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AGENDA

Environmental Assessments for Transit Projects in the Eastern Waterfront

Technical Advisory Committee Meeting #3

1:30 – 3:00 pm Friday, June 15, 2007 Waterfront Toronto – Main Boardroom 20 Bay Street, Suite 1310

1:30 pm

- 1. Overview of Project Status
 - a. Project Schedule
 - b. Other Related Waterfront Projects
 - i. Central Waterfront Design West8/DTAH
 - ii. Lower Don Lands Port Lands Concept

1:45 pm

2. East Bayfront EA Progress Update

- D. Callan
- a. Assessment of transit technologies and selection of the preferred alternative
- b. Potential tunnel portal locations to be carried to the next stage of study for further detailed analysis

2:30 pm

3. West Don Lands EA Progress Update

- S. Thorburn
- a. Review of short-list of design alternatives being evaluated on Cherry Street

3:00 pm

- 4. Other Business
- Next Meeting



Minutes of Meeting

Project: EAs for Transit Projects in the Eastern Waterfront Meeting No.

Project No. 33015532 Date: June 15, 2007

Location: 20 Bay Street Time: 1:30 PM

Purpose: WDL Transit EA – TAC Meeting

Present: Scott Thorburn URS Canada Inc.

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<u>Items</u> <u>Description</u> <u>Action by:</u>

1. Pina provided overview.

Utilities can be a major issue. What has been done?

- *Haven't got there yet but will start soon.*
- *Toronto Hydro willing to meet now.*

What sort of connections between GO and TTC are being explored?

- *None to date but preliminary concept does include a connection.*
- Tim Laspa of City Planning and GO Transit.
- What are the O.D.'s for the movements at Union.

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<u>Items</u> <u>Description</u> <u>Action by:</u>

■ *TTC* will supply.

EA process – will boundary be expanded?

• There will be flexibility to address overlap with Lower Don.

Is this based on new LRT vehicles?

- *No, must accommodate both.*
- Capacity calculations are based on larger vehicles.
- Volumes are full build out #'s not opening year.

Portals can't be shortened as the gradient is fixed.

What will be the criteria for locating?

- *A number of criteria:*
 - cost
 - traffic
 - transit ops
 - crowd levels from ferry docks

Existing portal has a knock out panel to go to the east but doesn't allow move from East to West.

 Evaluation framework is in place from ToR. Refinement of measures

Existing rail spur in the east

- *To be addressed during next phase.*
- 10 20% transfer penalty for a walking corridor
 - Closest example is Spadina transfer unused.

Amending formula for spur vs. no spur?

- *Probably not for the portal.*
- *Maybe for surface component.*

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Pedestrian oriented

Criteria – public domain is an important consideration.

Roger's recap from yesterday's meeting.

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Items	Description	Action by:

What about the bridge?

- "The Loop"
 - loop
 - **■** *SWM*
 - park
- Loop will stay in the longer term

Peter Langdon for information

- Capital program
- Sam Speers ITR

What about the connection to EBF?

- *Will be addressed at a later date.*
- TRCA EA won't have a decision for several months.
- Lower Don Lands Precinct Plan just started.

Need to meet with MOE to discuss how we address all these issues.

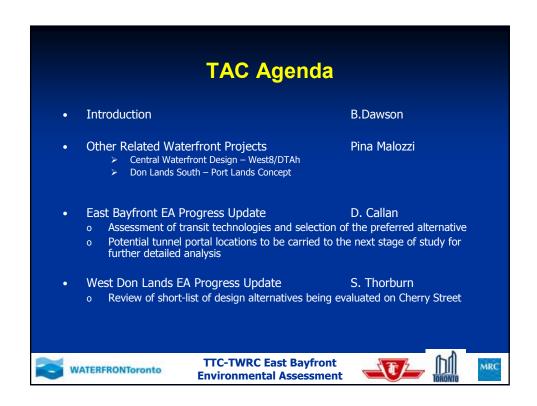
GO Transit station in WDL is not in current plans but is not precluded.

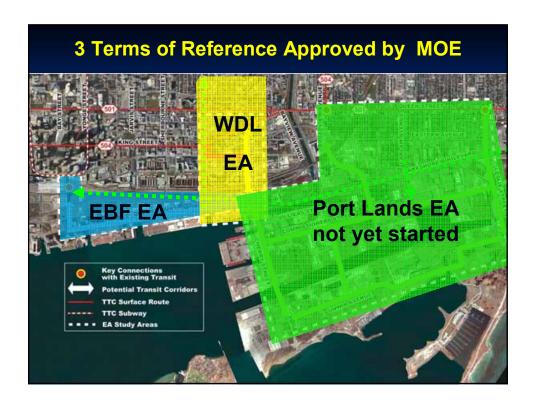
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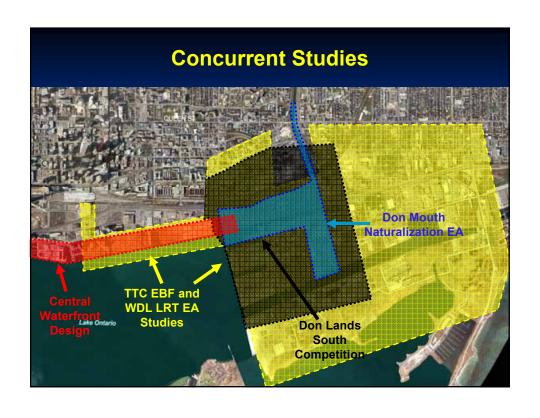
Recommendations and meeting will be set up at a later date.

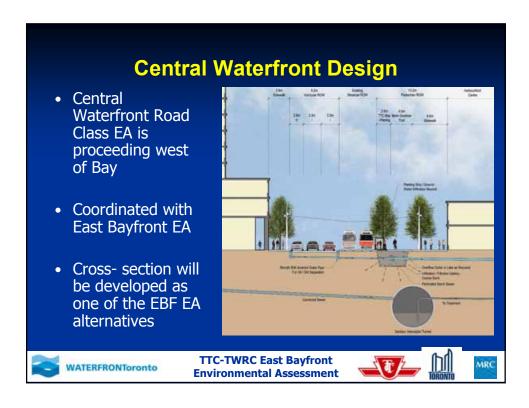
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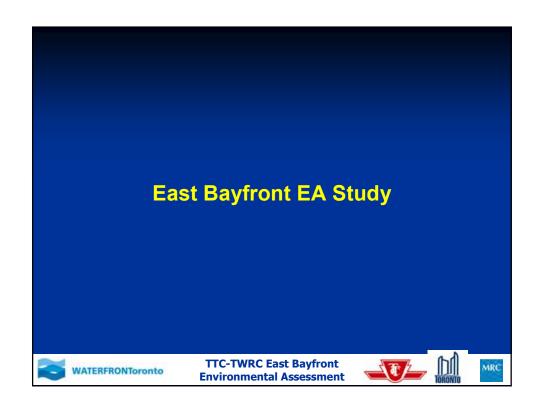








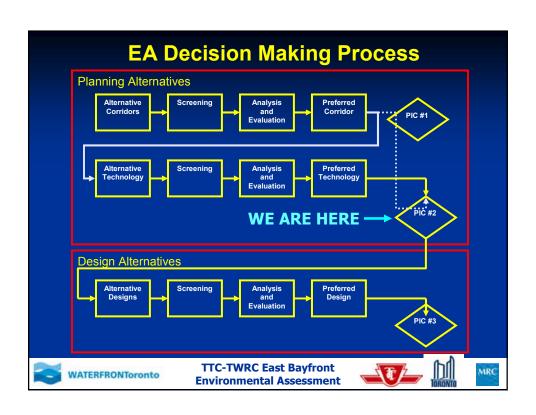












Community Consultation

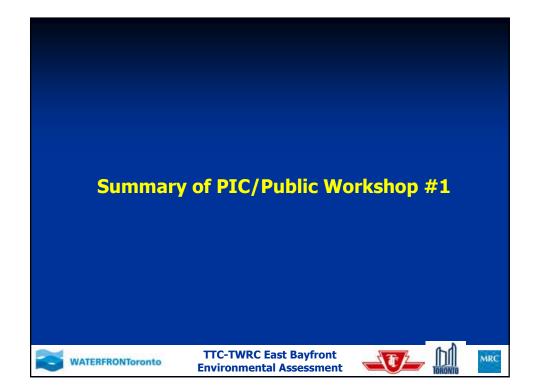
- Terms of Reference, March 2006 to July 2006
 - o Four Community Liaison Committee (CLC) meetings
 - o Two Workshops/Public Information Centres
 - o First Nations and Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) input
- Initiated Individual EA studies, Sept 2006 to date
 - o Nine CLC meetings (5 East Bayfront + 4 West Don Lands)
 - o Two TAC meetings
 - o One Public Information Centre

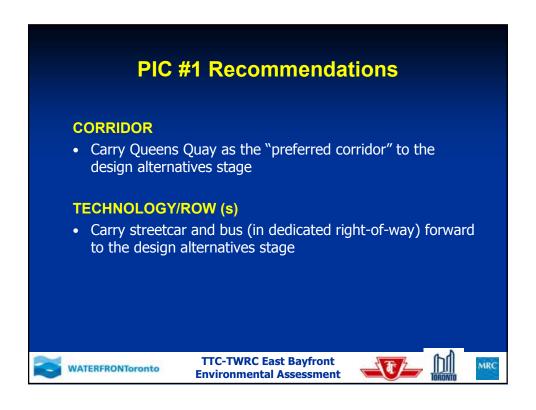


















Queens Quay/Ferry Docks to Union Station

- First, discuss connection issues between Queens Quay and Union Station
- Original concept: streetcar or bus along Queens Quay East and north to Union Station loop via Bay Street tunnel
- Requested to consider a shuttle or moving walkway under Bay Street – in conjunction with streetcar or bus along Queens Quay East
- Suggested Benefit: improved streetscape and urban design
 - o Removes the existing tunnel portal at Queens Quay/Bay
 - o Avoids the need for a second portal



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Queens Quay/Ferry Docks to Union Station

Original Concept (Single Technology):

Transit (streetcar or bus) to Union Station loop, underground via Bay Street tunnel – *direct connection*

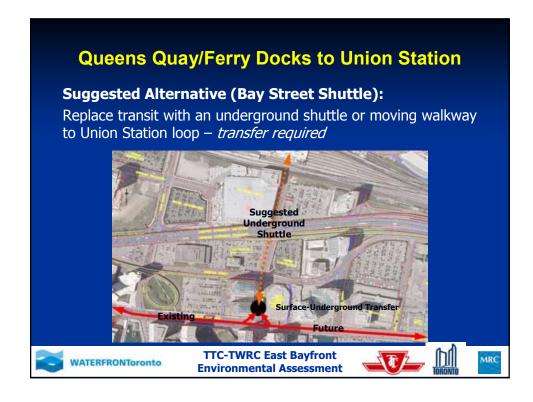


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Shuttle/Moving Walkway Fundamentals

Basic concept:

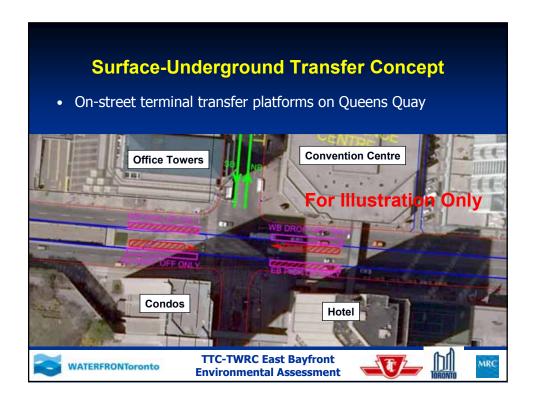
- Connects Queens Quay with the Union Station Loop
- Underground, utilizes the Bay Street tunnel
- Must provide capacity to accommodate forecast demand
- Requires a new surface-to-underground transfer terminal at Queens Quay end

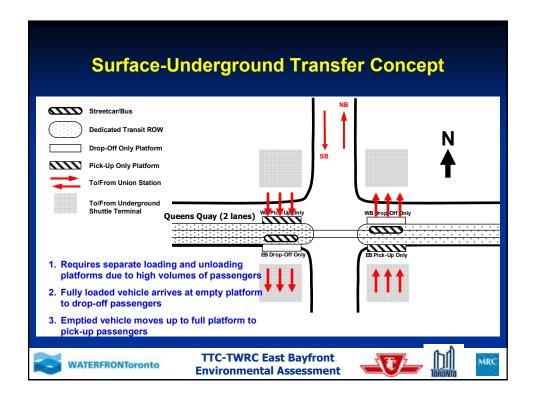












Peak Hour Passenger Volumes (1)

- Passengers to/from surface transit on Queens Quay:
 - o QQE (4200 inbound plus 2500 outbound)
 - o QQW (1200 inbound plus 1700 outbound)
 - o Total of 5400+ inbound and 4200+ outbound peak hour passengers that must transfer between surface transit and shuttle/moving walkway at the Queens Quay/Bay intersection
- For comparison, busiest peak hour streetcar-to-subway transfer today:
 - o 1150 at King and Yonge
 - o 1400 at College and Yonge



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Peak Hour Passenger Volumes (2)

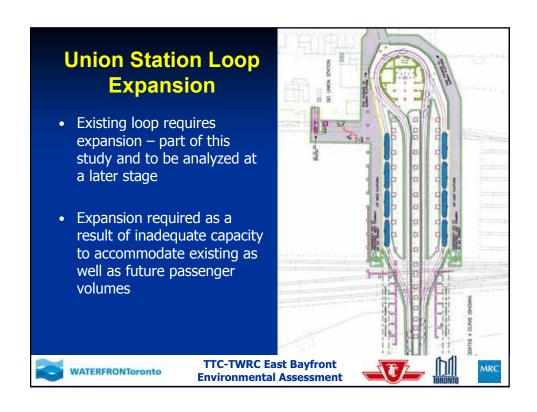
- In addition to passengers from QQE and QQW, the shuttle or moving walkway must also carry passengers heading to/from the Queens Quay/Ferry Docks Station only
- Therefore, total volume of passengers boarding the shuttle during the peak hour:
 - o Approx. 5600 inbound plus 5100 outbound
 - o 10700+ in both directions
- Requires an underground terminal with sufficient platform space to accommodate peak volumes

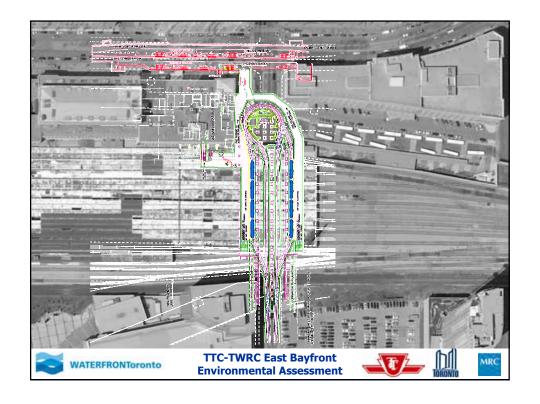












Shuttle Would Require a Similar Terminal at South End

- Boarding and alighting volumes at Union Station are similar to those who got on/off at Queens Quay after transfer from QQE and QQW
- Therefore, a similar high-capacity passenger terminal would be required at the south end



Shuttle/Moving Walkway Assessment (1)

Quality of Service:

- Would reduce transit ridership from QQW and QQE
 - o Estimated 10% to 20% reduction in attraction because of forced transfer counter-intuitive to the project's purpose
- Creates a major inconvenience for passengers heading to/from QQW and QQE – would not be considered a good transit service
- In the event of walkway breakdown or maintenance, all passengers would have to walk to/from Union Station









Shuttle/Moving Walkway Assessment (2)

Shuttle Infrastructure Needs:

- Requires construction of a second underground terminal (at Queens Quay) comparable in size to an expanded Union Station Loop
- Requires modifications to the Bay Street tunnel currently in use for streetcars
- Access for shuttle vehicles is a major challenge
 - o Require a portal to get shuttle and maintenance vehicles underground



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Shuttle/Moving Walkway Evaluation (1)

Shuttle/Moving Walkway:

- A shuttle/moving walkway option could improve streetscape and urban design by eliminating the existing portal on Queens Quay West and avoiding the need for an additional tunnel portal
- But, forcing 5400+ (inbound) and 4200+ (outbound) peak hour passengers to transfer from surface transit to shuttle/moving walkway underground is poor service from user's point of view
- Poor quality of service results in ridership reduction









Shuttle/Moving Walkway Evaluation (2)

Shuttle:

- In addition to tunnel modifications, shuttle requires a surfaceto-underground vehicle access for maintenance purposes
- High capital costs related to tunnel modifications, vehicle access, and maintenance facilities



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Shuttle/Moving Walkway Conclusion

Moving Walkway:

- Poor transit service with forced transfer
- Significant infrastructure costs required to convert Bay Street tunnel into a safe and accessible environment for transit pedestrians
- Still requires some sort of portal access

CONCLUSION:

Shuttle/moving walkway not carried forward for further analysis















Vehicle Assumptions

- To handle demands we are assuming
 - o 18 m buses (articulated) or
 - o 28 m new streetcar/LRV
- Propulsion
 - o Streetcars electric
 - o Buses clean diesel, hybrid, fuel-cell, trolley (electric)
- Vehicle service loads
 - o Articulated bus 80 passengers/vehicle
 - o Streetcar/LRV 125 passengers/vehicle
- Passenger demand to/from Union Station controls headways











Total Vehicle Demand at Union Station (From Both East and West)

- 6800 passengers per peak hour northbound at Union Station requires:
 - o For streetcar only: approx. **55 vehicles** per hour ➤ 10 (QQW) + 10 (Bremner) + 35 (QQE) = 55
 - o For streetcar plus bus: approx. **74 vehicles** per hour

 ➤ 10 (QQW) + 10 (Bremner) + 54 buses (QQE) = 74







Vehicles from Queens Quay East

- Arriving headways of vehicles from Queens Quay East:
 - o Streetcars: 35 veh/hr = 1 vehicle every 106 sec.
 - o Buses: 54 veh/hr = 1 bus every 67 sec



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Gap Between Stopped and Arriving Vehicles

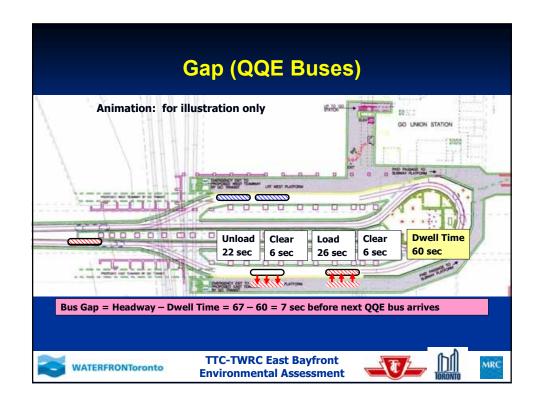
- Headway is the time between 2 moving vehicles
- Gap is the time between a moving vehicle arriving at a platform and the preceding vehicle (from a stopped position) vacating the platform
- Gap is what controls service reliability and the need for additional station passing lane(s)
- TTC generally starts to experience service reliability problems when there are 30 or more vehicles per hour at a platform without a passing lane

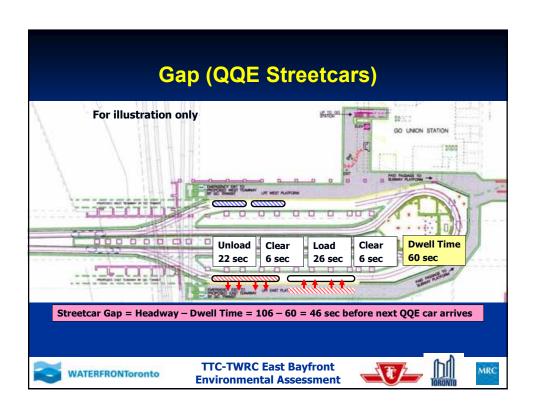












Gap and Passing Track

- Gap
 - o QQE streetcars: approx. 46 seconds before next car arrives
 - o QQE buses: approx. 7 seconds before next bus arrives
- Passing track
 - o 54 buses per hour (over 30) requires a second passing lane in order to provide a reliable service



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Bus vs Streetcar Service Reliability

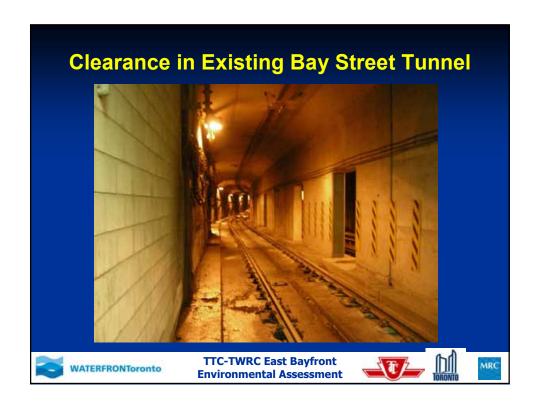
- 54 buses per hour arriving at Union Station
- Theoretical gap of only 7 seconds between buses will result in continuous delays, platooning and unreliable service
- Once delay occurs in part of line, entire service will be impacted
- Bus headways of 67 seconds required for this service with no passing lane in the tunnel or at station
- Shortest existing bus headway on any TTC route today is 90 seconds (Finch East – Yonge to Don Mills) but these buses can pass each other in the bus terminal
- **Conclusion** Not possible to reliably provide this level of service using buses in the underground tunnel/loop

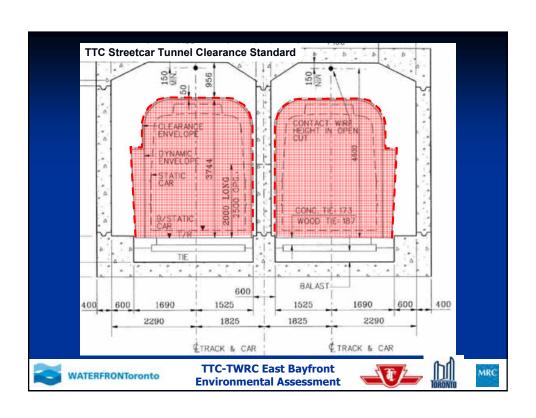












Tunnel Clearance

- Streetcars and Buses are the same width (2.59 m excluding mirrors)
- Existing streetcar tunnel is 3.25 m driving width plus .665 m clearance for evacuation (includes open vehicle door)
- Buses require extra width for manoeuvrability



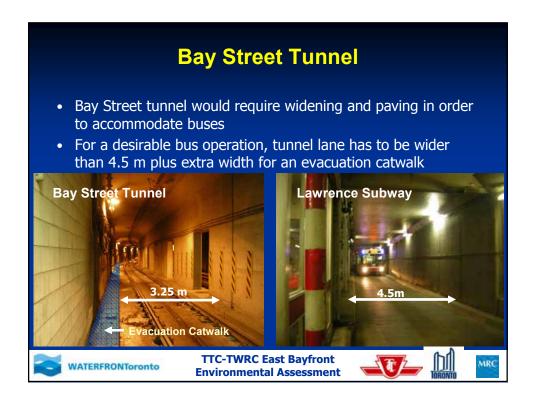
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Lawrence Bus Terminal • TTC's narrowest bus tunnel • Approx 4.5 m per lane at the narrowest point • Poor bus operation (slow speed and difficult to manoeuvre) Lawrence Subway Lawrence Subway TTC-TWRC East Bayfront Environmental Assessment





Cost of Tunnel Widening

- Cost of widening/reconstructing the existing tunnel will be comparable to building a whole new tunnel
- Approx. length of tunnel requiring widening/reconstruction
 o 500 m
- Estimated costs of tunnel widening/reconstruction
 - o Approx. \$40 M to \$50 M



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Technology Assessment Summary

Bus versus Streetcar:

- Shorter bus headways will result in low service reliability not
 possible in practice to maintain reliable bus service operation
 and carry the required ridership
- Significantly more expensive than streetcar due to the need to both widen/rebuild and pave the entire Bay Street tunnel to support bus operation
- Lack of network continuity/connectivity with the Harbourfront LRT to the west and the future West Don Lands streetcar to the north-east

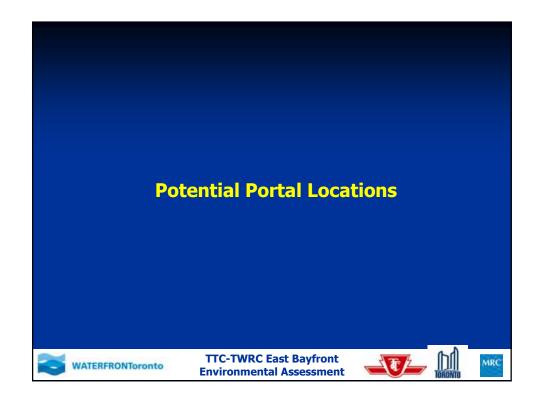








Technology Conclusion • Streetcar/LRV selected as the Preferred Technology • Carried forward in conjunction with assessment/evaluation of portals and ROW design for Queens Quay East TTC-TWRC East Bayfront Environmental Assessment



Potential Locations Considered

• Portal is a key element of alignment design



Portal Screening

- High-level analysis to screen out options that are less feasible
- York Street and Yonge Street were screened out as they share 3 major issues:
 - o Neither can accommodate the proposed portal adequately would result in an undesirable traffic or transit operation
 - o Both would require extensive tunnelling within close proximity of heritage and existing residential buildings
 - o Both would result in a circuitous route to Union Station resulting in longer travel time

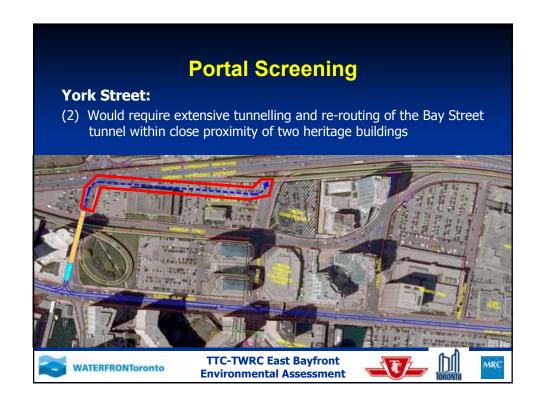


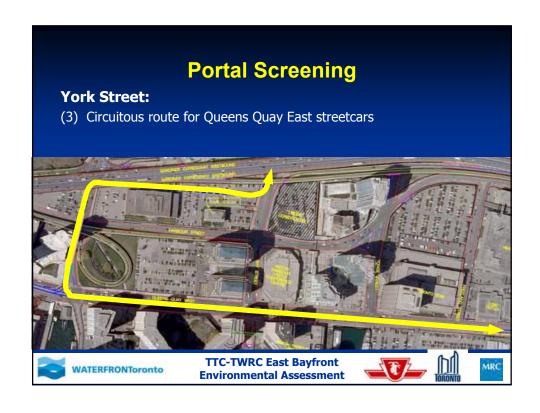




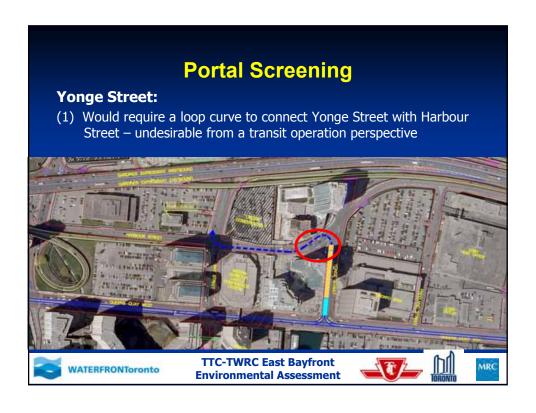


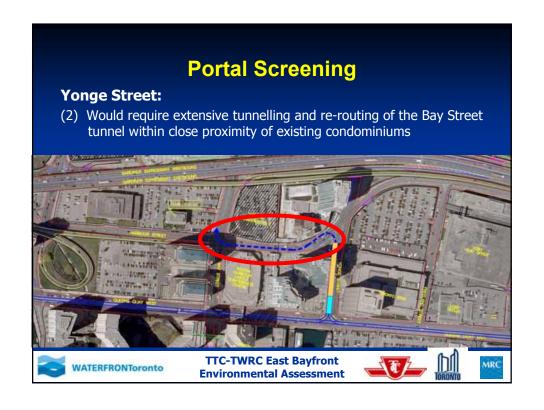




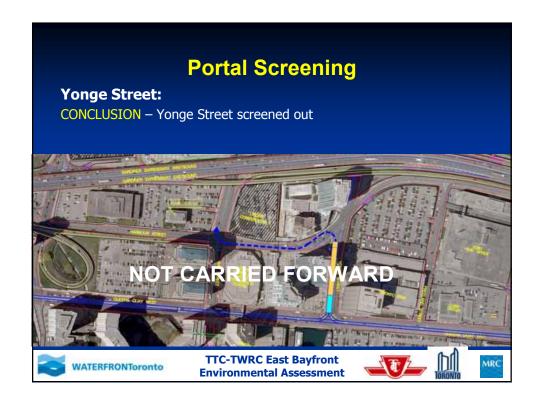












Portal Screening Conclusion

- Carry forward options on Bay and Queens Quay East into the next phase for further analysis
- May consider Harbour Street if options on Bay are not possible





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Next Steps

- Public Workshop June 21 Novotel Hotel
 Receive comments from the TAC, public
- Detail analysis of short-listed portal options
- Selection of the preferred portal location and development of Queens Quay East design alternatives
- Assess and evaluate QQE design alternatives with the Community Liaison Committee and Technical Advisory Committee
- Hold a third public workshop in Fall assessment of design alternatives and recommendation on the Preferred Alternative









