Don Mouth
Naturalization and
Port Lands Flood
Protection Project
Environmental
Assessment

&

Lower Don Lands Master Plan Environmental Assessment Study

Public Meeting July 24, 2013



Project Study Areas



Need for Flood Protection Permanent Removal of Flood Risk from 240 ha of Land



Don Mouth Naturalization and Port Lands Flood Protection Project Environmental Assessment (DMNP EA) Study Area



Lower Don Lands Master Plan Environmental Assessment (LDL MP EA) Study Area



Port Lands Acceleration Initiative 2013 Phasing

Phase 1



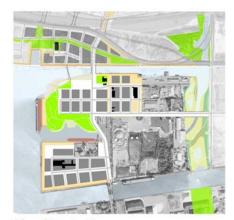
Flood Protection

- · Phase 1 Greenway no longer necessary
- · Construct new Keating Channel bridge
- Remove old Keating Channel bridge and abutments

Development

- Raise and fill Cousins and Polson Quay Precincts (including 309 Cherry, excluding Lafarge)
- Realign and reconstruct Cherry Street
- Fill Essroc Quay

Phase 2



Flood Protection

- · Construct Greenway
- Construct flood protection landform on First Gulf site
- Construct valley wall feature on east side of Don Roadway
- Modify Eastern Avenue underpass
- Construct sediment and debris management area including lengthening of Lake Shore Boulevard bridge

Development

- Development to Munitions Block
- Film Studio District and lands east of Don Roadway are flood protected

Phase 3



Flood Protection

- Construct Polson Slip bridge
- Construct river valley system, including the low flow channel and flood control weirs

Phase 4



Flood Protection

· None required

Development

- River Valley Precincts
- · Construct Basin Street bridge
- · Raise and fill north and south of river valley

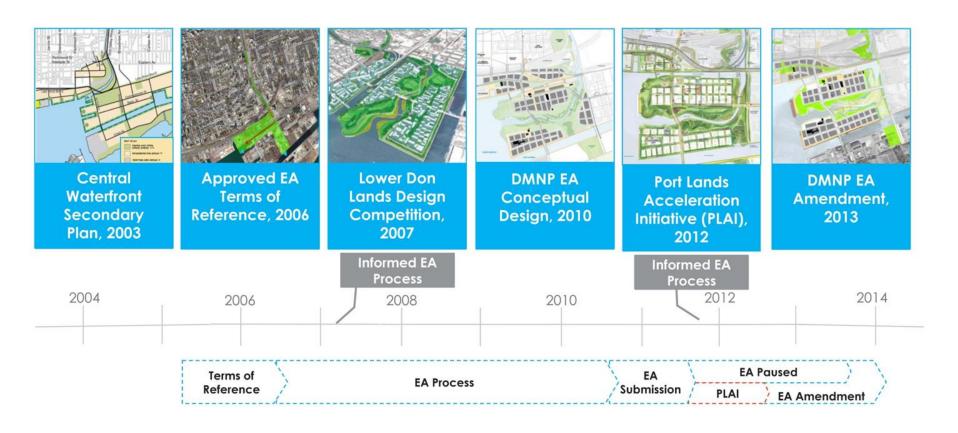
Development

• Naturalize Polson Quay south dockwall

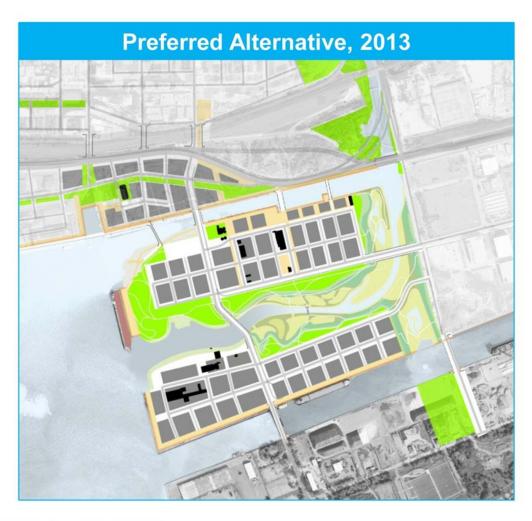




DMNP: Progression of the EA



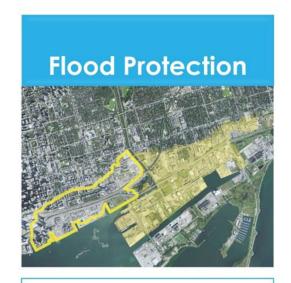
DMNP: Amended Preferred Alternative



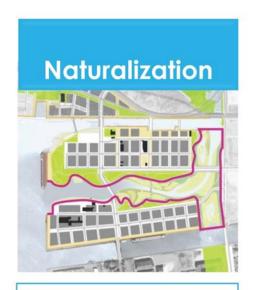
- Realignment of the Greenway
- Removal of Inner Harbour Promontories
- Phased Implementation of Flood Protection
- Accommodation of Lafarge During Phasing
- Rationalizing
 Developable Land and
 Naturalization



DMNP: Fulfilling the Project Goals

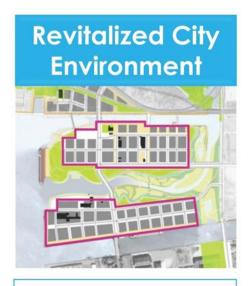


Permanent removal of flood risk from 240 ha of land



Aquatic Habitat: 14 Hectares

Naturalization (Terrestrial / Wetland): 16 Hectares



Phased flood protection allows development to proceed in step with completion of the new river valley



DMNP: Overview of the Effects and Mitigation

Flood Protection

- Phased construction of river will progressively remove lands from flood risk without increasing flood risk elsewhere
- Permanent removal of 240 ha of land from flooding

Naturalization

- Creation of 14 ha of high quality aquatic habitat
- Creation of 16 ha of naturalized habitat (wetland/terrestrial) which is expected to attract locally significant species

Recreational and Cultural Opportunities

- New river mouth provides greater recreational opportunities than the existing river (e.g., boating, trails, enjoyment of naturalized landscapes)
- Heritage resources within the footprint of the river valley system will be conserved, relocated, raised, or commemorated

Operational Management and Constructability

- Flood protection minimizes throwaway costs between phases
- Sediment management uses existing infrastructure where possible and allows for the use of dredgate during lakefilling
- Design and phasing limits impacts to existing operations and shipping

Planned Land Use

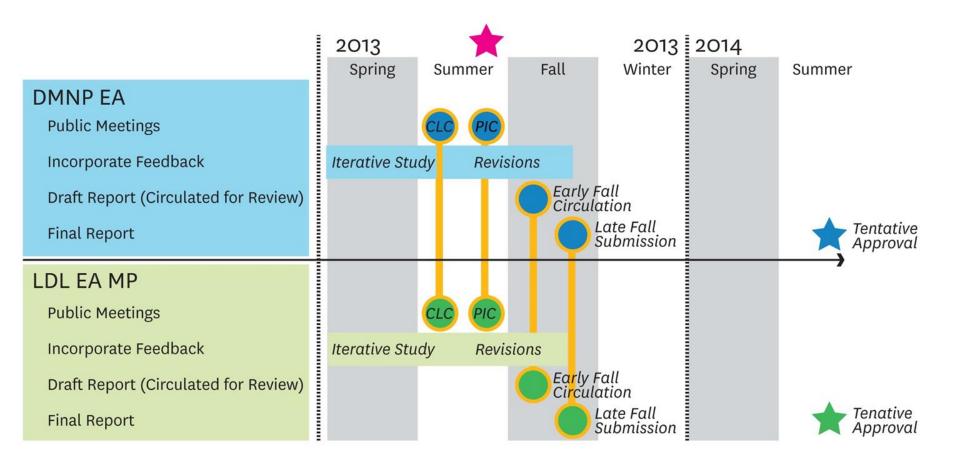
 Nuisance effects on existing/future residents and businesses (e.g., noise, dust, and traffic) due to construction will be mitigated

Sustainability (Soil Mgmt.)

- Excavated soil will be treated and reused on-site where appropriate
- Remaining soils that must be transported off-site will have minimal effects on traffic, air quality, and noise



Next Steps: Project Schedule





Relationship to the Don Mouth Naturalization and Port Lands Flood Protection EA (DMNP EA)

The EA Addendum to the approved Lower Don Lands Infrastructure EA Master Plan is closely integrated with the DMNP EA. The DMNP EA is being carried out as a separate study but is closely linked to this undertaking, as described below.

DMNP EA

River channel and spillway configurations for flood conveyance

Adaptive management for naturalization

Proposed Regulatory Flood Zone

Minimum elevations for surrounding lands

Flood Protection landform features

Infrastructure EA Master Plan

Location and basic dimensions of relocated municipal infrastructure

Right of ways to protect in future precinct planning

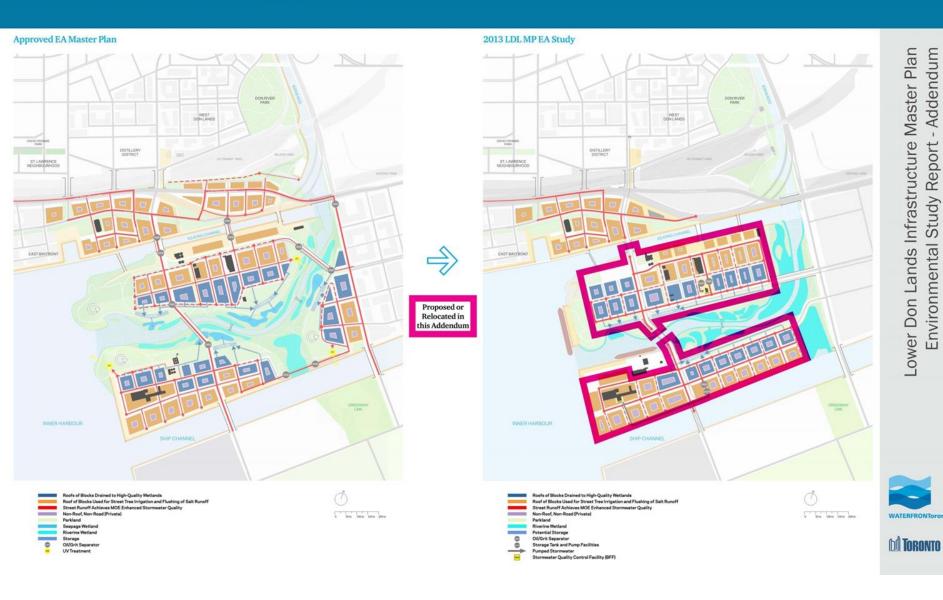
Minimum elevations of bridges and roads to match DMNP EA

Coordinated stormwater management strategy

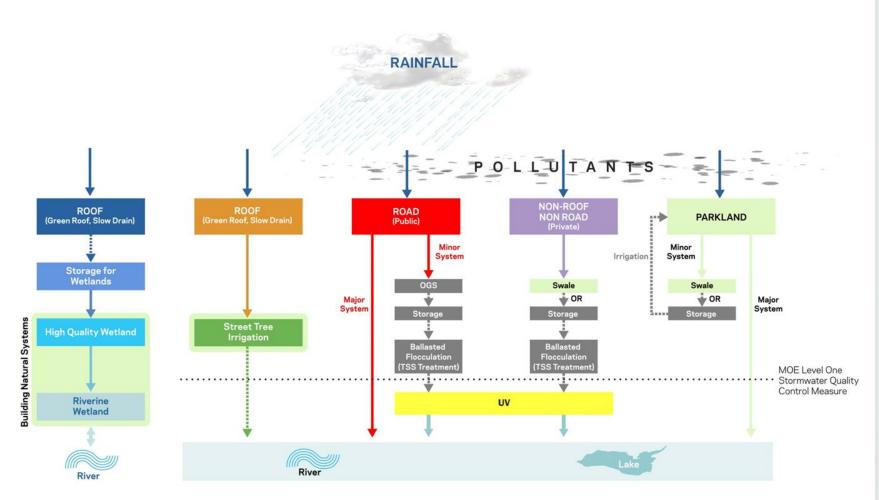


Lower Don Lands Infrastructure Master Plan Addendum **Environmental Study Report**

Stormwater Management



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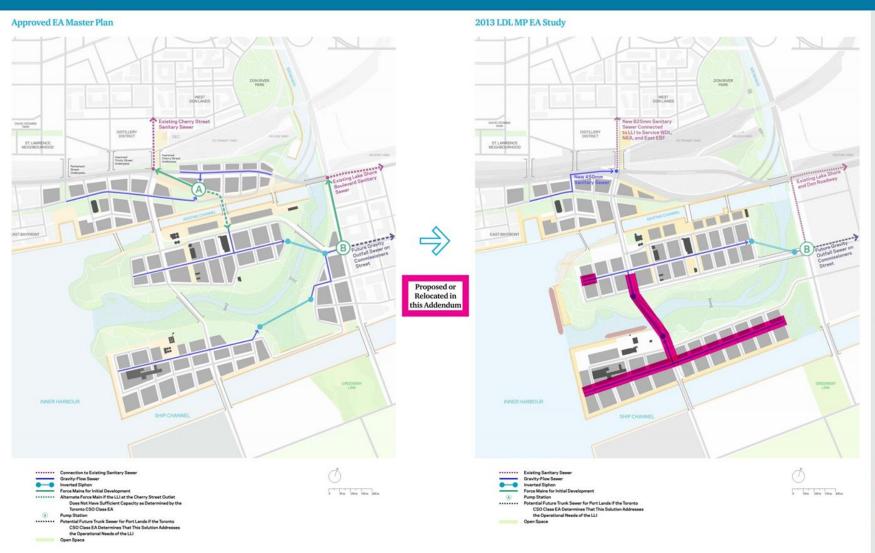






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Sanitary Sewer

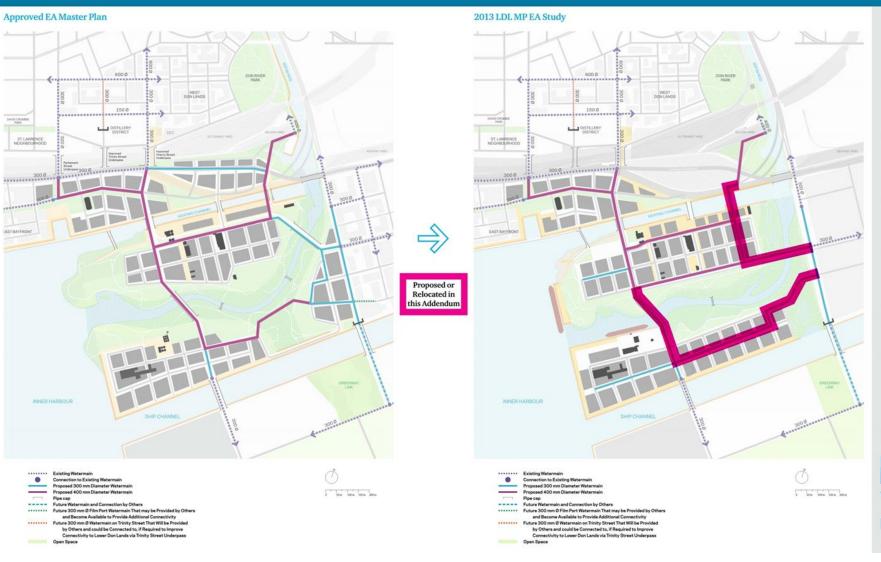






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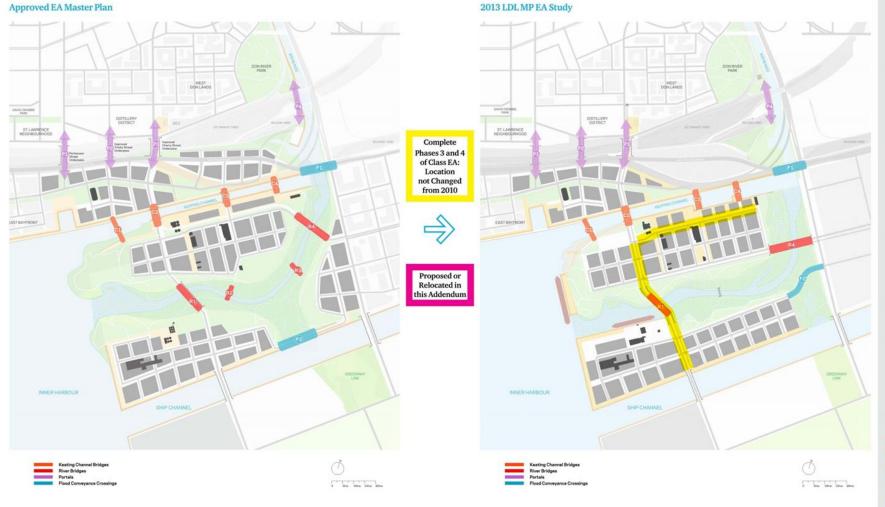
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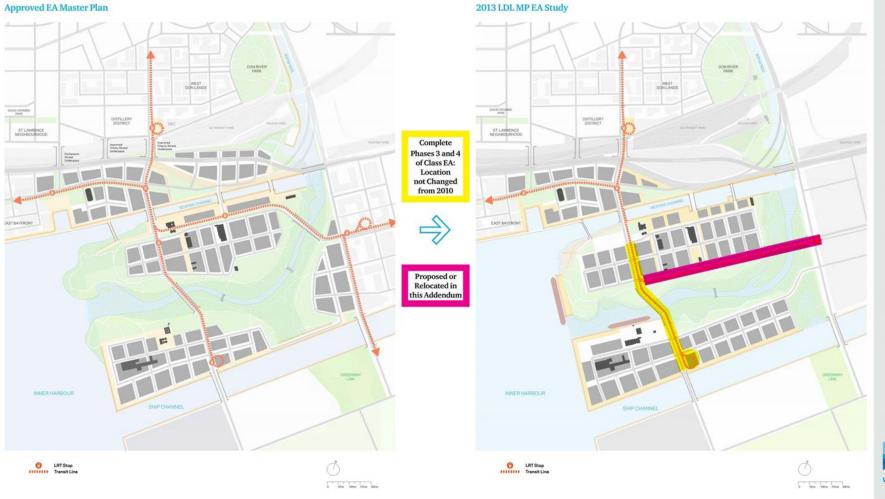
Roads & Bridges







Transit

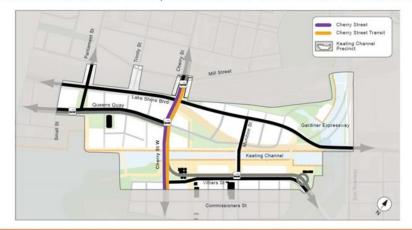






Cherry Street - Preferred Street Layout

The design for Cherry St. relies on the evaluation of alternatives originally undertaken in the 2009 Lower Don Lands Infrastructure EA. The 2009 preferred alternative, which aligns with the roadway currently under construction in the West Don Lands to the north, will continue to be used. Street cross sections are shown below.



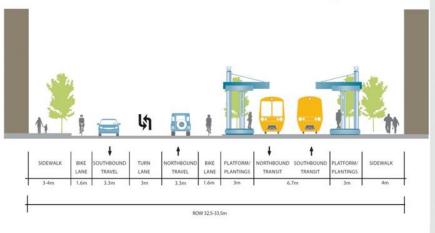
Between Lake Shore Boulevard and Villiers Street, another 3- to 4-metre sidewalk is added between the bicycle and LRT lanes. In addition, a wide predestrian-only street runs behind the development along the eastern edge of Cherry Street.

Between Lake Shore Blvd. and Villiers St. (facing north)



Cherry Street, between Mill Street and Lake Shore Boulevard, will have two lanes for vehicular traffic, a turning lane at intersections and no parking. A two-wat Light Rail Transit (LRT) line runs along the east side of the street in dedicated transit lanes. On-street bicycle lanes are provided on either side of the vehicular traffic lanes. There are 3- to 4-metre sidewalks on both sides of the street.

Between Mill St. and Lake Shore Blvd. (facing north)





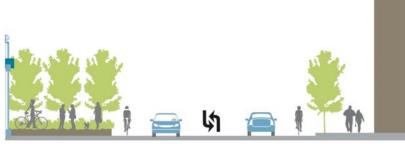


Villiers Street - Preferred Street Layout

The revised Infrastructure EA Master Plan reverts Villiers Street to a local road rather than a main east-west collector.



Villers Street runs east-west within the Keating Channel Precinct. On the north side of the street there are two-way dedicated Light Rail Transit (LRT) lanes. Two lanes of vehicular traffic and one shared turning lane, along with two on-street bicycle lanes are separated from the LRT by a wide, landscaped linear park. For pedestrians there are also 4- to 5-metre sidewalks on both sides of the street.



PLANTINGS/	BIKE	WESTBOUND	TURN	EASTBOUND	BIKE	SIDEWALK
						SIDETIAL
LINEAR PARK	LANE	TRAVEL	LANE	TRAVEL	LANE	
-222	-		0.1107			74024000
5.7-8m	1.8m	3.5m	3m	3.5m	1.8m	4m





Commissioners Street Cross Section

The 2009 Environmental Study Report:

- Defined a new alignment for Commissioners St. at Villiers St.
- Identified and evaluated three alternative cross sections for Villiers St. between Cherry St. and the Don River crossing, each involving the addition of a two-way dedicated LRT right-of-way, two lanes of traffic, and two on-street bicycle lanes.

The proposed LRT line has since been relocated from Villiers St. to Commissioners St.

Commissioners St. currently serves as the Port Lands' primary east-west roadway, with four vehicle travel lanes.

The previous evaluation, will now be used to determine the final recommended Commissioners St. cross section.

Approved EA Master Plan: Commissioners Street Cross Section Alternatives



Figure 11-21 Cross-section for Villiers Street Alternative 2



Figure 11-22 Cross-section for Villiers Street Alternative 3



Alternative 1:

Dedicated LRT line located on the north side of the vehicle lanes, with a linear park separating the LRT from traffic and 5m wide sidewalks on each side of the roadway.

Alternative 2:

Dedicated LRT line located in the centre of the eastbound and westbound travel lanes, separated by a narrow linear park on both sides. 4m to 5m sidewalks are provided on each side of the roadway.

Alternative 3:

Dedicated LRT line located on the south side of the vehicle lanes, with a linear park separating the LRT from traffic and 4m to 5m sidewalks on each side of the roadway.



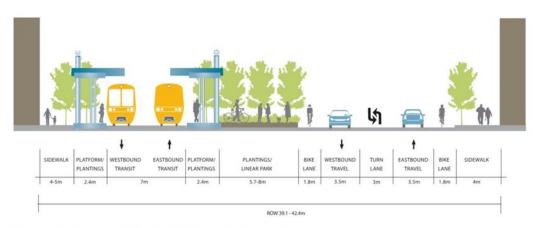


Commissioners Street Cross Section

Evaluation Summary

The three alternatives were found to have similar degrees of natural environment, sustainability, and municipal services impacts. Two of the alternatives (both with transit on the side of the road allowances) were preferred due to a smaller overall width, and the resulting less impact to property.

Alternative 1 is the preferred alternative as it locates the LRT route on the south side of the reconstructed road allowance. In this configuration, the park land is on the south side of the street, and future development will occur on the north side of the street. This provides direct access for pedestrians, promotes transit priority and reduces future traffic conflicts with direct vehicular access to development blocks.



Commissioners Street Preferred Alternative

2013 Modifications

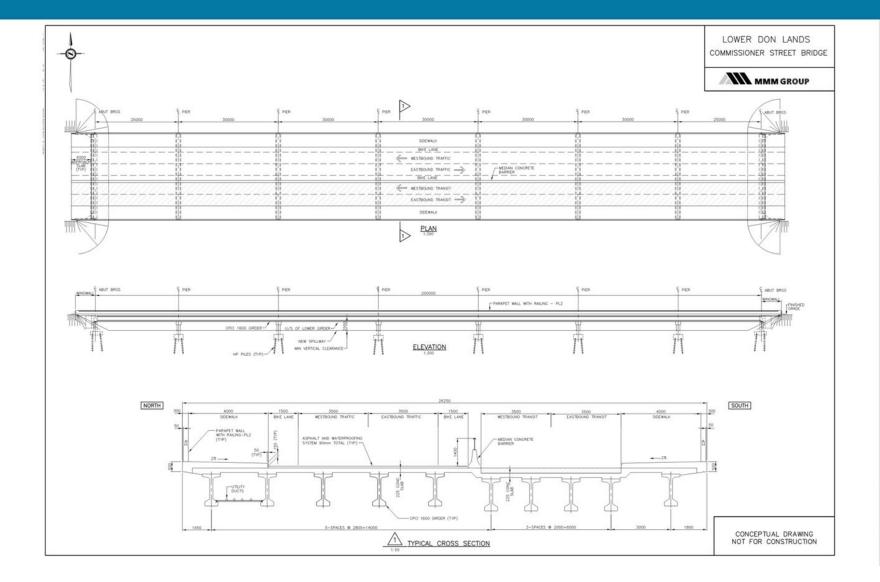
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The assessment follows the same logic as that previously carried out for Villiers Street. It favours the mirror image of the original cross section in the new plan. This is the equivalent of Alternative 3 from the previous analysis.





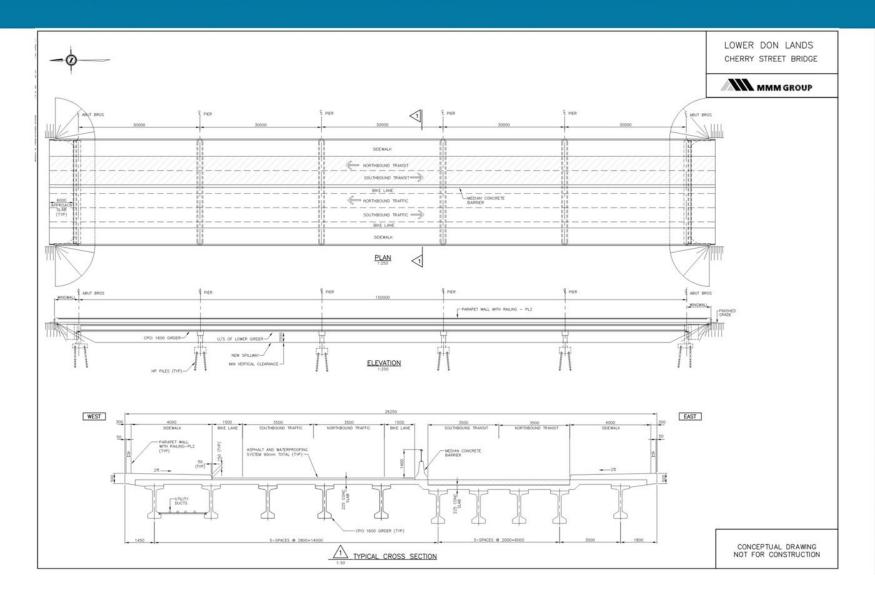
Bridges - Commissioners Street Bridge (minimum requirements)







Bridges - Cherry Street Bridge (minimum requirements)







Basin Street Alternatives

Alternative 1: Bridge

Structure comprised of a deck on piers.



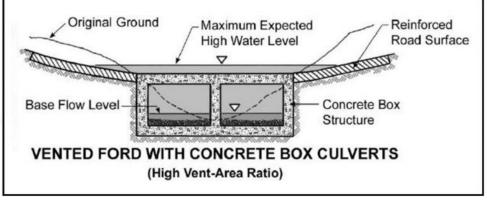
Alternative 2: Causeway and Bridge

Combination of filled embankment and smaller bridges where the water has to pass through – underneath the bridge deck could be completely open or box culverts.



Alternative 3: River Ford

Where the road is built at grade down into the spillway and floods during 1 in 25 year events and is impassable at that time.





Next Steps

- · Integrate stakeholder and agency input
- · Confirm the Mitigation Strategy
- Coordinate with DMNP EA
- Complete the EA Master Plan Addendum Environmental Study Report
- · Submit the report to the Waterfront Toronto and City of Toronto for approval
- Issue Notice of Completion
- File for 30 Day Public Review







Continued Planning in the Port Lands



- Port Lands Planning Framework:
 - High-level framework to articulate the vision for the Port Lands
- South of Eastern Strategic Direction:
 - A three-pronged strategy to plan and facilitate investment and economic growth in the South of Eastern area



Port Lands and South of Eastern Class EA

- Addresses arterial and collector streets, including:
 - Planned function and character of Lake Shore Boulevard
 - North-south connections
 - Potential connections across the Ship Channel
 - Transit routes
 - Pedestrian and cycling facilities
- Servicing infrastructure for anticipated development (water, storm and sanitary)

Timelines	Q2 2013	Q3 2013	Q4 2013	Q1 2014
Port Lands Planning Framework / Port Lands and South of Eastern Class EA	Initiation/Background	Vision/Objectives	Alternatives/Analysis	Recommendations SAC CCM
Film Studio Precinct Plan	Initiation/Background	Vision/Objectives	Options/Analysis	Recommendations SAC COM SAC COM
Cousins Quay Precinct Plan	Initiation/Analysis	Vision/Objectives oc SAC COM	Alternatives/Implementation	Recommendations



Precinct Planning

- The City and Waterfront Toronto are developing precinct plans for Cousins Quay and the Film Studio Precinct
- The Precinct Plan for Polson Quay is currently on hold
- The Central waterfront Secondary Plan sets out that precinct plans be prepared prior to enacting zoning by-laws
- They establish the location, scale and character of:
 - Blocks and streets
 - Type and amount of development
 - Building heights
 - Parks and Public Spaces; and
 - Community Facilities
- More detailed urban design quidelines are developed





