

James Street North GO Station

Stakeholder Meeting

Tuesday, April 30, 2013



What's the purpose of tonight's meeting?

This meeting is the beginning of a dialogue with the community on James Street North GO Station. Tonight, we will:

- Provide an overview of Metrolinx and its regional transportation plan, *The Big Move.*
- Present the preliminary design for James Street North GO Station.
- Ask for your feedback on key elements of the station and plaza design.
- Answer your questions.



Metrolinx was created in 2006 to provide a modern, efficient and integrated transportation system in the Greater Toronto and Hamilton Area.

















The Big Move: A Bold Plan

- Metrolinx's regional transportation plan, providing a common vision for transportation across the region.
- *The Big Move* is in action with over \$16 billion of projects being built today.
- The Big Move's Next Wave of Investment recently announced will continue Metrolinx's transformation of the region's transportation system by expanding the regional transit network as well as providing resources for local transit, roads, active transportation and more. More info at bigmove.ca.
- As mandated, Metrolinx will be presenting recommendations for an Investment Strategy by June 1, 2013.

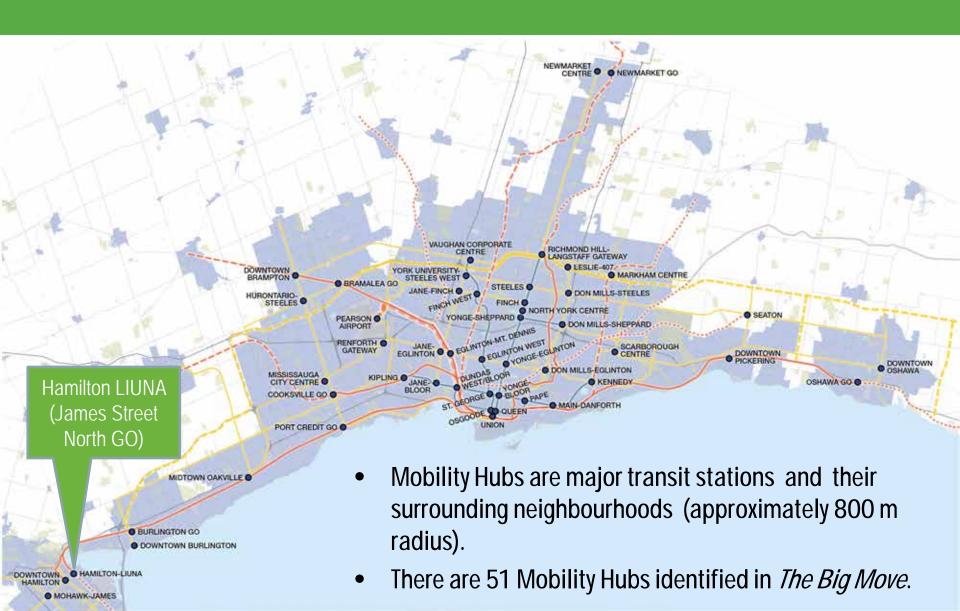


Nine Big Moves

- 1 A fast, frequent and expanded regional rapid transit network
- High-order transit connectivity to the Pearson Airport District from all directions
- An expanded Union Station the heart of the GTHA's transportation system.
- 4 A complete walking and cycling network with bike-sharing programs
- An information system for travellers, where and when they need it
- 6 A region-wide integrated transit fare system
- 7 A system of interconnected mobility hubs
- 8 A comprehensive strategy for goods movement
- An Investment Strategy to provide stable and predictable funding



What is a Mobility Hub?



James Street North GO Station: Project Overview

- The new GO station will be located at 353 James Street North in Hamilton.
- The James Street North GO Station is being constructed for 2015 and will provide increased service to Hamilton in support of the Pan Am and Parapan Am Games.
- Once operational in 2015, it will help deliver more integrated and effective public transportation in the Greater Toronto and Hamilton Area.
- To provide increased service by 2015, we are doing the technical studies to assess storing two trains at the station.

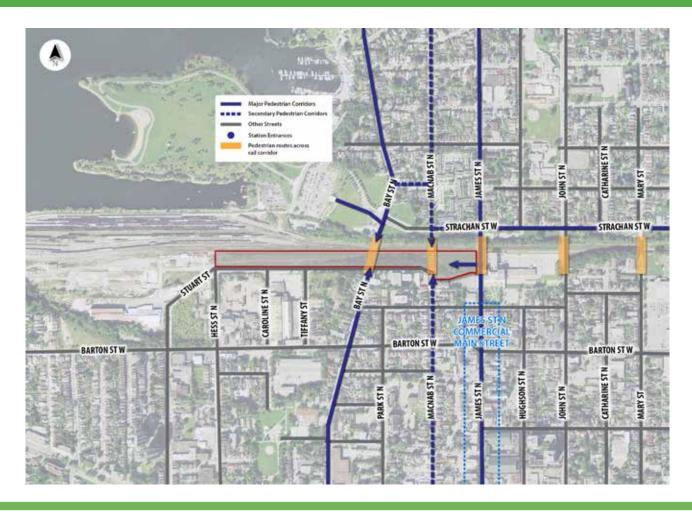


James Street North Area: Existing Conditions





James Street North Area: Existing Pedestrian Access



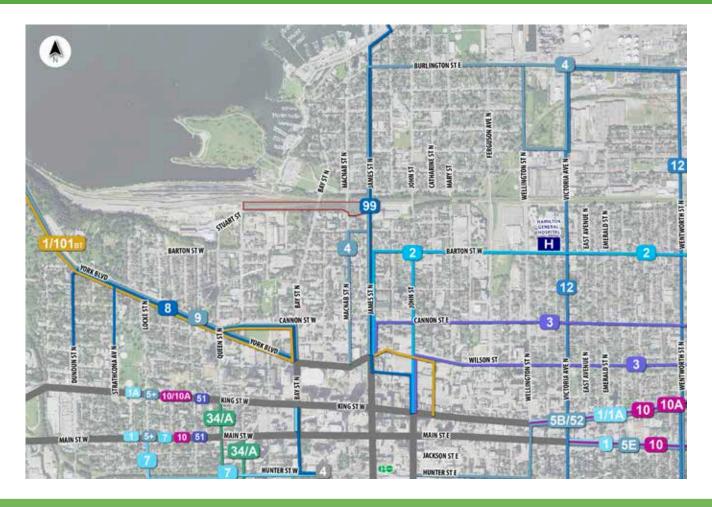


James Street North Area: Existing and Planned Bicycle Access



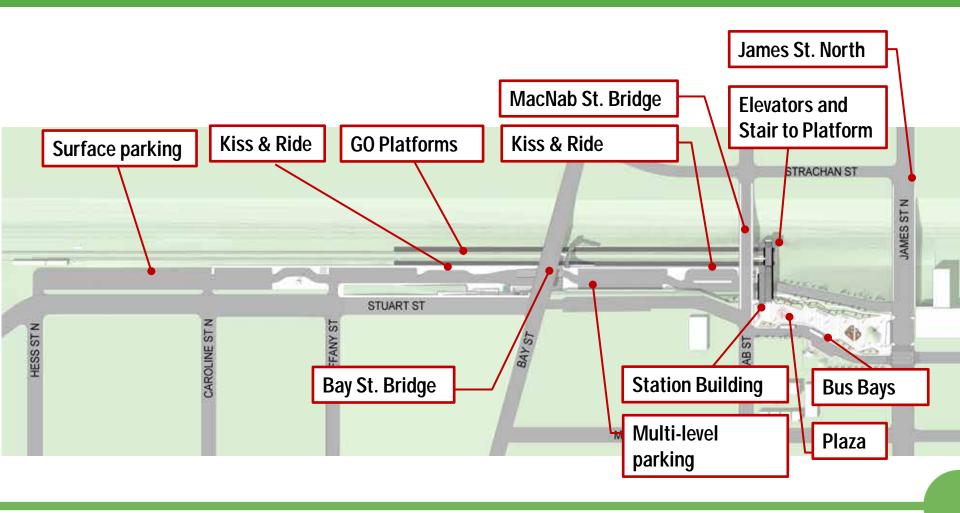


James Street North Area: Existing Local Transit





James Street North GO Station: Proposed Site Plan (Plaza Level)



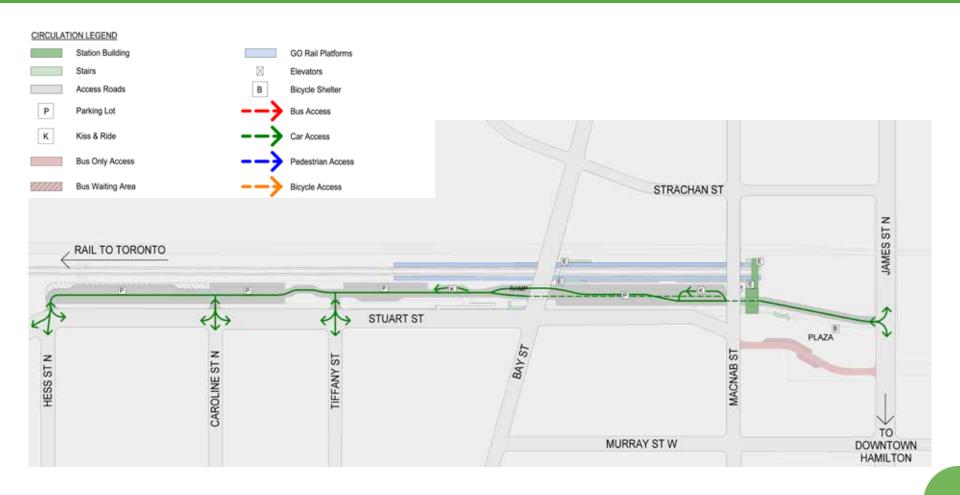


James Street North GO Station: Proposed Vehicular Circulation to Station



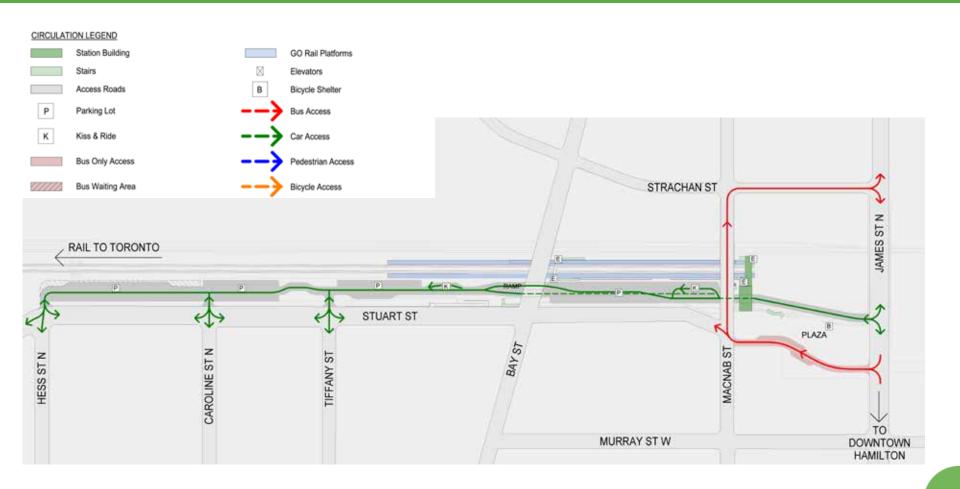


James Street North GO Station: Proposed Internal Vehicular Circulation

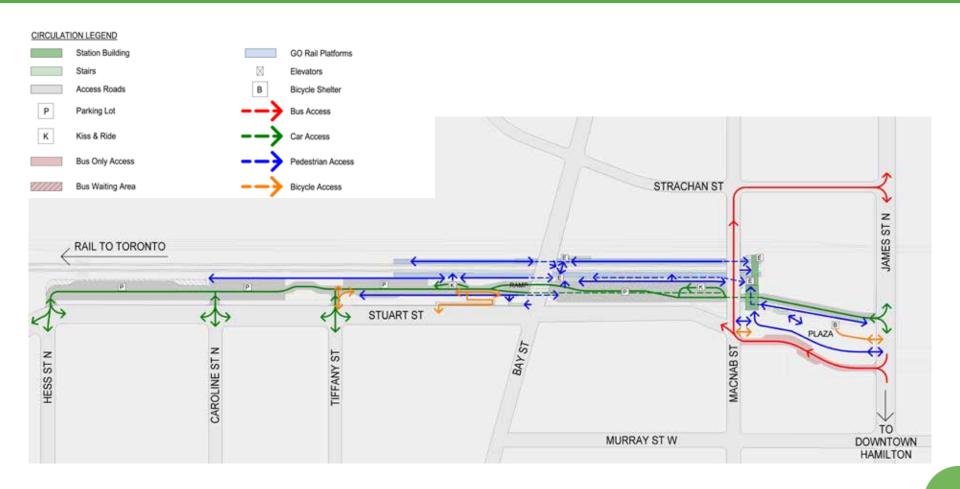




James Street North GO Station: Proposed Bus Circulation

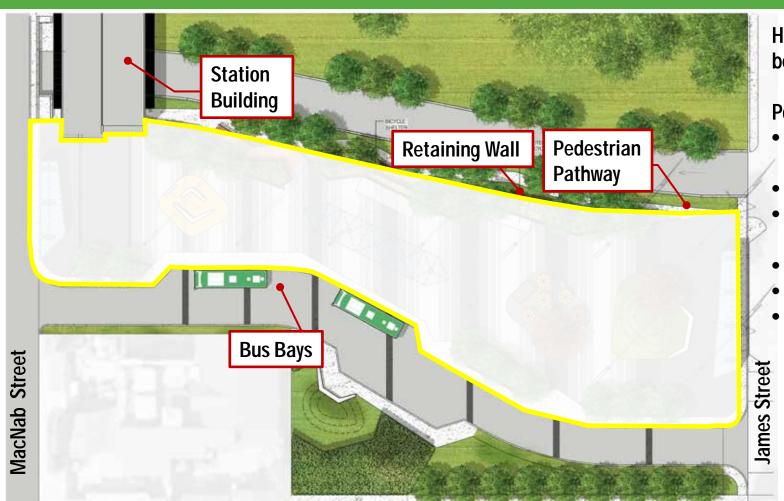


James Street North GO Station: Proposed Pedestrian and Bicycle Circulation





Station Design Opportunities for Input: Proposed Plaza



How will the plaza be used?

Possible Elements

- public art and amenities
- canopies
- landscaping (hard and soft)
- seating
- exterior lighting
- bicycle parking



Station Design Opportunities for Input: Proposed Plaza (cont'd)



Plaza looking northeast



Station Design Opportunities for Input: Proposed Plaza (cont'd)





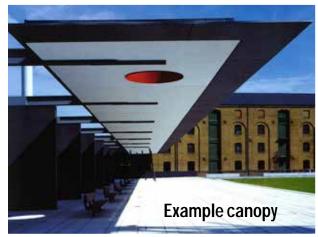


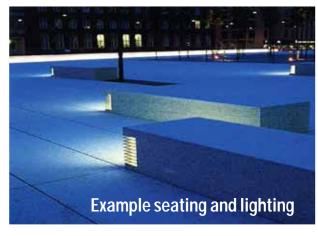




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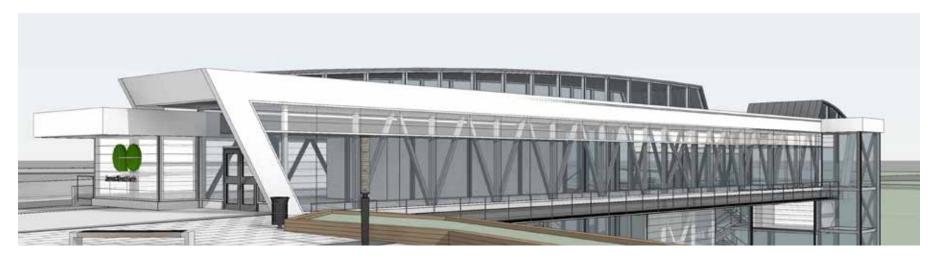








Station Design Opportunities for Input: Look and Feel of the Station Building



Station building perspective looking northwest from the plaza

Possible Elements

- public art
- community display boards



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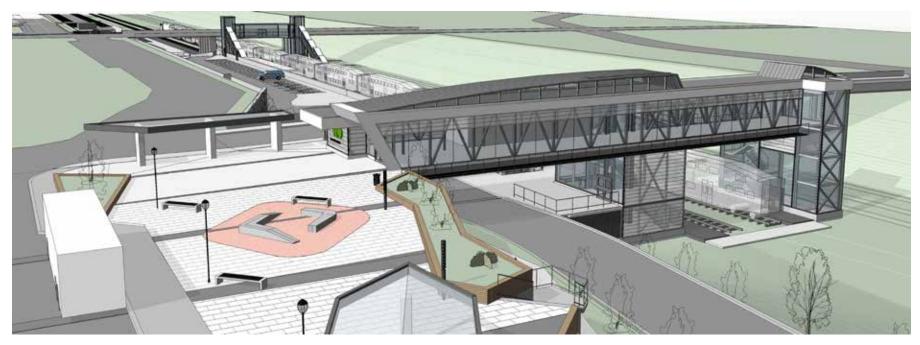








Proposed James Street North GO Station



Perspective looking northwest across the plaza



Questions of Clarification and Breakout Session (30 minute small group discussion)

Tell us what kind of elements would enhance your experience of the future station. Choose one person to report back to the entire group. Plaza

Other than for transit uses, what else could the plaza be used for?
Name three to five things that would make the plaza practical and attractive to the local community (farmers' market, art crawl, etc.).

Look and Feel of the Station

 What are some words that describe the ideal station building (modern, light and airy, open, etc.)?



Next Steps and Project Milestones

Ongoing - Station Design **WE'RE HERE** April 30, 2013 - Stakeholder Meeting Fall 2013 - Stakeholder Meeting Update Early 2014 - Construction of new station building, fully-accessible north and south rail platforms, a Kiss & Ride, new parking facilities, bus loops and pedestrian/bicycle pathways, layover capacity Summer 2015 - Station Operational Pan Am and Parapan Am Games Late summer 2015 - Construction continues on Bay Street bridge and connection to Bay Street Late 2016/early 2017 - Total Completion



Thank you!

Questions?

