Rymal Road (Upper James St to Dartnall Rd) Environmental Assessment Phases 1 to 4 Public Information Centre #1

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Virtual Meeting Approach

This meeting is being recorded

Introductions

Welcome Councillors, Staff, and Residents. Thank you for joining today's presentation!

Questions will be taken at the end of the presentation.

We look forward to your participation and feedback.

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Virtual Meeting Approach - Engagement

Ground Rules for Engagement

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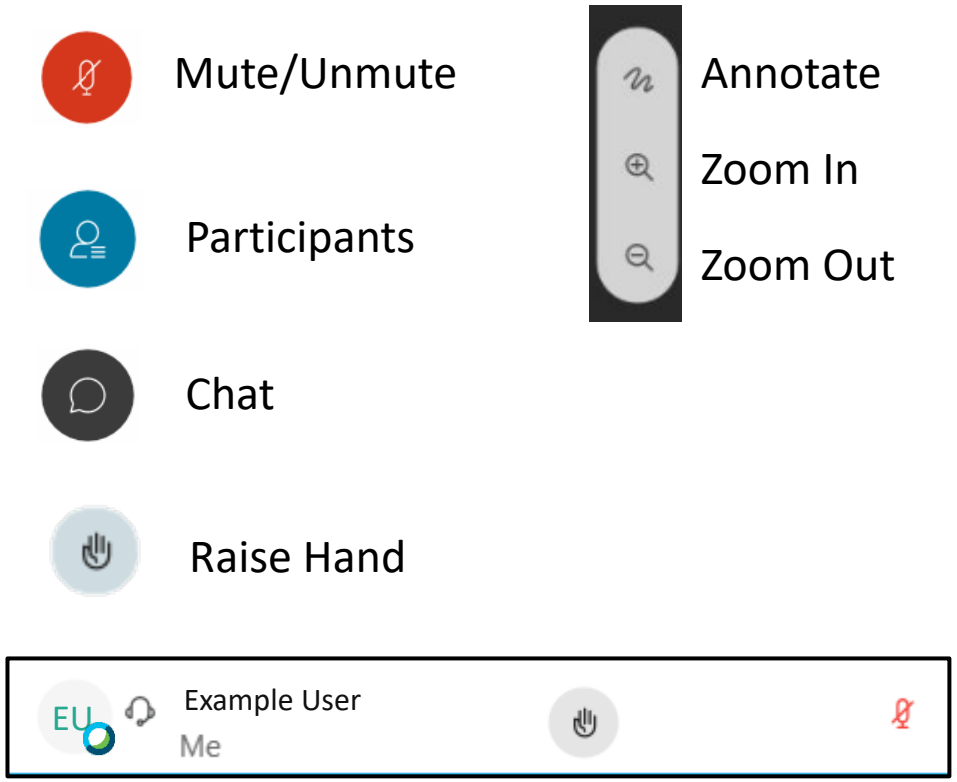
- Please remain muted during presentation and while others are asking questions
- Questions can be asked by:
  1. Q&A Function
  2. Waiting for designated phone user time
  3. “Raise Hand” & Unmute
- Please keep questions brief
- Magnifying glass can be used to zoom in on an item



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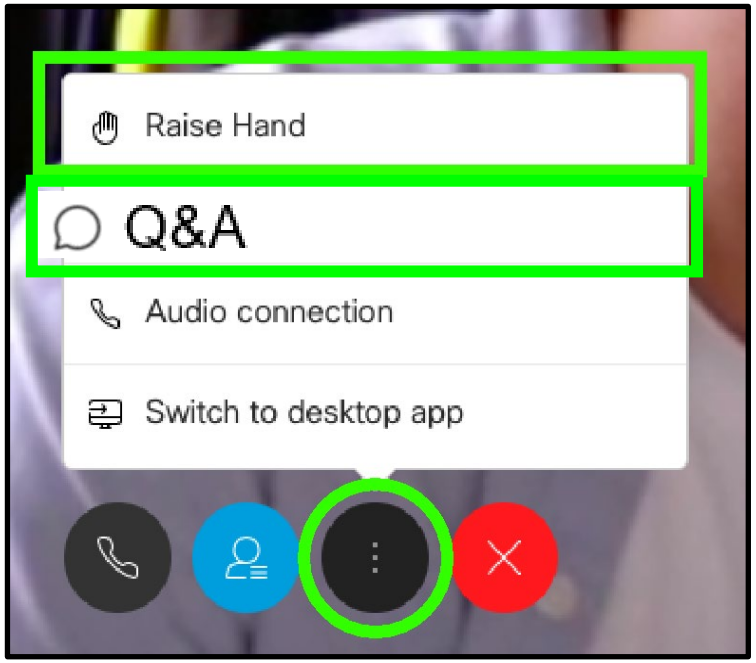

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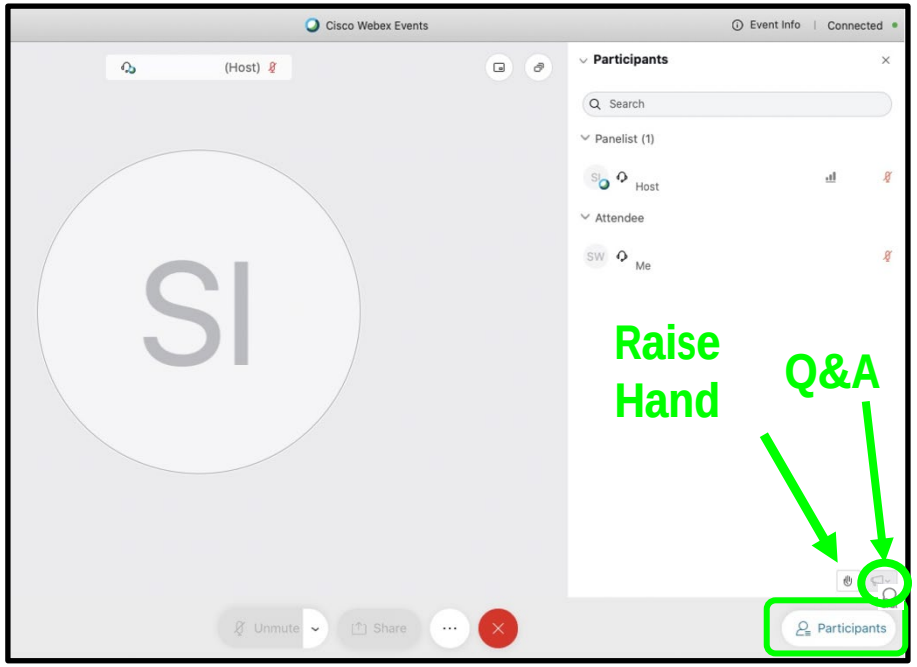

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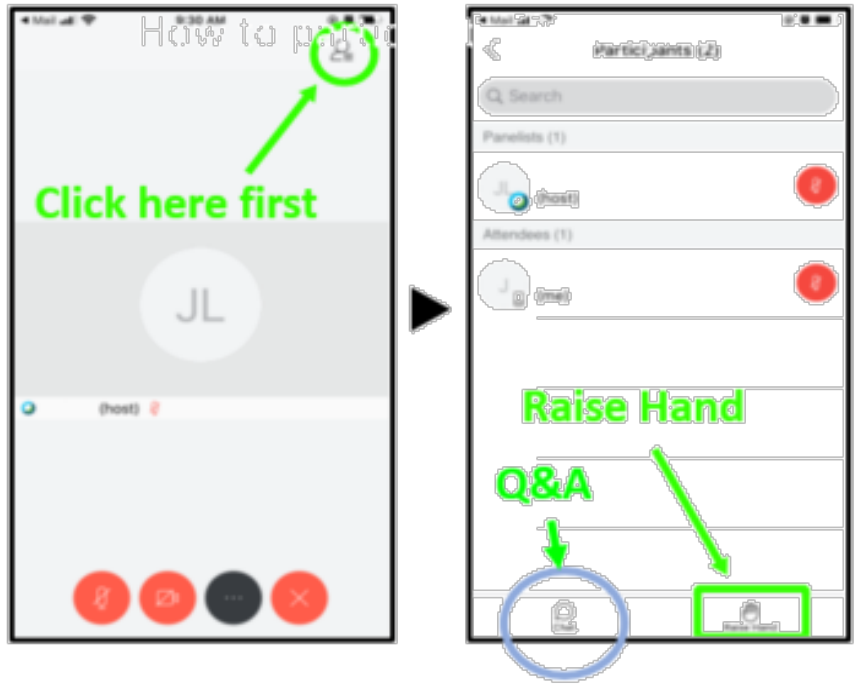

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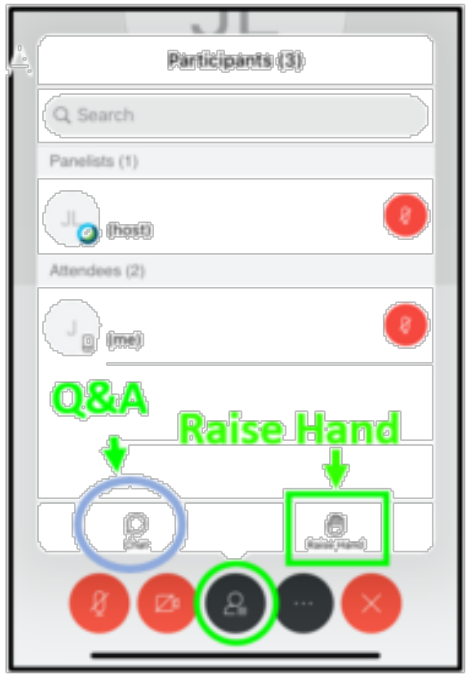

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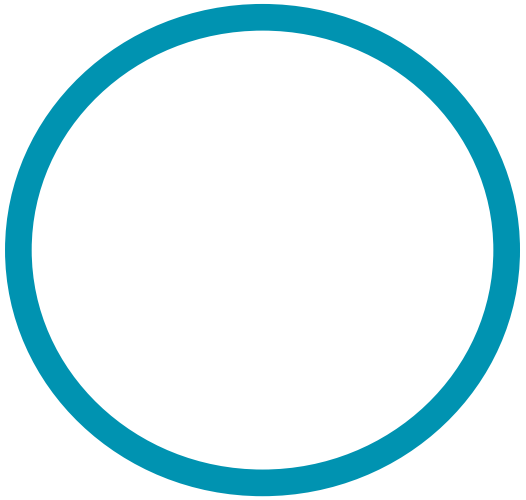

- To raise your hand virtually, **key in *3**.
- The Host will see a hand up beside the last four digits of your phone number
- During the Q&A period, the Host will unmute you and let you know that you can speak

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Agenda

Time Window	Agenda Item
6:10 – 7:00	Part 1 - Project Purpose and Context
	Part 2 - Transit Assessment Study
	Part 3 - Alternative Solutions
	Part 4 - Evaluation: Approach and Preliminary Recommendations
	Part 5 - Next Steps, Closing Remarks, Explanation of Survey
7:00 – 8:00	Part 6 - Discussion: Answer Questions and Listen to Feedback
8:00	Meeting Adjourns

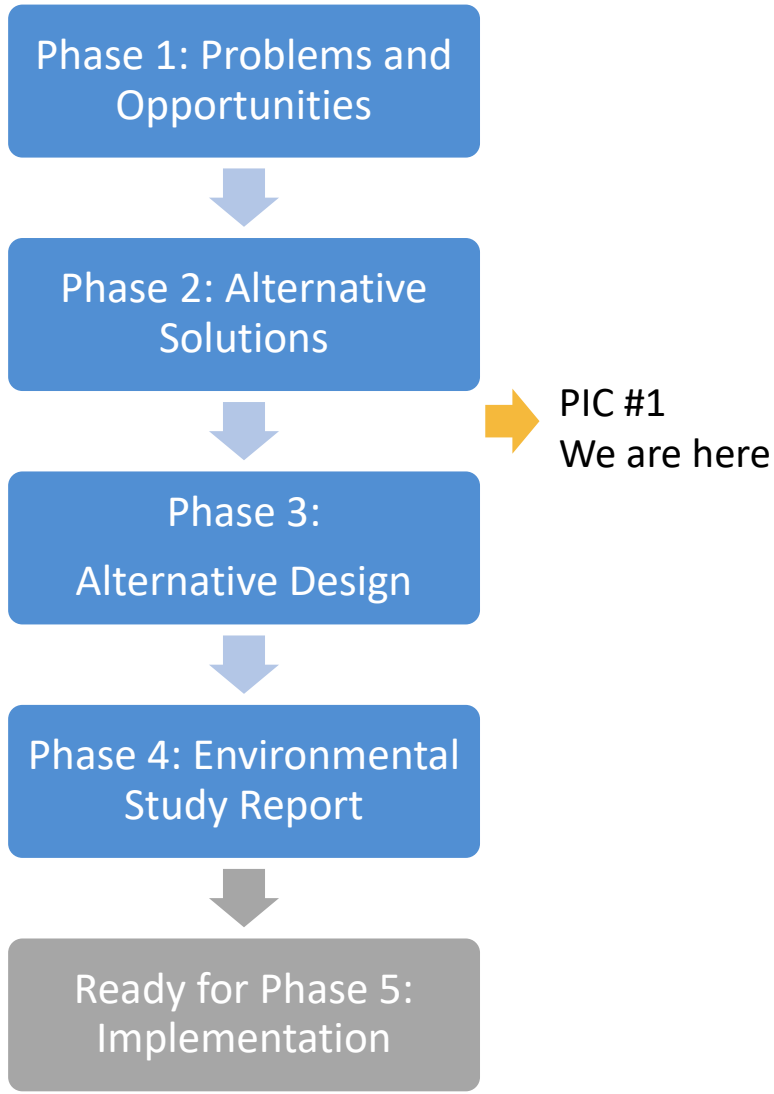
PART 1: Project Purpose and Context

Project Introduction

The objective of the study is to improve Rymal Road to be a more safe, efficient and well-connected multi-modal transportation corridor from Upper James Street to Dartnall Road that balances the needs of pedestrians, cyclists, transit users, goods movement, and drivers in a way that is economical and minimizes impact to the existing and future natural, social, cultural and built environments.

Making Decisions – The Class EA Process

- The Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (MCEA) process sets out a framework to make decisions about infrastructure in a way that considers the social, cultural and natural environments.
- A Schedule ‘C’ Municipal Class Environmental Assessment is being prepared to assess potential improvements to Rymal Road (Upper James Street to Dartnall Road).
- We are presenting work completed to date for Phases 1 and 2.



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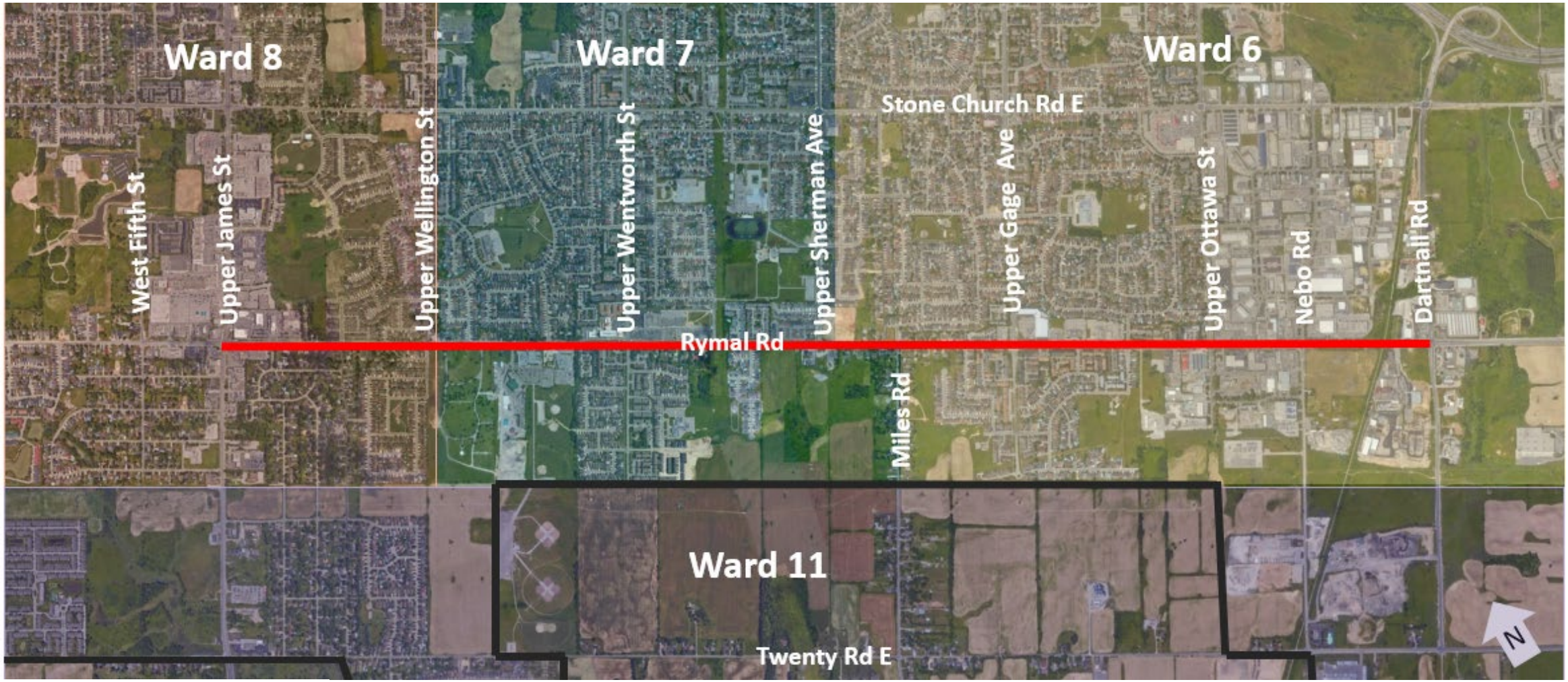
Project Introduction – Study Area



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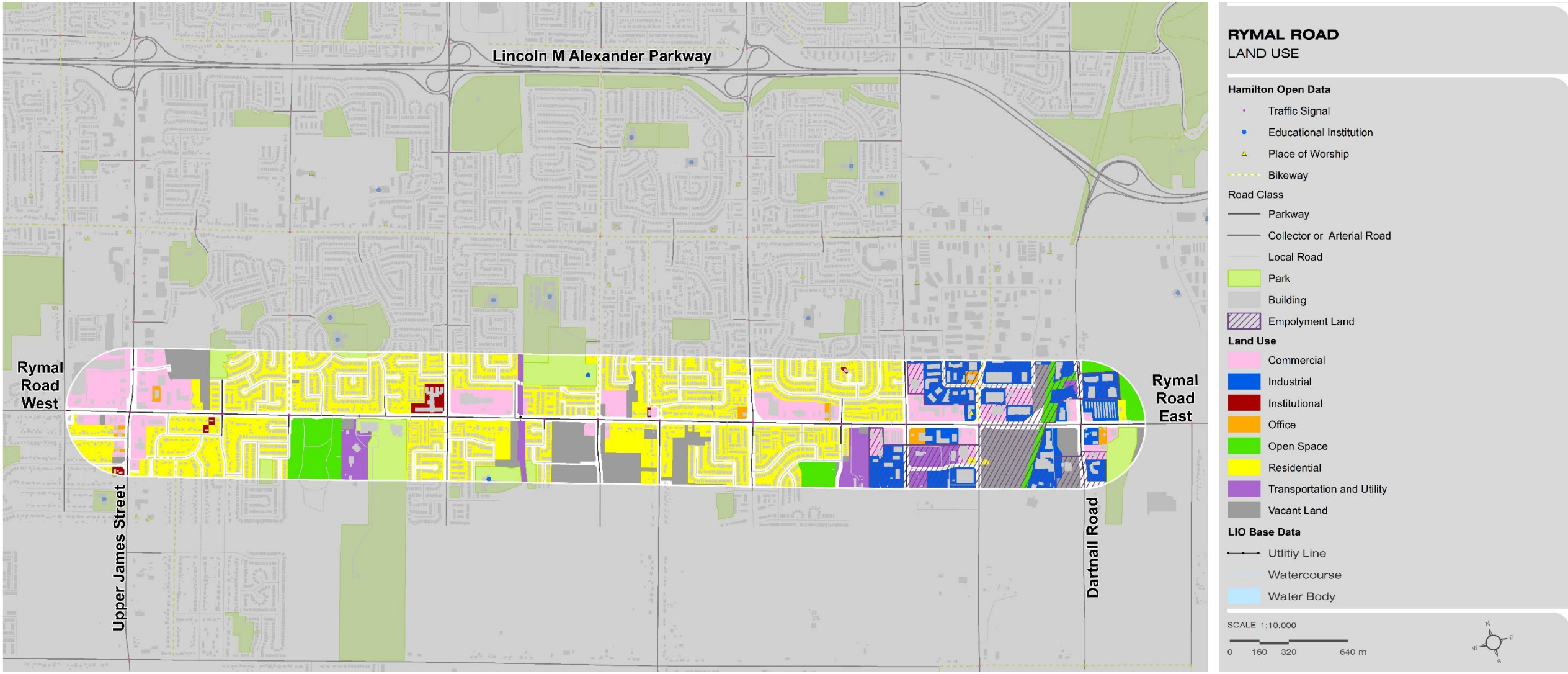
Study Area: Existing Conditions and Adjacent Land Uses



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Phase 1 – Problems and Opportunities

Rymal Road Today

Currently, Rymal Road is a major arterial roadway with a three to five lane cross-section, discontinuous sidewalk network, and no cycling facilities.

Key Problems	Key Opportunities

• Limited transportation mode choice
• Transit service frequencies and amenities do not reflect the corridor's intended role as a Priority Bus Corridor - need for transit-supportive infrastructure
• Poor travel reliability/delays
• Poor pavement condition
• Not consistent with adjoining roadway cross-sections
	• Provide multi-modal travel amenities
	• Integration of street design to the east and west of the Study Area
	• Integration of surrounding cycling routes and trails
	• Addition of new pedestrian crossings
	• Integrate with other planned improvements:
	  • Planned bike lanes on Upper Sherman Avenue, Upper Ottawa Street, and Nebo Road
	  • Planned multi-use trail through neighbourhood between Upper Wentworth Street and Upper Sherman Avenue
	• Improvements to stormwater management

Existing Conditions – Related Studies

Related studies - EAs completed West and East of study area on Rymal Road

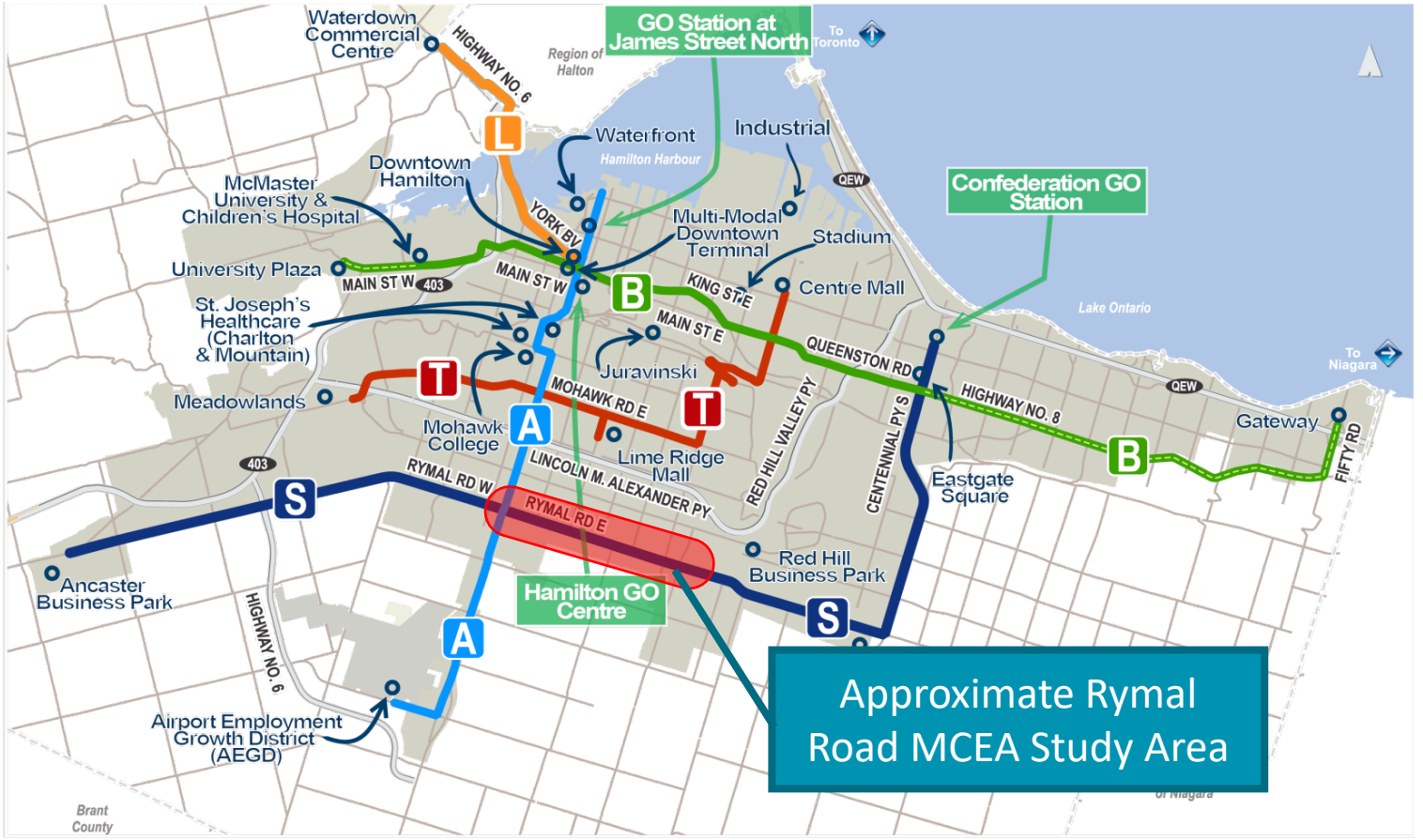
- **West of Upper James:**
  Garner Road/Rymal Road and Garth Street Class EA ESR February 2014

- **East of Dartnall:**
  Improvements to Rymal Road (Dartnall Road to New Trinity Church Corridor) Class EA ESR November 2011

PART 2: Transit Assessment Study (2051 Planning Horizon Year)

Transit Assessment Study

- Portions of Rymal Road form part of Hamilton's S-Line Rapid Transit Corridor
- The S-Line is also identified through Metrolinx' ***Regional Transportation Plan*** as a "Transit Priority Corridor"
- Understanding the type of transit facility and amenities that will be required along the S-Line is an important input to the Rymal Rd MCEA.



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Transit Assessment Study

- Transit needs were identified through a ridership study that considered:
  - Anticipated population and employment growth along the corridor to 2051
  - Existing transit usage along the corridor
  - Future transit ridership targets
- Optional improvements considered the need for:
  - Transit-only lanes throughout the corridor;
  - Dedicated transit lanes or signals at intersections; and
  - Improvements to transit amenities (e.g. shelter design)

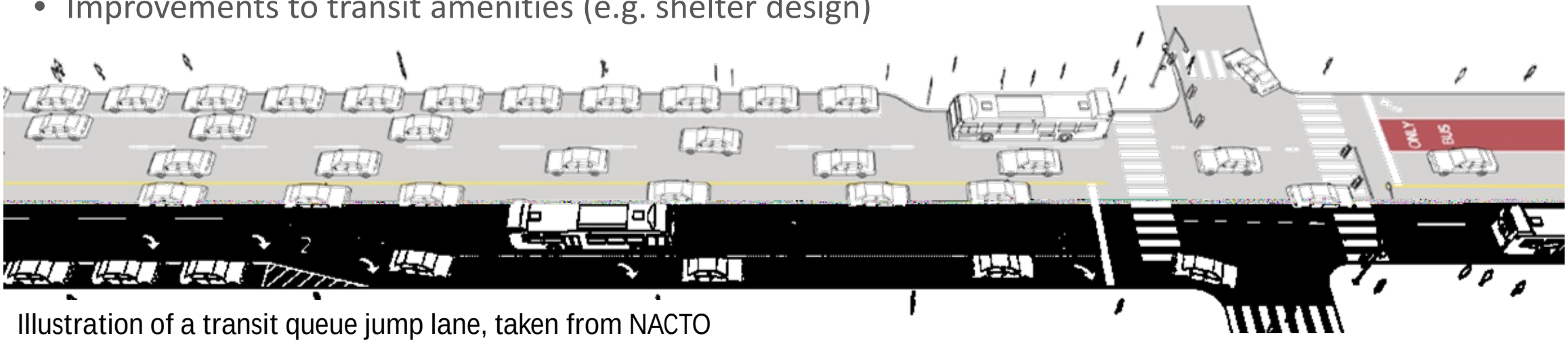

Illustration of a transit queue jump lane, taken from NACTO