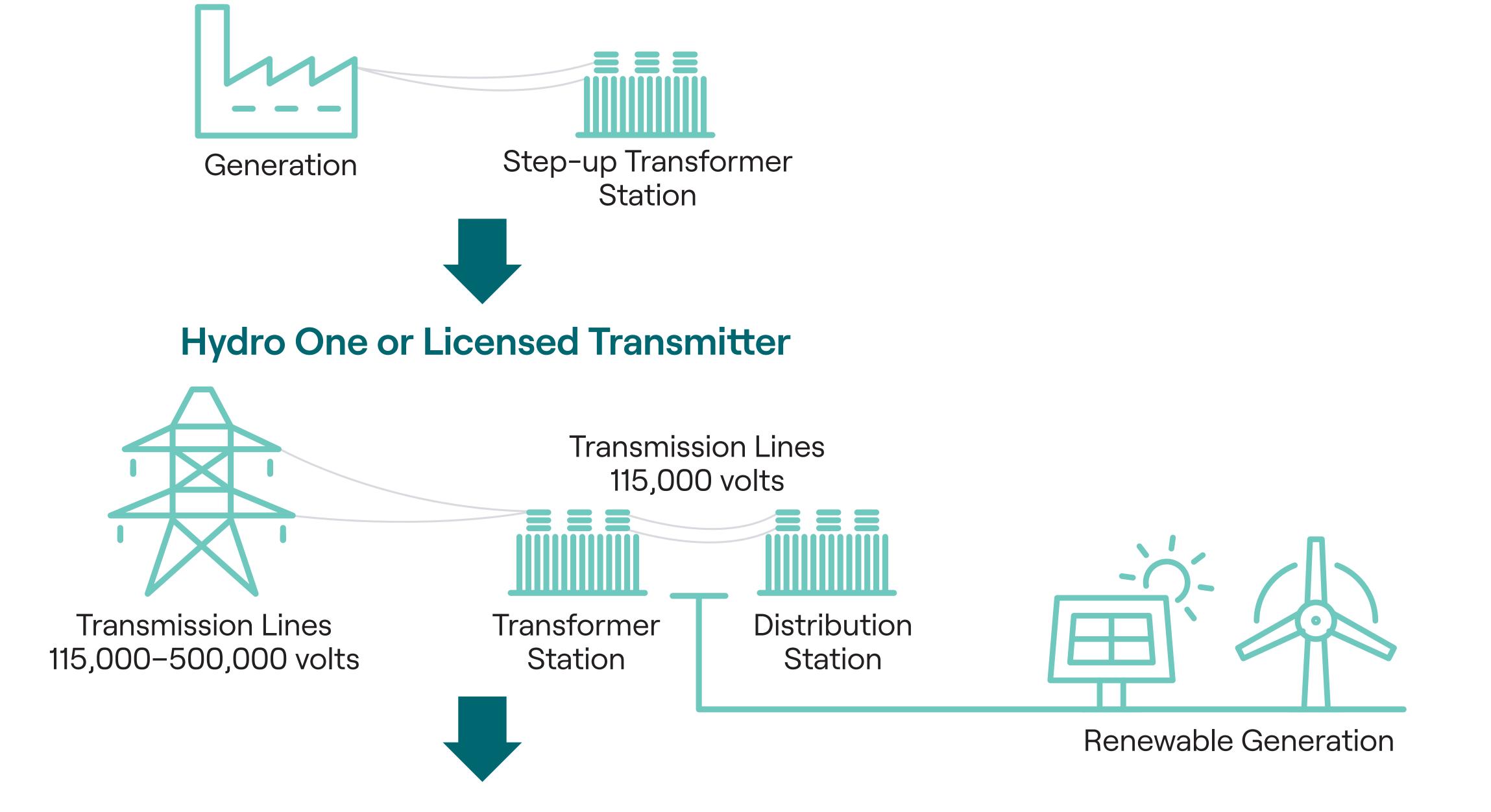
 The Davenport Diamond Grade Separation project will prepare and complete the construction of an elevated twin-track guideway between Bloor Street and Davenport Road, west of Lansdowne Avenue, eliminating at-grade crossings, including the busy

Construction estimated to begin 2023 and will take approximately two years to

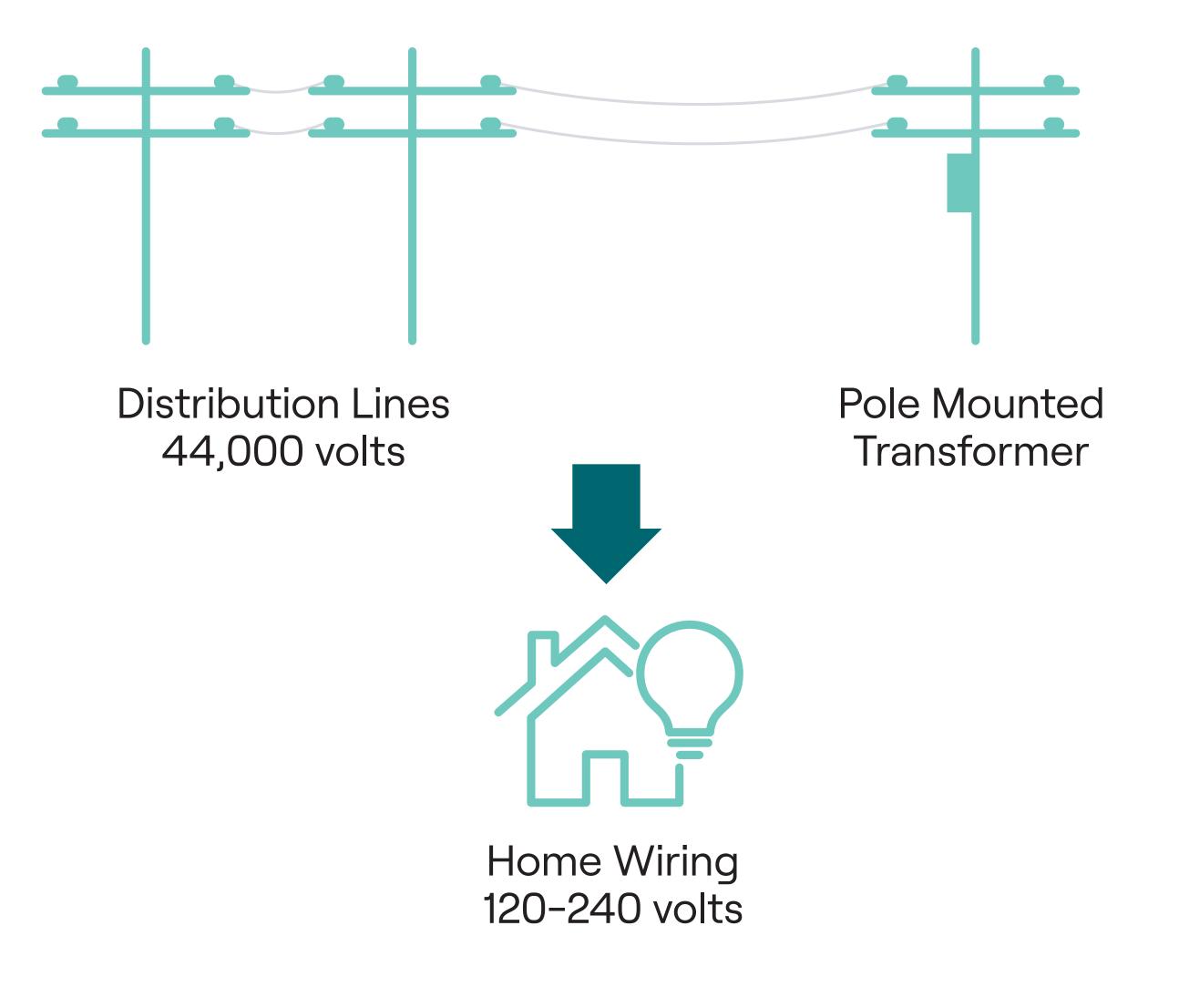


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## Project Need

 Hydro One is supporting Metrolinx's GO Expansion program, which will bring



more service with faster trains, more stations and seamless connections to a regional rapid transit network

 Metrolinx and Hydro One have identified areas where the proposed railway expansion will conflict with existing overhead power lines along a portion of

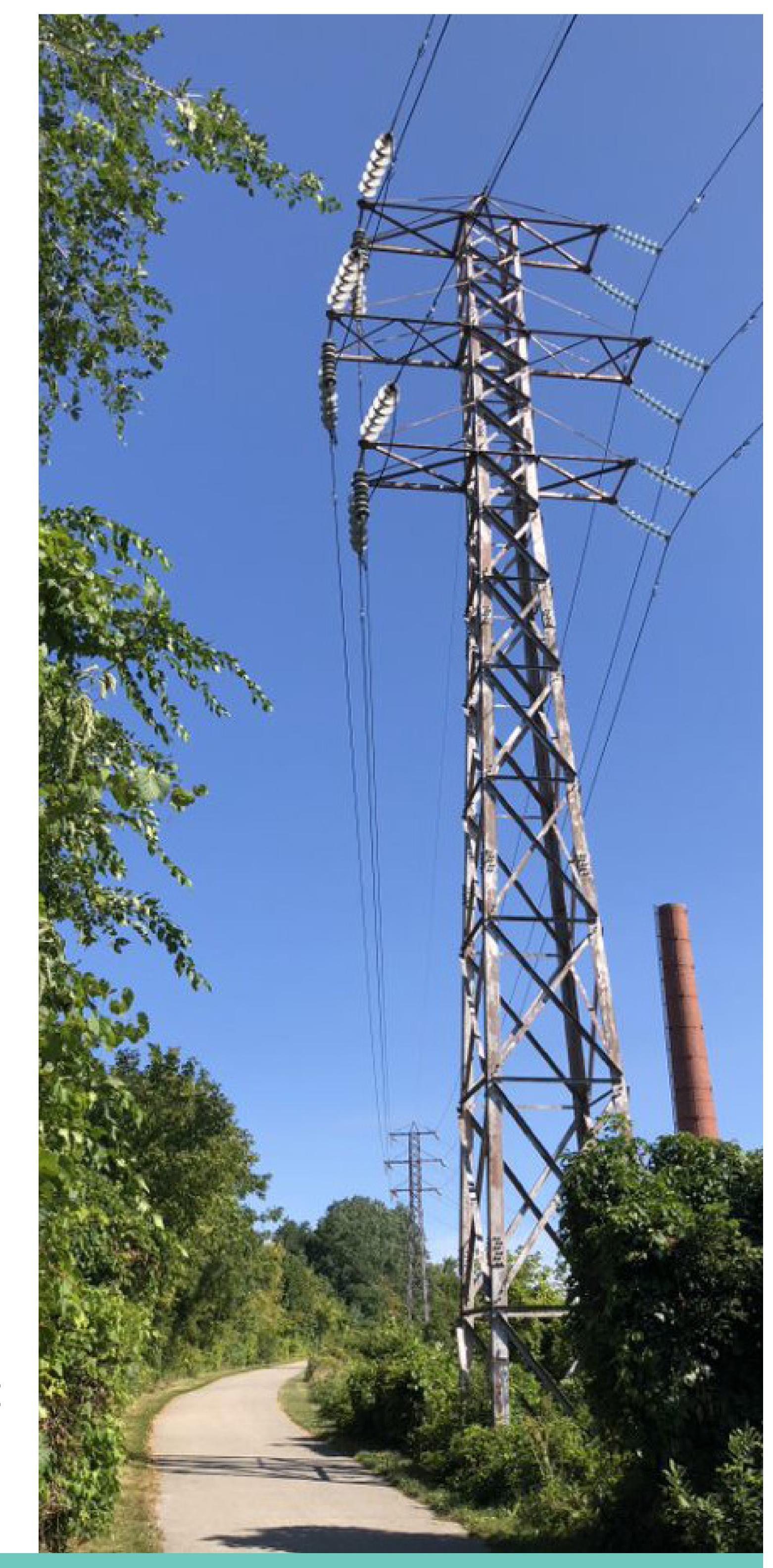
the Barrie Rail corridor between St. Clair Ave West and Bowie Ave

 Hydro One is beginning the West Toronto Transmission Relocation Project to relocate these important transmission lines





## Route Evaluation and



## Selection Study

- We have begun a Route Evaluation and Selection Study to identify a preferred route to relocate these overhead lines
- Three feasible underground

route alternatives and associated new junctions have now been identified and will be evaluated along with different construction methodologies

 Gathering feedback from Indigenous communities, community members, and stakeholders is an important part of this process



### **Route Alternatives**



### West Toronto Transmission Line Relocation Project

**Underground Route Alternatives**  Junction Connection Alternatives

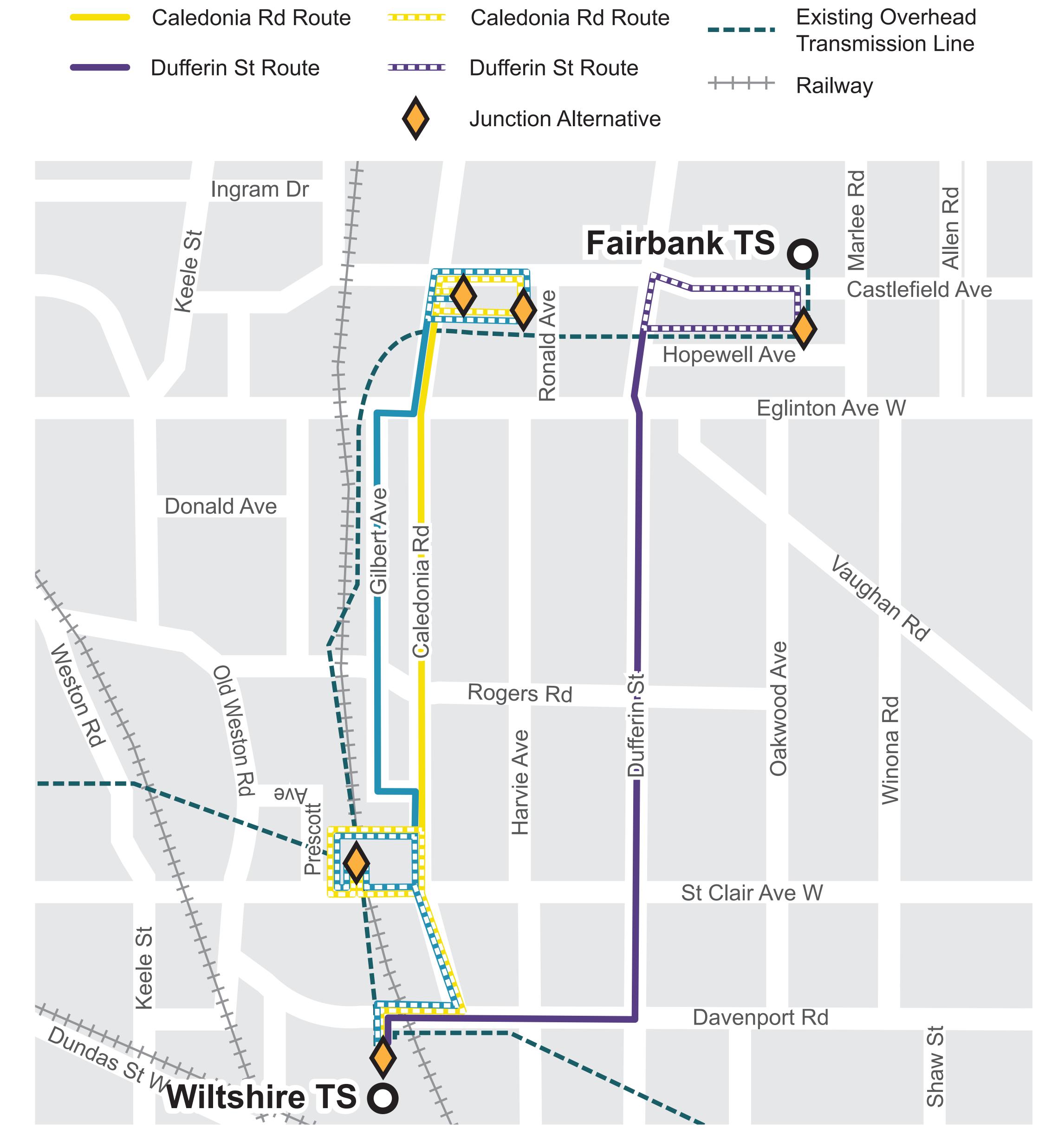
Map Legend



Gilbert Ave Route











## **Construction Methods Being Evaluated**

For each of the alternate routes, Hydro One is considering

### a combination of the following construction methodologies as part of the evaluation:

### **Open Cut Trenching**

Would involve the excavation of roadways to install cable ducts beneath the surface to house the new cable. Excavation would be completed in rolling sections.



Example of open cut trenching

#### **Trenchless Construction**

Trenchless construction includes methods that require minimal ground excavation under congested intersections, roadways and sites. Examples of trenchless construction includes, but is not limited to, directional drilling or microtunneling.



Example of directional drilling





### Junctions

 New junction stations will be required at the end point of each route



alternative to facilitate the transition from overhead to underground lines

- Final junction locations will be determined based on the preferred route selected through the evaluation process
- The exterior of the station will be enclosed with a fence or wall, the design

## of which will incorporate community input





### **Route Selection Process**

#### Identify Route Alternatives

May – July

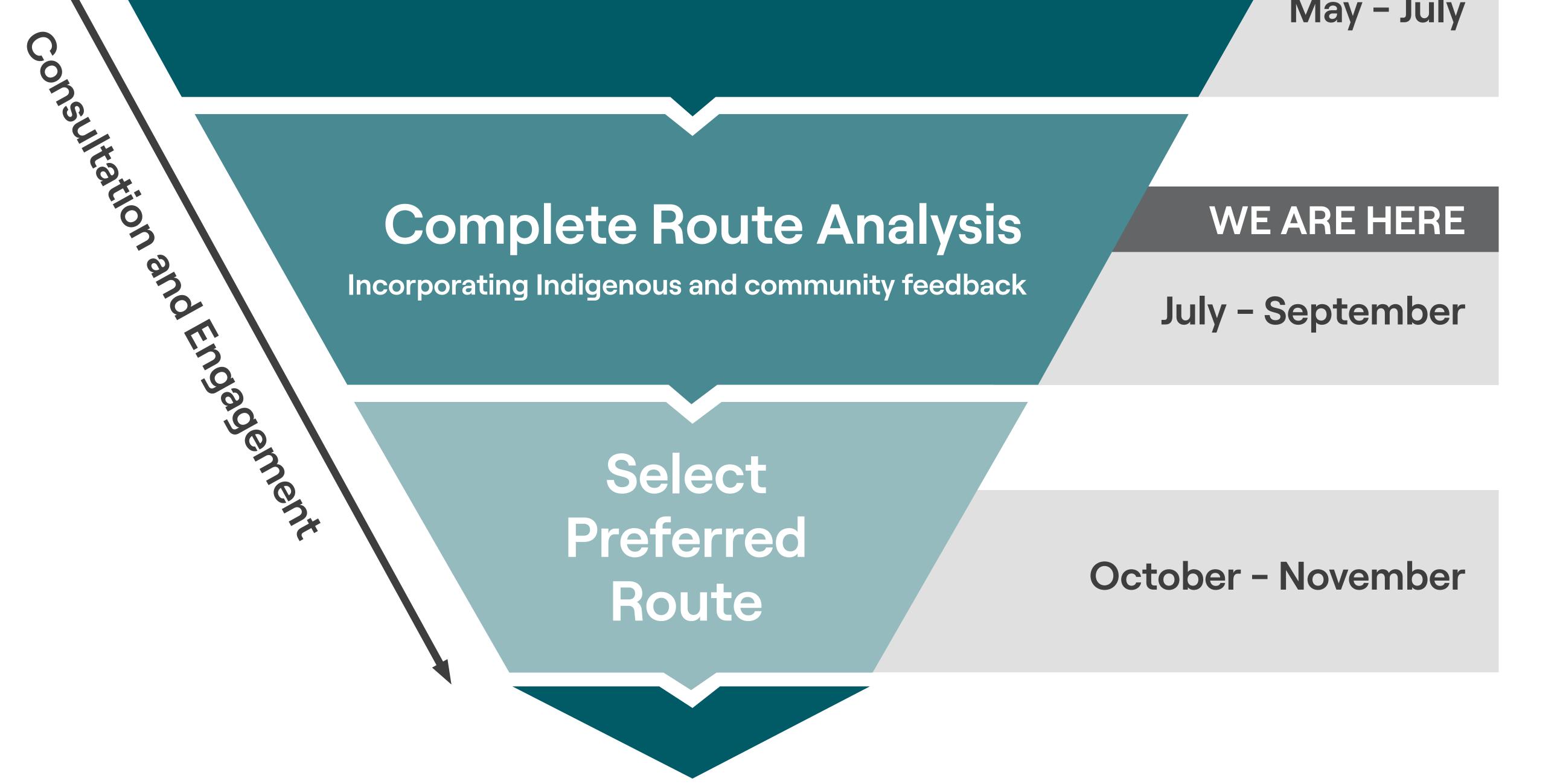
#### **Complete Route Analysis**

Incorporating Indigenous and community feedback

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#### WE ARE HERE

July - September







Cultural Heritage Resources

**Operational and** Maintenance Needs

**Road Usage** (arterial routes, transit routes, bike lanes)

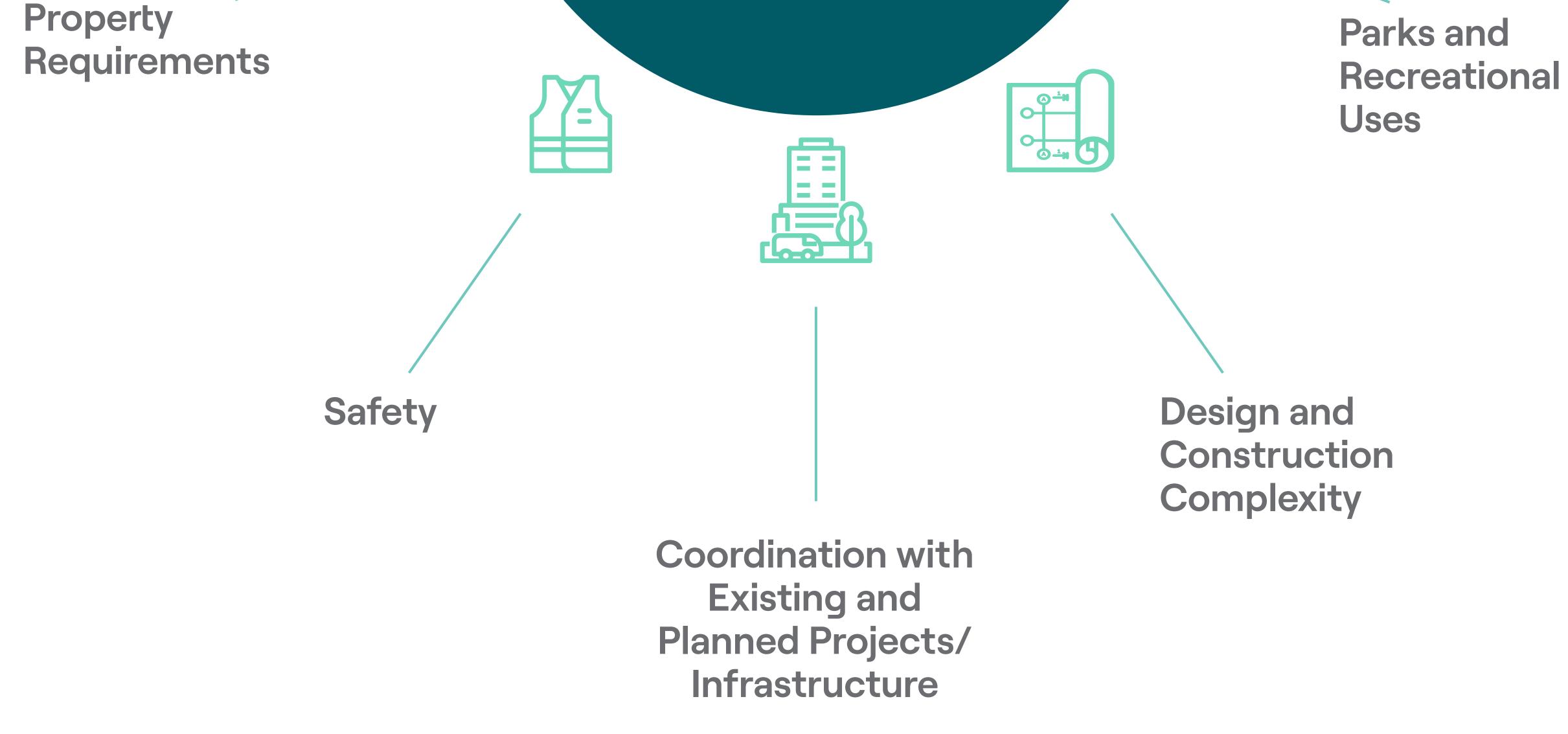
Traditional Indigenous Knowledge



ROUTE EVALUATION CRITERIA

Each route alternative will be compared and evaluated, including, but not limited to, the following criteria. Criteria continues to be refined as feedback and data is received. **Environmental Studies** 









### **Environmental Studies**

The following studies are being undertaken to document baseline conditions and identify potential impacts associated with each route alternative:



#### Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment



Cultural Heritage Screening Assessment



Natural Heritage Assessment









Construction Noise/Vibration Assessment





## **Community Engagement**



We are committed to engaging with the community throughout each

#### **TNI//T** stage of the project by:

- Providing opportunities to share information about the project
- Understanding how new infrastructure design can fit within the community
- Listening to the community's perspective, collecting input and considering options to mitigate impacts where possible

#### As part of the route evaluation and

selection process, we are seeking community feedback in areas such as:

- Significance and/or use of unique community features (e.g., local landmarks and meeting places)
- Knowledge of traffic and transportation uses that could influence the choice of construction methodology
- Information on how parks and greenspaces within the community are used





### Project Schedule

### Phase





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Route Evaluation and Selection Study Detailed Design, Environmental Approvals and Construction Application

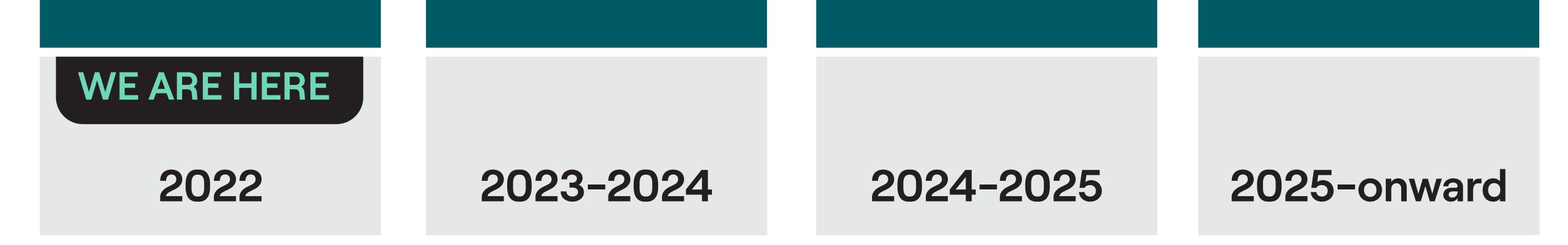
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Procurement and Construction Planning

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Timelines are based on current project estimates and may be updated as project planning continues





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