## Agenda

- 1. Introduction & Environmental Assessment Context
- 2. Roadway Design
- 3. Public Realm Design

# Introduction & Environmental Assessment Context

### **Project Context:**

The Gardiner and Lake Shore Bouelvard design has been shaped by:

- 1. The approved Gardiner Expressway and Lake Shore Boulevard Reconfiguration EA and Urban Design Study (2017)
- 2. Lake Shore Boulevard East Public Realm Vision, Phasing and Implementation Plan (2020)
- 3. Ongoing detailed design work

## **Lake Shore Boulevard East Public Realm Vision**



## Project Area: Lake Shore Boulevard East Bridge and Public Realm



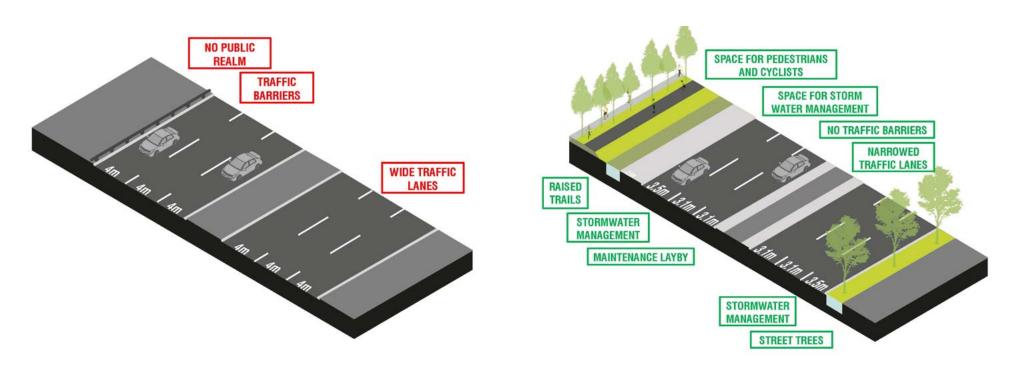
### **Past Consultation:**

Stakeholder and Public Engagement for the following projects has informed this design

- Gardiner Expressway and Lake Shore Boulevard Reconfiguration EA and Urban Design Study
- Lake Shore Boulevard East Public Realm Vision, Phasing and Implementation Plan (Jarvis to Cherry Streets)
- Port Lands Flood Protection

## Lake Shore Boulevard Public Realm Design Vision - Objectives

- 1 Design an urban civic boulevard with a distinct continuous landscape identity
- 2 Prioritize traffic calming measures and enhance public realm experience and safety
- 3 Improve East-West connectivity through rebalanced multimodal mobility
- 4 Improve **North-South connectivity** through enhanced intersections
- 5 Design for **sustainable operations and maintenance** for public realm

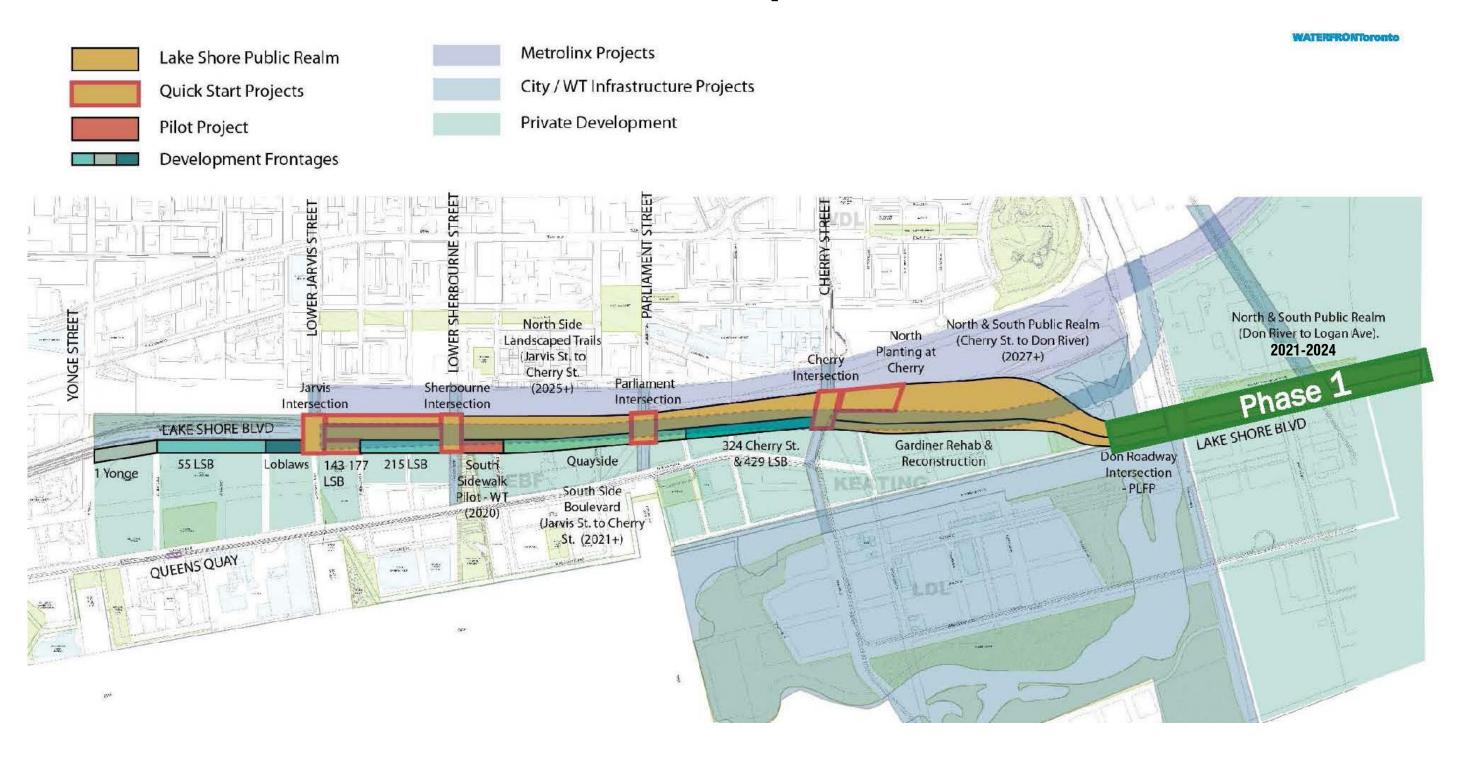


# North Landscape & Trails



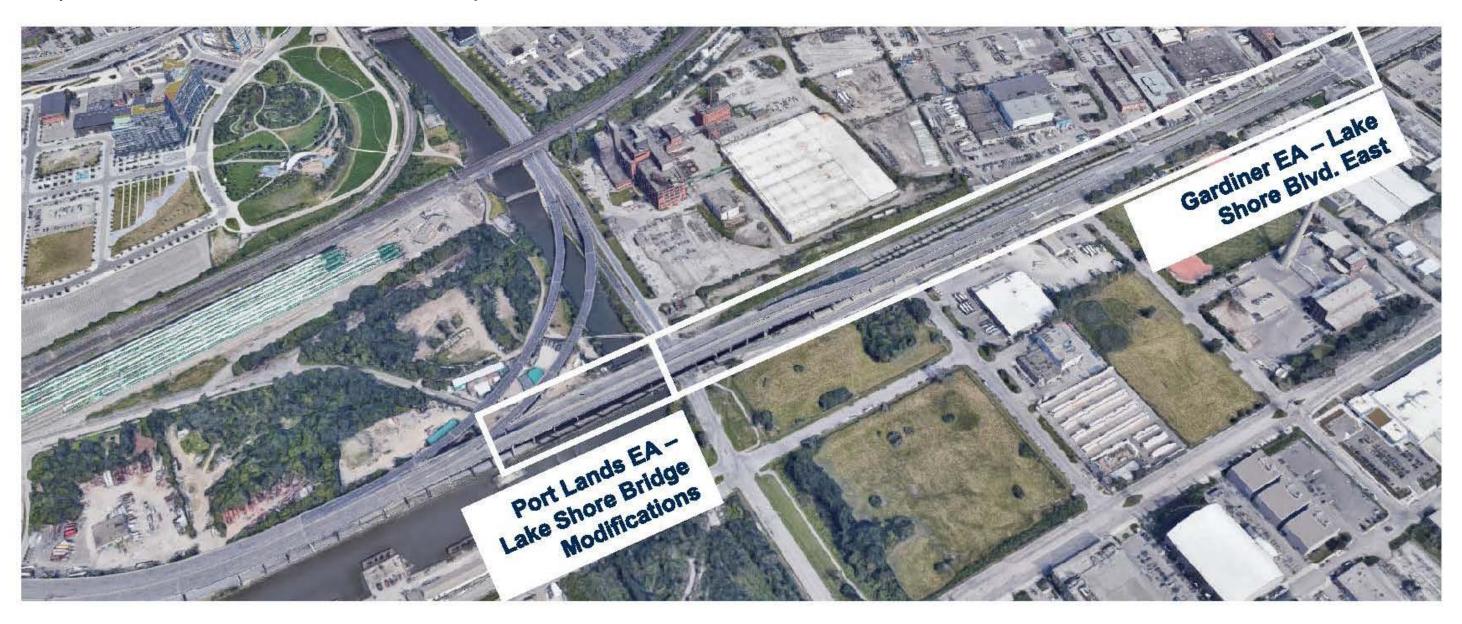
**South Sidewalk Improvements** 

## Lake Shore Boulevard Public Realm Implementation Plan



## Project Area: Lake Shore Boulevard East Bridge and Public Realm

**Opportunity:** Integrate design and delivery of two different projects/approved Environmental Assessments as part of Port Lands Flood Protection Project



# Gardiner Expressway and Lake Shore Boulevard East Reconfiguration Environmental Assessment, 2017

#### **Lake Shore Bridge Scope**

- Rebuilt to provide sufficient width for: 6 travel lanes, an eastbound left turn lane to access the northbound Don Roadway / Don Valley Parkway, a multi-use trail, and sidewalk
- Reconstruction to occur with Gardiner demolished

## Lake Shore Don Roadway to Carlaw Scope

- Demolish Gardiner ramps
- Realign / Reconstruct Lake Shore Boulevard within the same Right of Way into a 6-lane boulevard with streetscape improvements

HYBRID 3 CONCEPTUAL DESIGN PLAN BETWEEN CHERRY STREET AND DON ROADWAY (KEATING CHANNEL PRECINCT)
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# Don Mouth Naturalization and Portlands Flood Protection Project Environmental Assessment, 2014

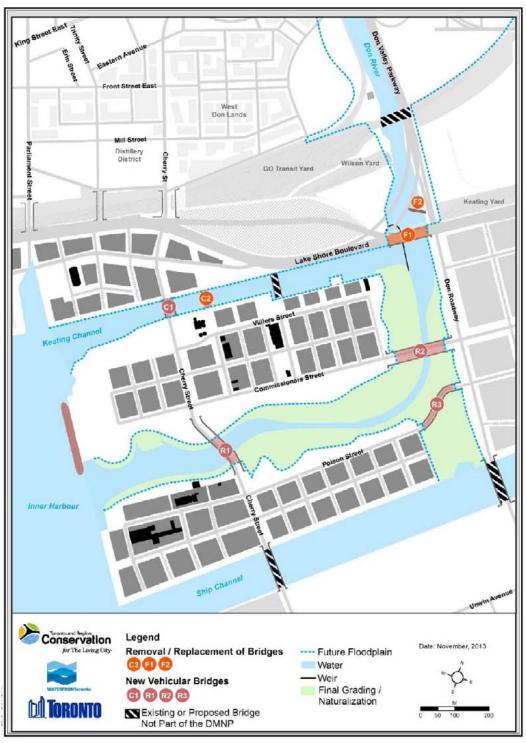
#### **Lake Shore Bridge Scope**

- To improve flood conveyance, the existing Lake Shore Boulevard and Harbour Lead rail bridges will be lengthened from the two bays that currently exist
- Extended bridge remains below the existing Gardiner elevated structure
- Bridge lengthening is also proposed in the Lower Don Lands Infrastructure Master Plan and Keating Channel Precinct Environmental Study Report

## **Lake Shore Don Roadway to Carlaw Scope**

No work defined

PROPOSED BRIDGE CROSSINGS CHAPTER 6 - FIGURE 6-23



### Two Projects, One Bridge

#### Combining projects to reduce construction duration, costs, and impacts

#### **Lake Shore Bridge Scope**

- Demolish Gardiner elevated structure above.
- Construct 2 span extension and replace existing 2 spans to provide a 4 span bridge supporting 6 travel lanes, an eastbound left turn lane, a multi-use trail, and sidewalks.
- Improve Don River flood conveyance with extension.

#### **Lake Shore Don Roadway to Carlaw Scope**

- · Demolish Gardiner ramps
- Realign / Reconstruct Lake Shore Boulevard within the same Right of Way into a 6-lane boulevard with dedicated left turn lanes, bicycle paths, sidewalks, and streetscape improvements
- Realign and relocate Harbour Lead Rail Line to Median of Lake Shore Boulevard

#### **Why Combine These Projects?**

- Shorter construction period
- Shorter period of traffic disruption
- Safer
- Reduced cost
- No interim conditions on Lake Shore Boulevard

#### Advancing design for public realm improvements approved through Gardiner Environmental Assessment





## **Project Benefits**

Considerations	Two Separate Projects	Combined Single Project
Duration of construction	Two disruption periods:	Single disruption period:
	2.5  years + 3  years = 5.5  years total	3.5 years total
		Reduces period of traffic disruption by approx. 2
		years
Timing to deliver:	2028	2024
- New bridge with cylcing/pedestrian		4 years earlier
connections		
- Public spaces along Lake Shore		
- Safer intersections along Lake Shore		
Level of Risk	1) Structural stability related to working in and around	1) Structural stability risks related to working in and
	Gardiner bents: high risk	around Gardiner bents - risk eliminated
	2) Schedule risk related to complexity of work:	2) Schedule risk related to complexity of work - <b>low</b>
	medium risk	risk
Cost savings		Total estimated savings of \$34 million
Safety	Construction detour at Lake Shore Boulevard and Don	By removing Gardiner bents prior to construction of
	roadway identified as significant safety risk due to	detour roads, traffic safety risk reduced
	presence of Gardiner bents	

# Proposed Construction Timelines\* - PLFP and Lake Shore Boulevard East Public Realm

Description	Date
Traffic Management	
Public outreach on planned traffic mitigations	Winter 2021
Traffic mitigations complete	Fall 2021
Construction	
Logan Ramp Closed/Ramp Demolition Begins	Fall 2021
Lake Shore Bridge Demolition - Eastbound	Fall 2021
Rail Bridge Closure	Spring 2022
Opening Lake Shore Bridge - Eastbound	Spring 2023
Lake Shore Boulevard Closure/Demolition - Westbound	Spring/Summer 2023
Rail Bridge Construction Complete	Spring 2024
Opening Lake Shore Bridge - Westbound	Fall 2024
Construction Finish	Winter 2024

\*Note: Schedule not confirmed, subject to City approval

Would you like to get construction notices?

Sign up here.

# Roadway Design

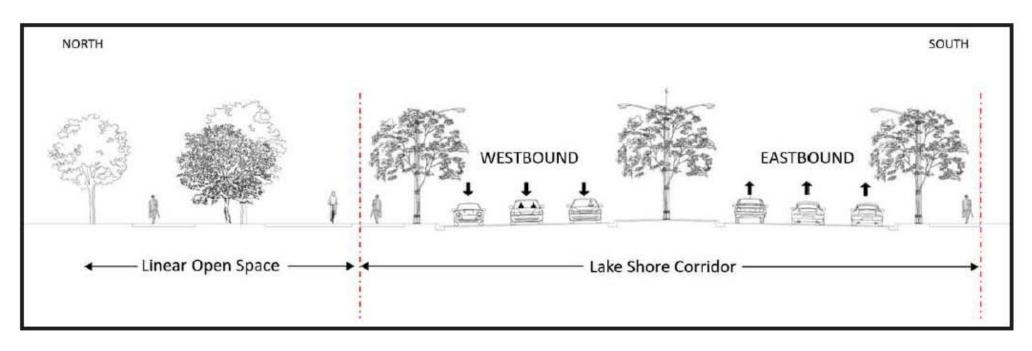
### Lake Shore Boulevard East Roadway Design

#### **ROADWAY LAYOUT**

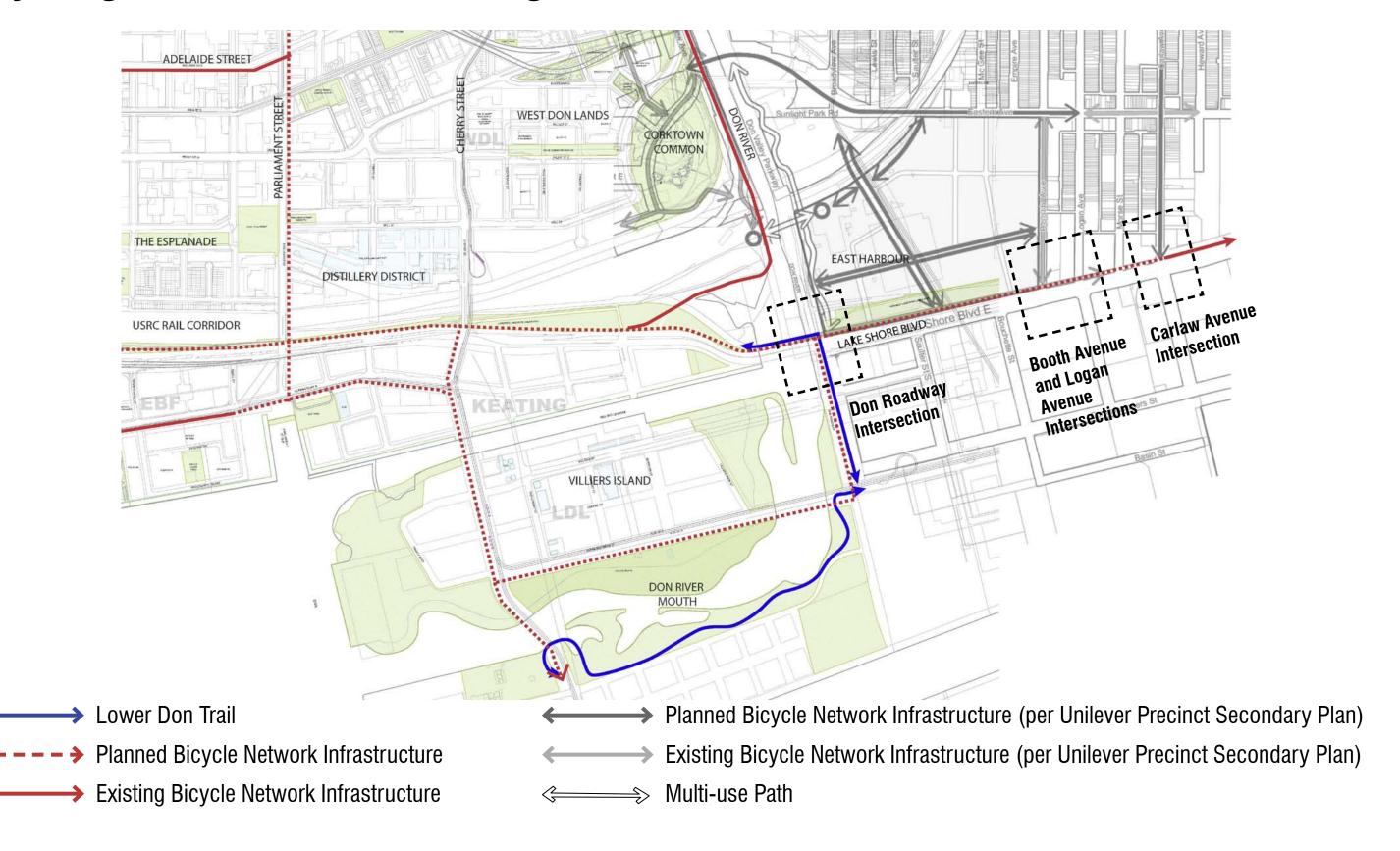
- In 2017, City Council approved proposed design in Gardiner Expressway and Lake Shore Boulevard East Reconfiguration EA: landscaped 6-lane boulevard with generous medians
- Design advanced following guidelines by City and by Transportation Association of Canada
- Incorporating past public and stakeholder feedback
- In coordination with City and nearby projects (East Harbour, McCleary District, PLFP)
- Lake Shore Boulevard remains an arterial road with dedicated left turn lanes added at intersections

#### **EA CROSS SECTION EAST OF DON RIVER**

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## **Cycling Connections - Existing and Planned**



### **Lake Shore Boulevard East Intersection Design**

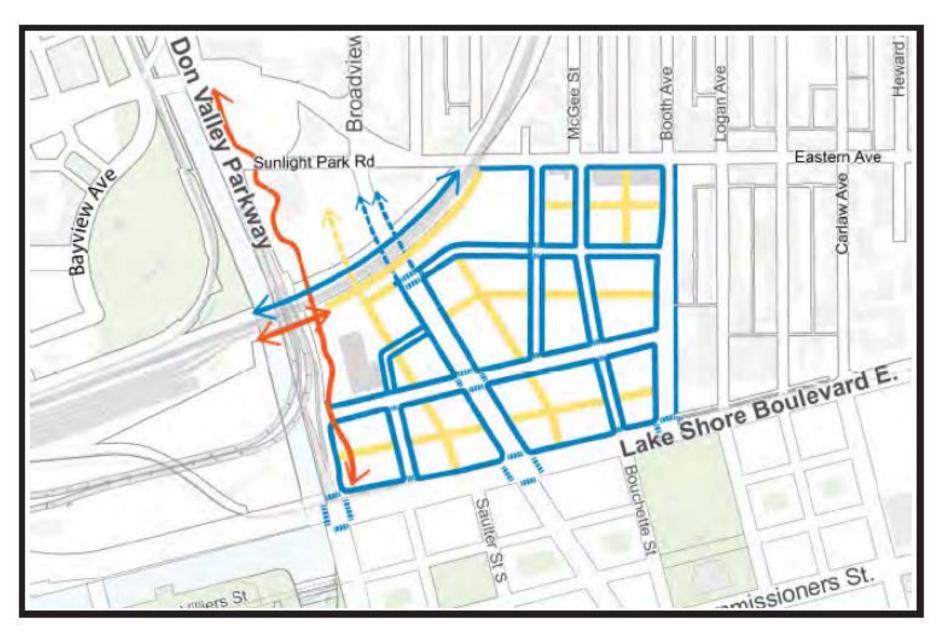
## INTERSECTION GEOMETRY AND LOCATIONS

- Design advanced following guidelines by City and by Transportation Association of Canada
- Improved crossing for cyclists and pedestrians with dedicated, separated waiting areas
- In coordination with City and nearby projects (East Harbour, McCleary District, PLFP)
- Improved connectivity to future trail along Don Roadway and to existing McCleary Park
- Dedicated cyclist crossing signals
- Traffic modelling to optimize traffic flow

Final alignments and designs for intersections to be determined through additional studies

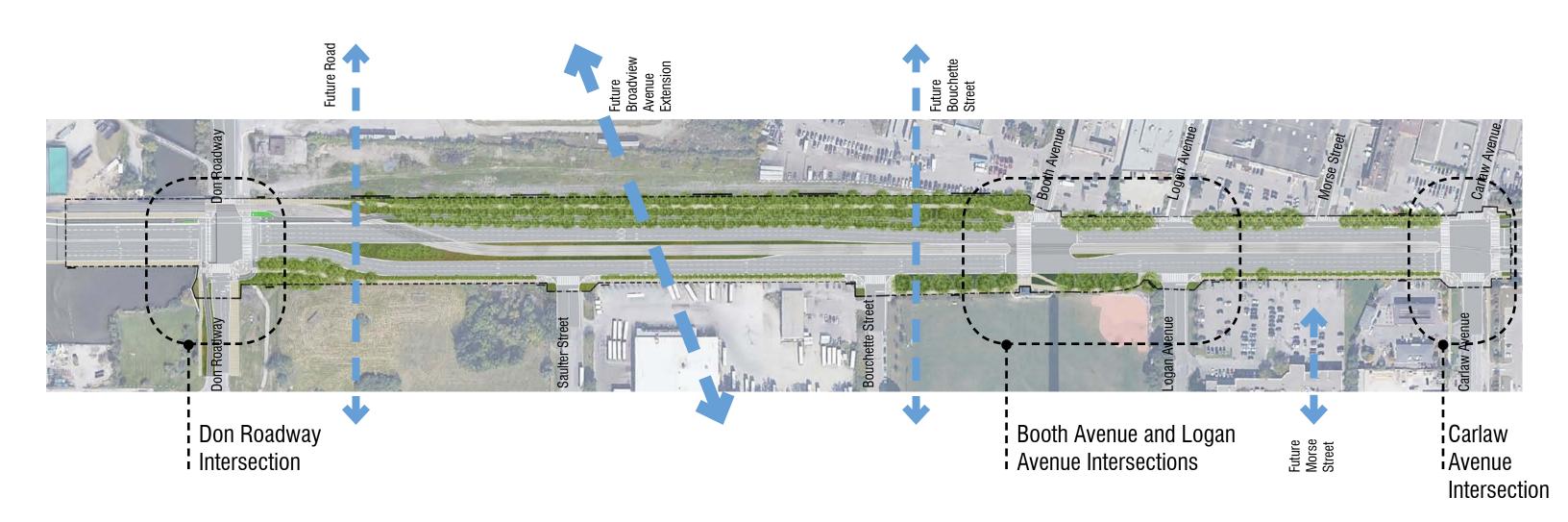
#### **UNILEVER PRECINCT PLANNING FRAMEWORK (EAST HARBOUR)**

PEDESTRIAN NETWORK MAP



## **Intersection Design**

**Three Key Intersections in Context of Future Expanded Connectivity** 

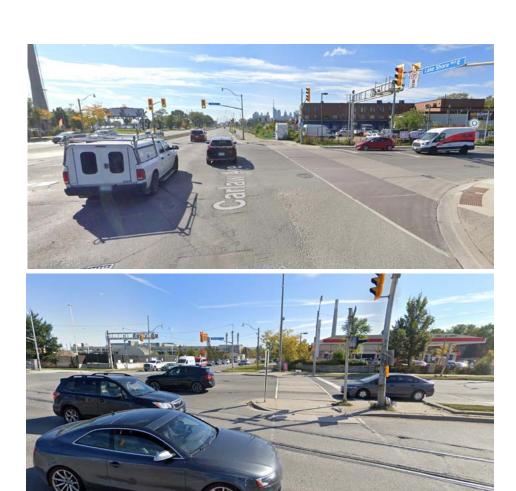


← - - - → Future Intersections (per Unilever Precinct Plan)

## **Lake Shore Boulevard Intersections - Existing Conditions**







**Don Roadway** 

**Booth Avenue** 

**Carlaw Avenue** 

### **Intersection Design - Don Roadway**

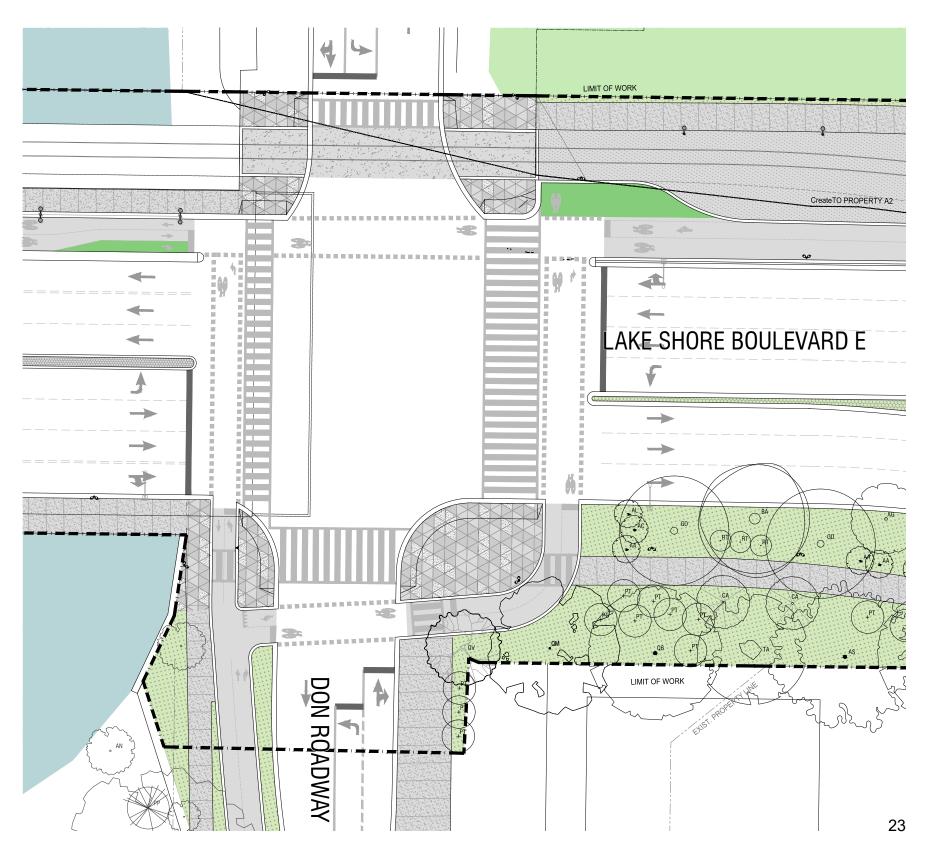
#### **Proposed Design**

#### **Key Design Features**

- Where existing Don Roadway meets new Don Roadway (designed by PLFP Roads team)
- Where Lower Don Trail on Don Roadway meets trail along Lake Shore Boulevard
- Safe crossings for pedestrians and cyclists: pedestrians cross east-west north of Harbour Lead Rail Line, cyclists have extra space for turning
- Leading signal interval for advanced north-south crossing of pedestrians and cyclists for increased safety and visibility
- · No right turn on red for vehicles
- All left turning vehicles to turn within a dedicated signal phase

Note: The design for Don Roadway between Lake Shore and Commissioners Street has been finalized and approved as part of Port Lands Flood Protection project





## **Intersection Design - Don Roadway**

#### **Truck Turning Analysis**

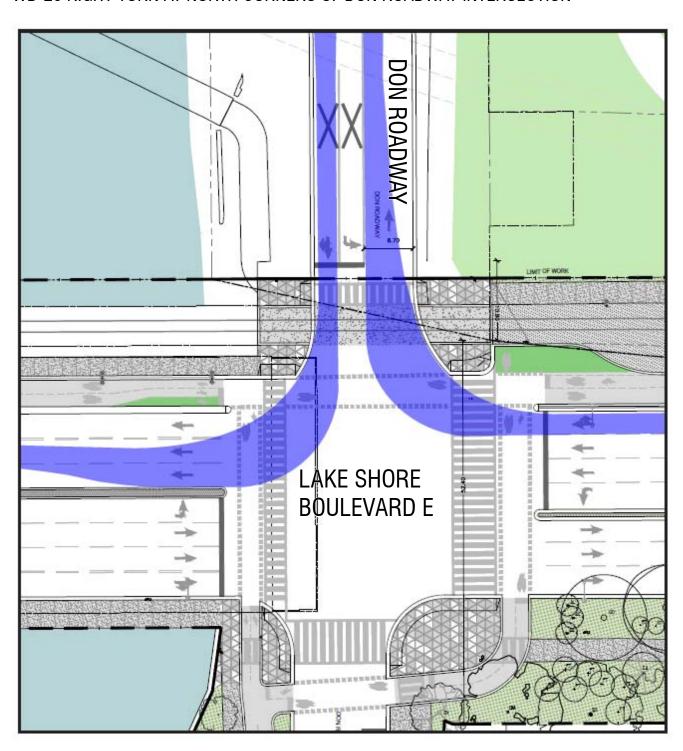
#### **Verifying Intersection Geometry**

- Ensure truck movement through intersections are in accordance with City's Curb Radii Guideline.
- WB-20 (tractor semi-trailer) used at north corners of Don Roadway intersection.
- MSU (medium single unit truck) used at all other intersections.
- Trucks do not track over the curb, bicycle trail or sidewalk to complete turn.
- · Carlaw Ave. intersection curb radii set to match existing.
- Don Roadway intersection south corners match new Don Roadway design between LSB to Commissioners St.



#### TRUCK TURN ANALYSIS PATHING EXAMPLE

WB-20 RIGHT TURN AT NORTH CORNERS OF DON ROADWAY INTERSECTION



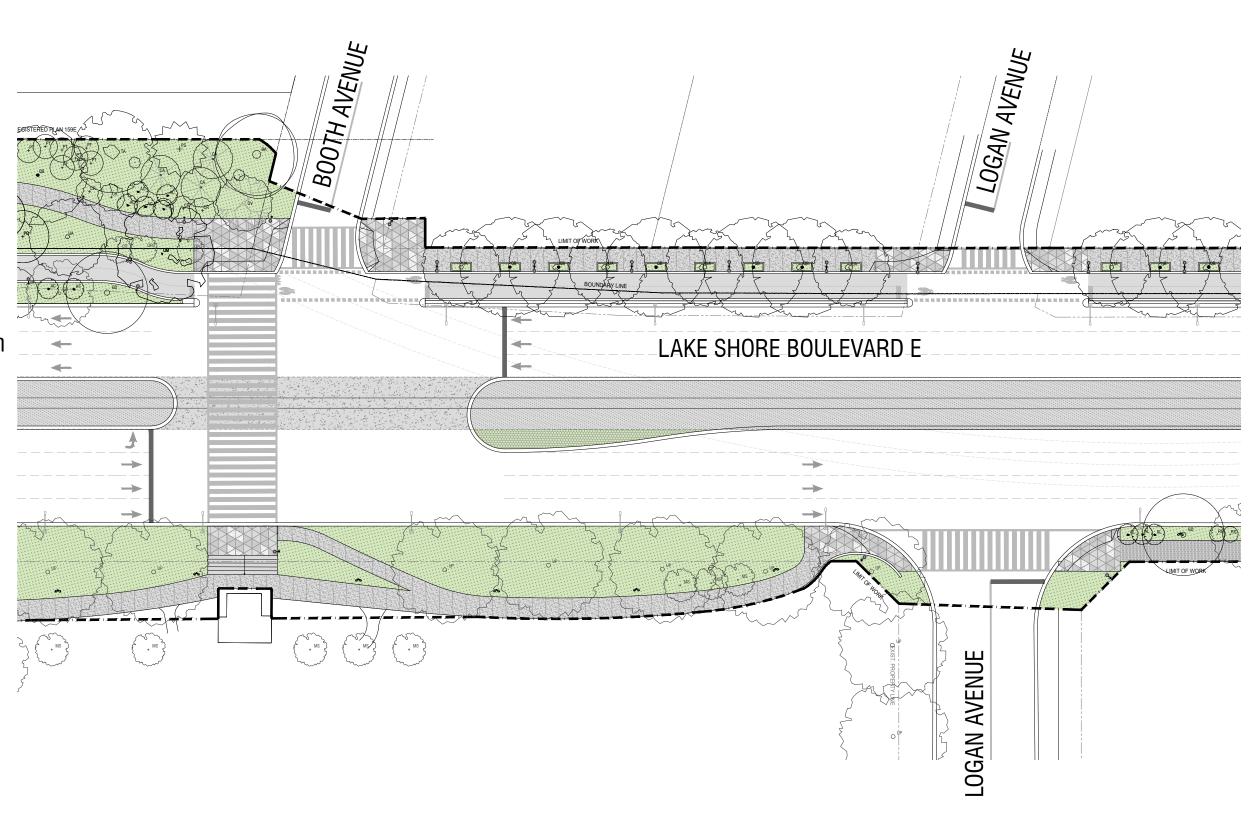
## **Intersection Design - Booth and Logan Avenue**

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#### **Proposed Design**

#### **Key Design Features**

- New controlled intersection at Booth Avenue
- Extra wide pedestrian crossing North to South at Booth Avenue and McCleary Park - no cycling crossride
- Access to McCleary
   Park via stair and ramp
   to preserve mature Elm
   trees
- No controlled intersection at Logan Avenue



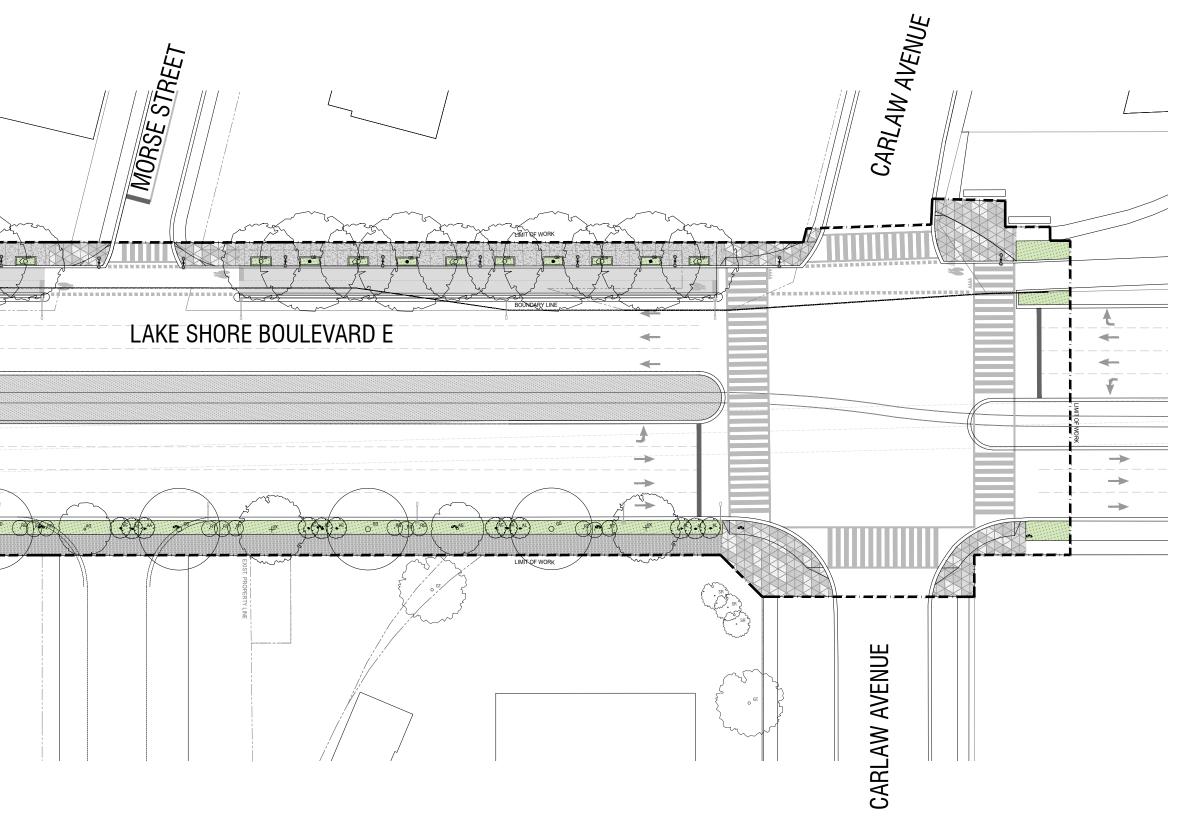
## **Intersection Design - Carlaw Avenue**

#### **Proposed Design**

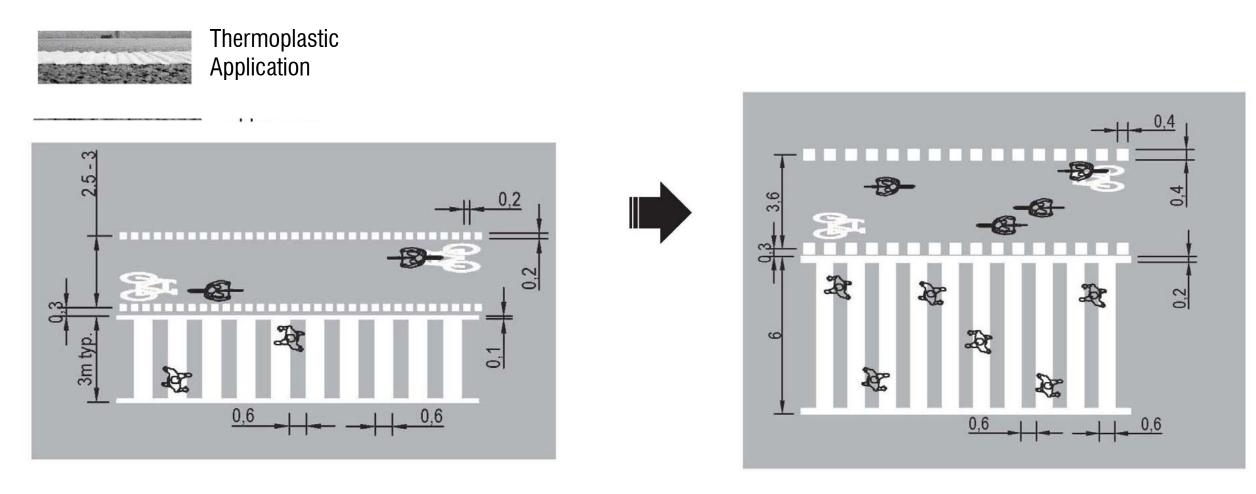


#### **Key Design Features**

- Existing cycling trail ties into new one with new crossride and intersection modifications
- Cyclist and vehicles at same grade at intersection
- Harbour Lead Rail Line ties into existing location in median after Carlaw Avenue



## Improved Pedestrian and Cycling Markings for Visibility at Intersections



#### **TYPICAL CROSSING CONDITION**

Pedestrian zebra based on existing condition on Lake Shore Boulevard Bi-Directional bicycle cross ride width from Ontario Traffic Manual Book 18 Elephants' feet dimensions from Cycling Toronto

#### PROPOSED CROSSING CONDITION

Typical zebra width doubled Bi-directional bicycle cross ride wider Elephants' feet dimensions from Ontario Traffic Manual Book 18

# Public Realm Design

## Public Feedback on PLFP Roads and Bridges 2017-2019

## Strong emphasis on separated cycling paths for safety, both from vehicular and pedestrian traffic

#### Having a physical barrier that separates cyclists from traffic

was identified as the most important feature to help cyclists feel safer.

- participants prioritized higher barriers such as planters that would physically prevent cars from entering bike paths
- curbs or medians were the next preferred option, followed by the elevation of bicycle paths
- extra separation and robust barriers contribute to a sense of safety
- feeling safe but also feeling good are important

#### Clear and separated bicycle and pedestrian paths preferred

- Participants would be ok with different approaches in different parts of the network based on space and cost
- Put cyclists and pedestrians at a different level (grade separation) on the bridges

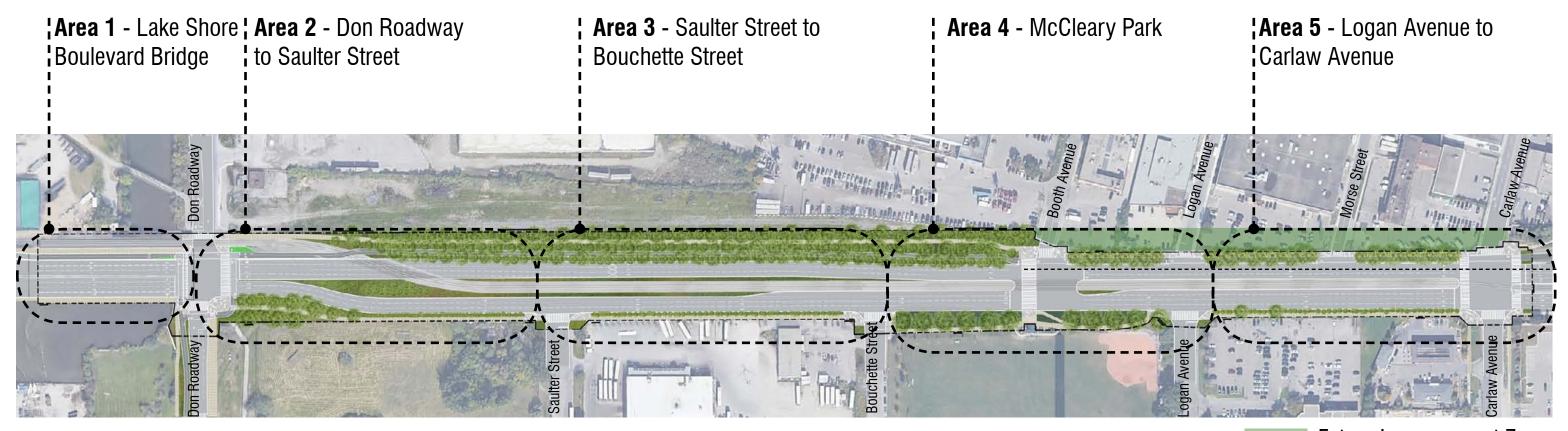
#### Visual cues can help indicate separation

#### Preference was for a combination of multiple cues

- vertical signage
- horizontal pavement markers (should be used regularly and maintained regularly)
- limit textured surfaces on cycling paths
- no preference over colour, texture, or graphic cues

## **Project Overview**

#### **Five Zoomed In Areas**

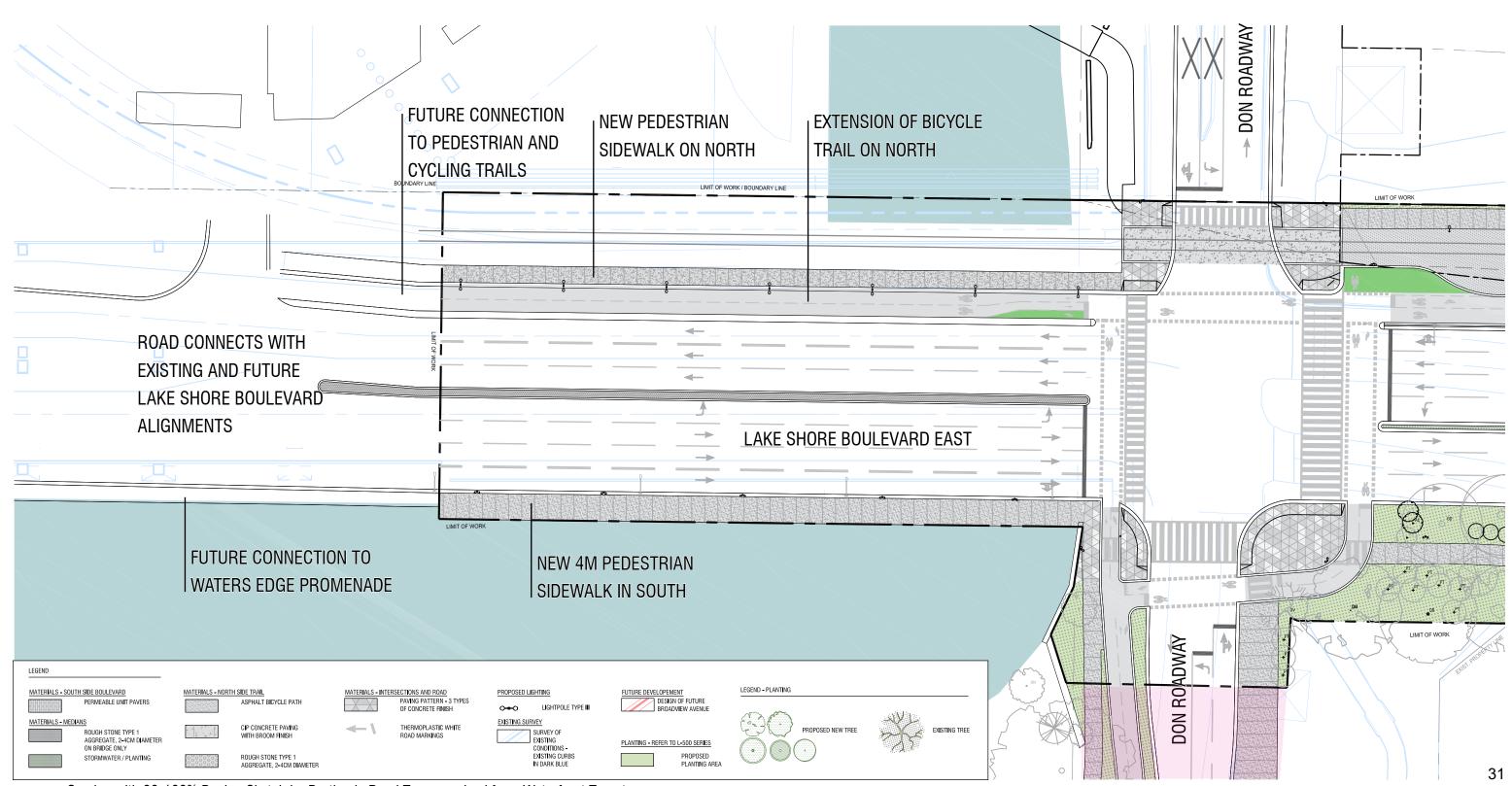


Future Improvement Zone
- Setbacks Adjacent to
New Development

## **Area 1 - Lake Shore Boulevard Bridge**

#### A Wider Space for Public Realm

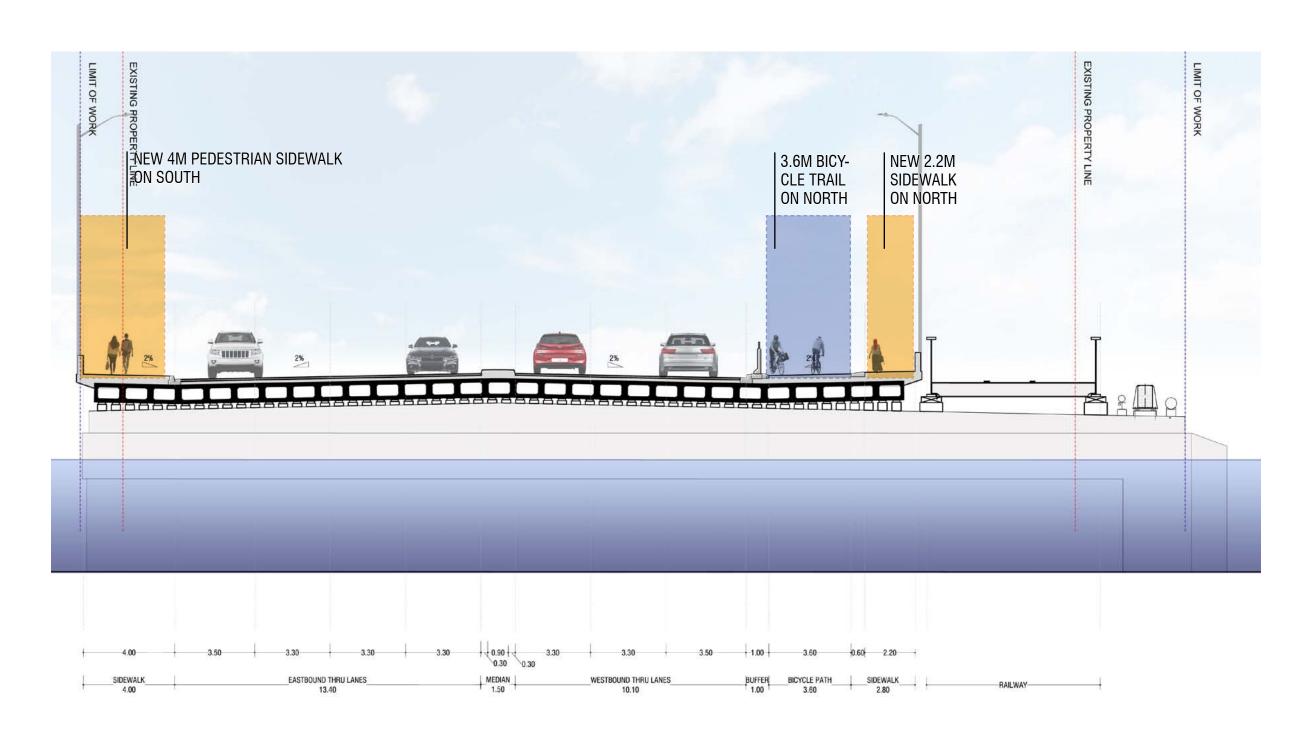




## **Area 1 - Lake Shore Boulevard Bridge**

#### **Expanded Public Realm**

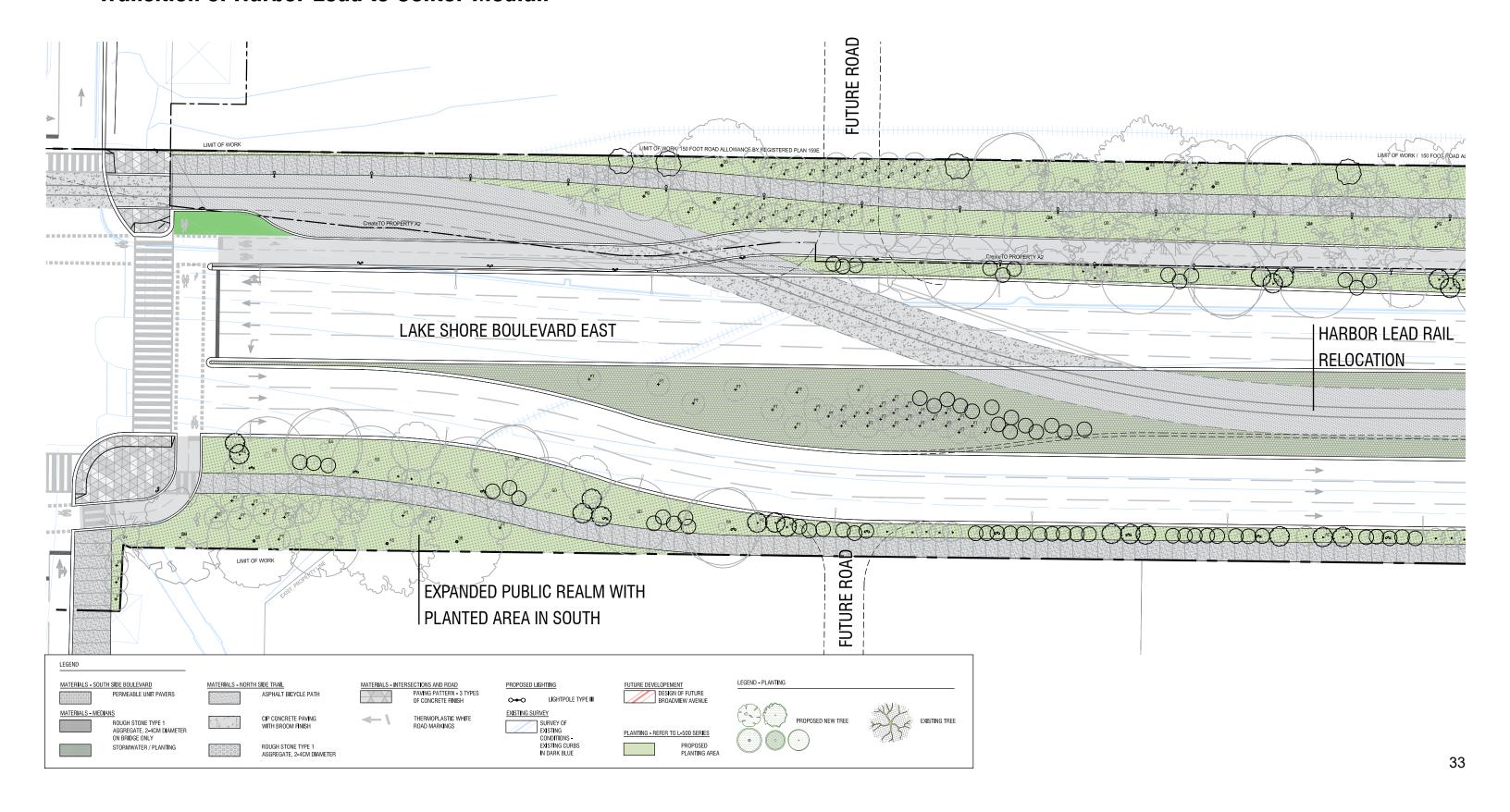




## **Area 2 - Don Roadway to Saulter Street**

#### **Transition of Harbor Lead to Center Median**

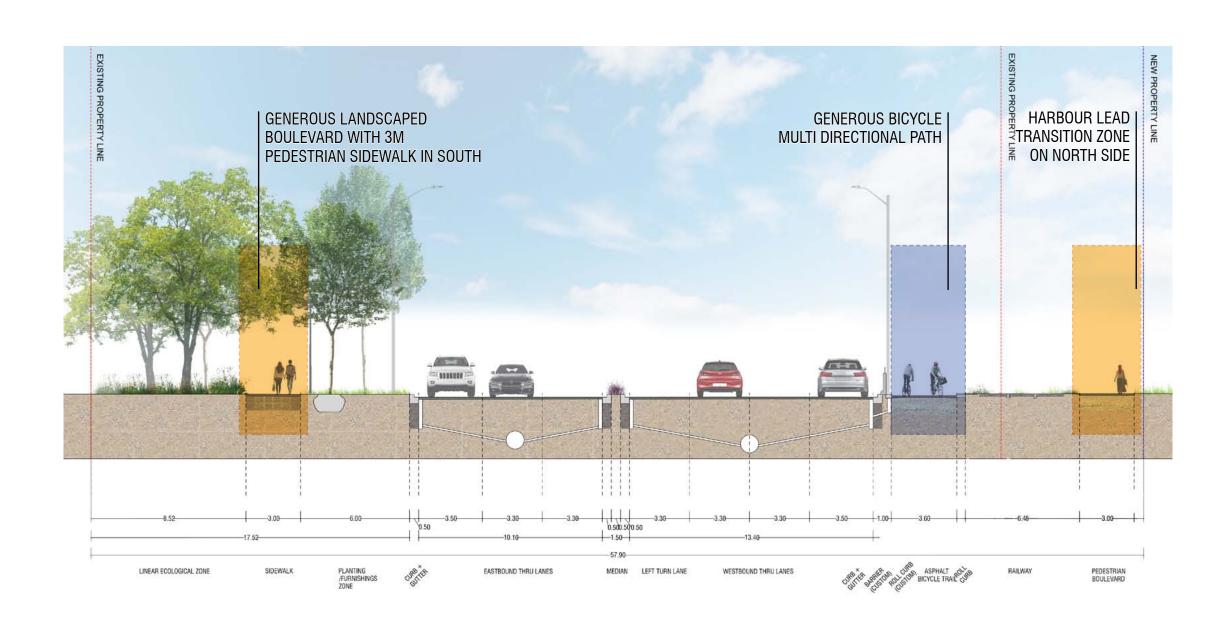




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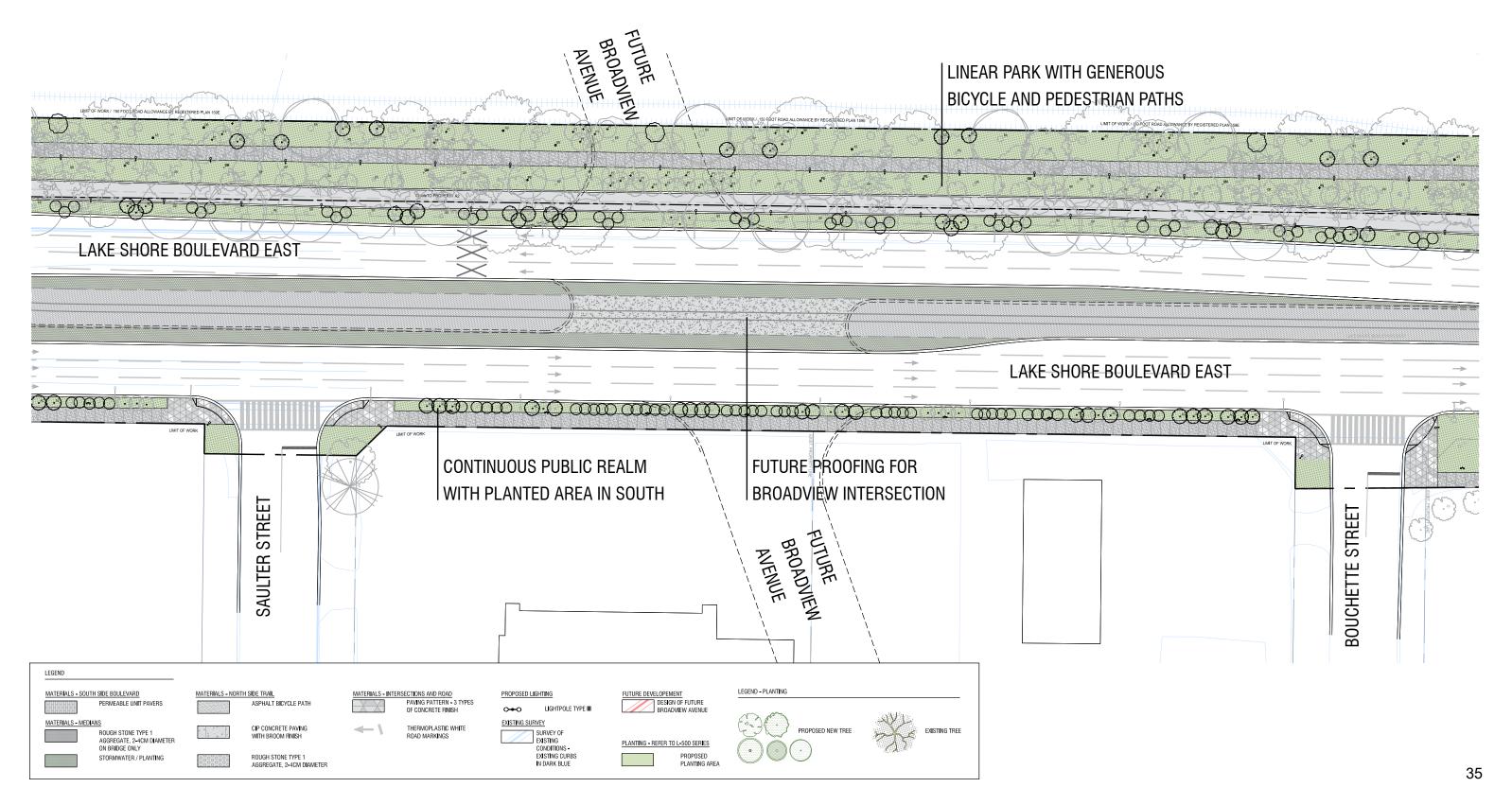




### **Area 3 - Saulter Street to Bouchette Street**

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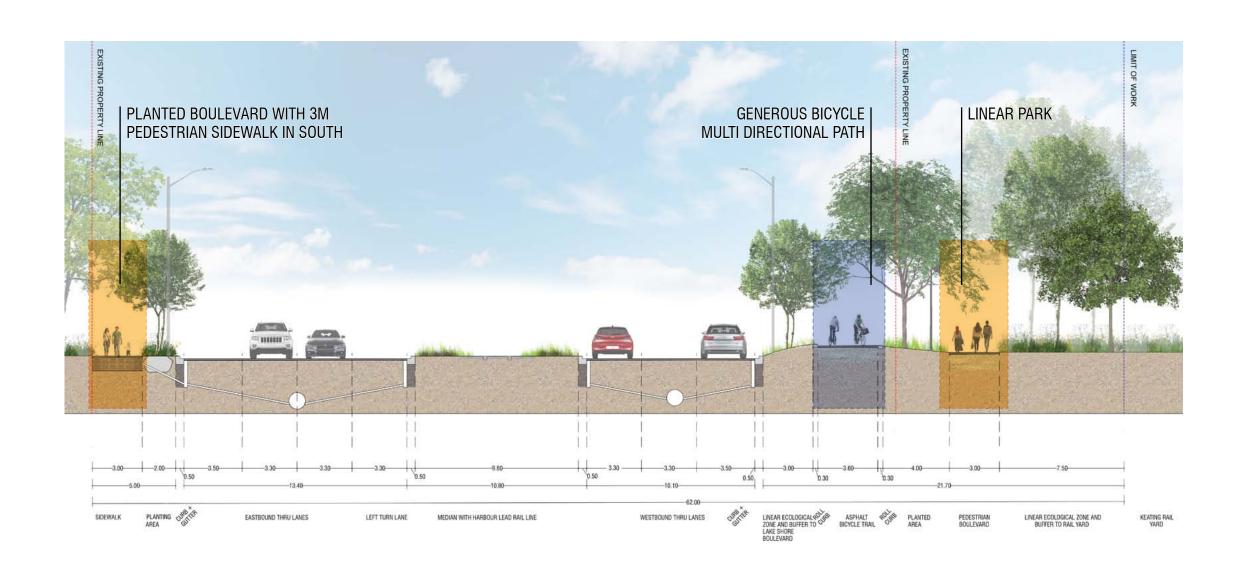
**Linear Park and Green Scenery** 



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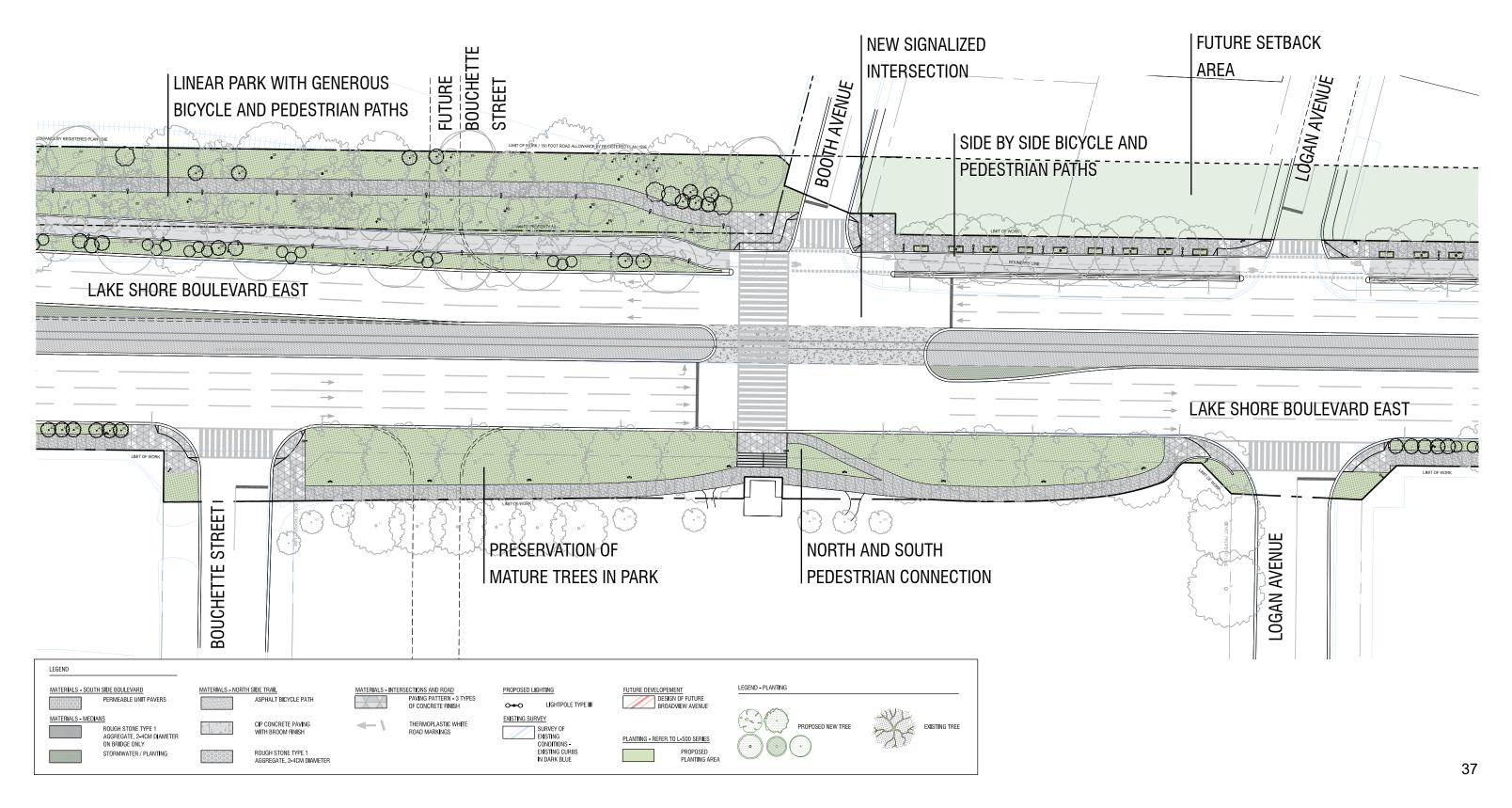
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### **Area 4 - McCleary Park**

### **Transition from Linear Park to Side by Side Trails and Connection to Park**





## **Area 4 - McCleary Park**

### **Transition from Linear Park to Side by Side Trails and Connection to Park**

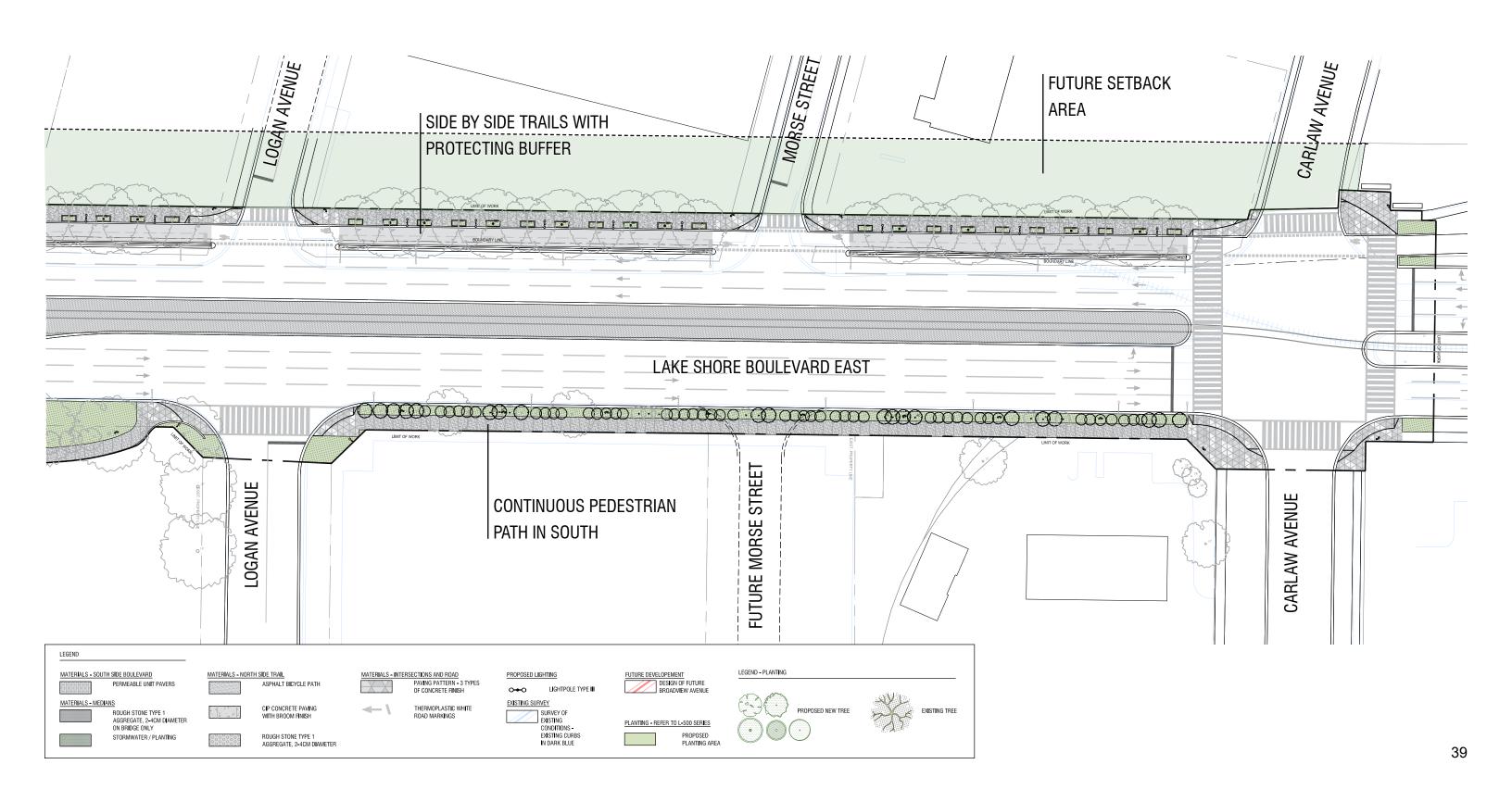




## **Area 5 - Logan Avenue to Carlaw Avenue**

### **Protected and Side by Side Trails**

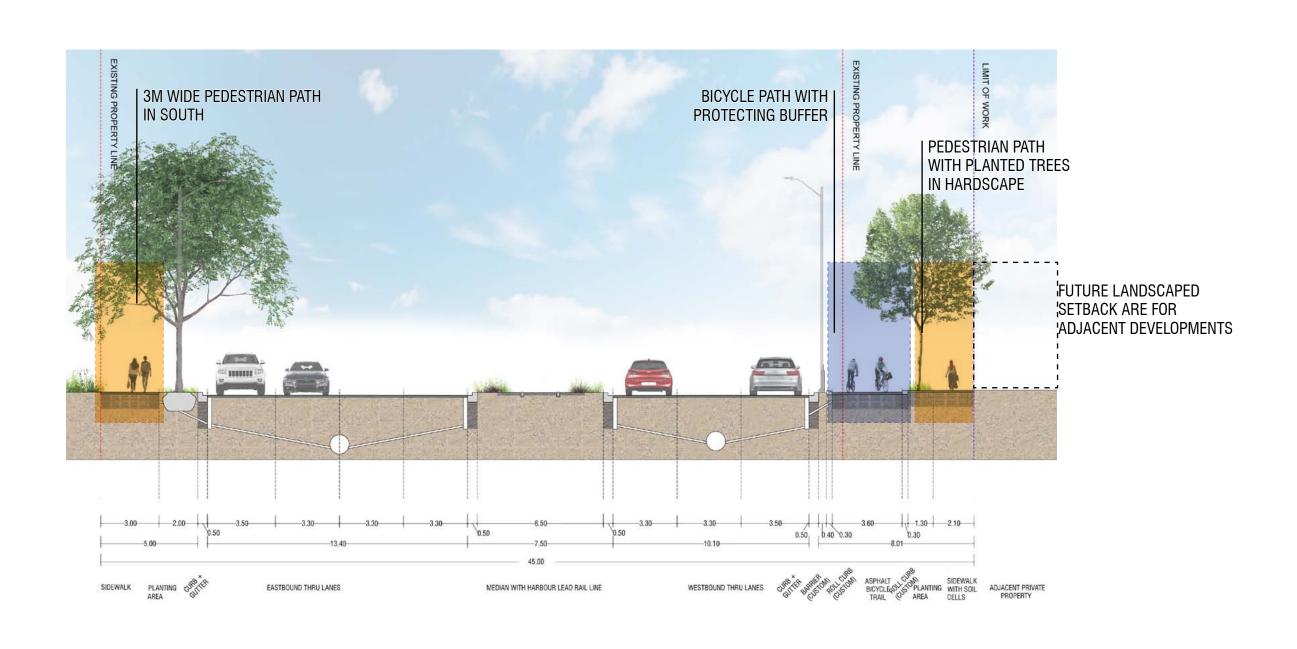




# **Area 5 - Logan Avenue to Carlaw Avenue**

**Protected and Side by Side Trails** 





### **Character of Lake Shore Boulevard East of Carlaw Avenue**

#### **North Boulevard / Linear Park**



Separate bi-directional cycling trail and pedestrian sidewalk with bar shaped seating at intersections



Landscaped and planted linear park on north side

#### **South Boulevard and Median**



Formal boulevard layout of planting and sidewalk Harbour Lead Rail Line crosses from median to Porlands at multiple points between Carlaw and Leslie Street



Bi-directional multi-use Martin Goodman Trail after Leslie connects to Leslie Street Spit (in addition to cycling trail on north side) Planted median, no more Harbour Lead Rail Line

### **Public Realm Design**

#### **South Boulevard**

**Centre Median North Boulevard** (Linear Park) PLANTED AREAS AND TRAILS RAISED ABOVE ROADWAY SOILS CELLS UNDER CONCRETE PEDESTRIAN PATH TO INFILTRATE WATER AND HELP TREE PLANTED MEADOW GROWTH ALONGSIDE RAIL BALLAST HARBOUR LEAD RAIL LINE STRUCTURAL SOIL BELOW ASPHALT BICYCLE PATH AND CONCRETE SIDEWALK TO PROVIDE NUTRIENT AND **OXYGEN EXCHANGE** 

Do you have any feedback about the approach to landscaping in the streetscape shown here, including the median?

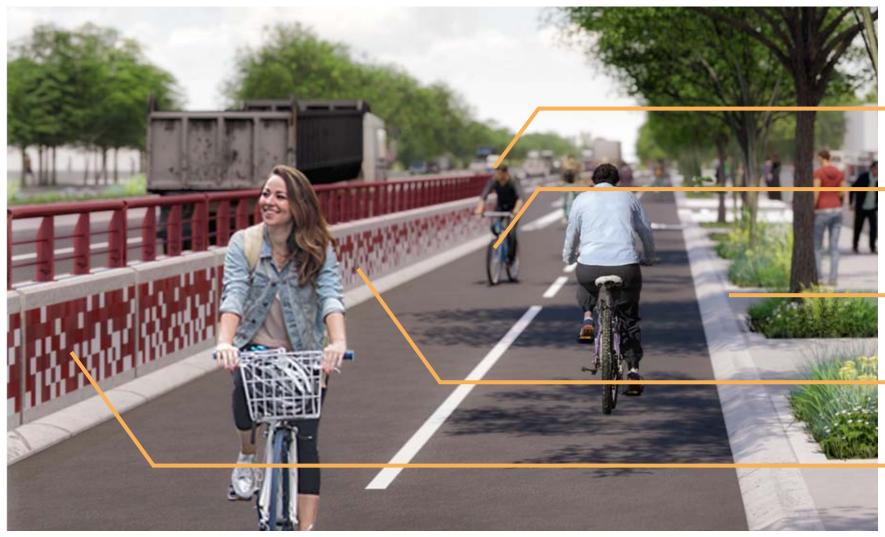
**Answer questions 2 of this survey.** 

# Public Realm Design Barrier Design - Comfort, Safety, and Delight

### What do you think about this preliminary design for a protective barrier for cyclists?

Answer question 3 of this survey.





Railing provides additional height, transparency

Rolled curb provides spacing between wall and cyclists

Rolled curb separates pedestrians and cyclists

Tile inlaid in modular barrier provide sense of place, delight, human scale Crash tested TL-4 straight profile barrier provides protection, safety for cyclists

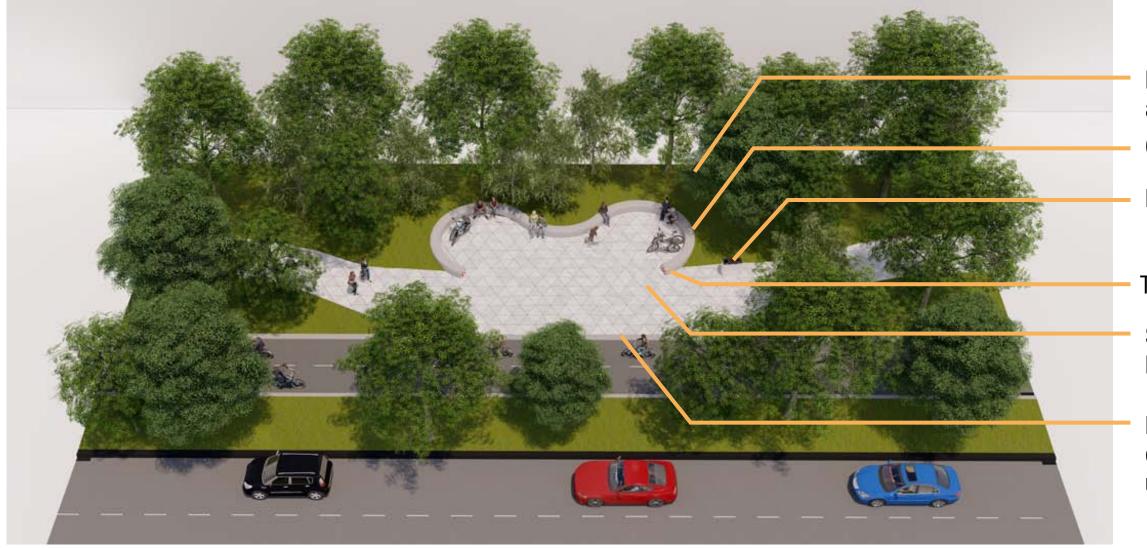
### **Public Realm Design**

**Resting Area "Pocket Parks"** 

# Is there anything you would change about this park design?

**Answer question 4 of this survey.** 





Raised Planting Bed for Trees and Shrubs

**Concrete Social Seating Circle** 

Drinking fountain

Tile to match barrier

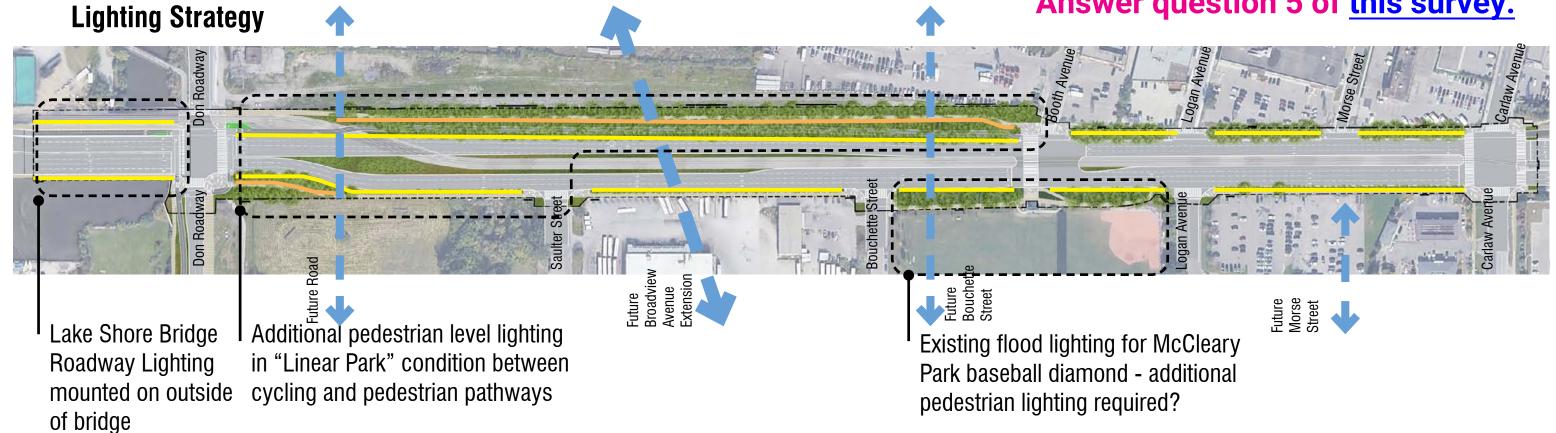
Special Paving at Pocket Park Matches Intersection Corners

Rolled Curb at Bicycle Path: cyclists stop and dismount to use rest area

## **Public Realm Design - In Progress**

### Tell us what you think about the proposed lighting.

### **Answer question 5 of this survey.**





Existing Combined Roadway & Pedestrian Lighting on LSB Shared pedestrian and street lighting pole no longer permitted



Proposed Roadway & Cycle Path Lighting Fixture: NXT-72M-700mA-2ES-3000K Pole: Standard Toronto Hydro Spacing: 30m o.c.



**Proposed Pedestrian Lighting** Fixture/Pole: Olivio Grande, Asymmetric, 2G350 LED Engine, 3000K CCT Minimum Height: 4.5m

Spacing: 15m o.c. Avg. Illuminance: 1.04

# **Public Realm Design - Linear Park**

**Biodiverse Pollinator Paradise, 65m Right of Way** 



## **Public Realm Design - Formal Boulevard**

**Anticipates Future Development Setback, 41m Right of Way** 



# **Public Realm Design - Linear Park**

**Seasonal Variation in Experience, 65m Right of Way** 



# Questions and Comments?