



Active Transportation and Safe Roads Advisory Committee Agenda

Thursday, February 9, 2023, 4:00 p.m.

Council Chambers

Whitby Town Hall

This Advisory Committee meeting will be held in a hybrid meeting format. Members of the public will be permitted to attend this meeting virtually or in-person, however, those wishing to attend the meeting virtually are required to email clerk@whitby.ca by noon on the business day prior to the meeting in order to obtain the virtual meeting link.

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- To speak during the Advisory Committee meeting, please submit a Delegation Request Form online to the Office of the Town Clerk by noon on the business day prior to the date of the meeting. Should you be unable to access a computer, please call 905.430.4315 to speak with a Staff Member in the Office of the Town Clerk.

A Revised Agenda may be published on a later date. Late items added or a change to an item will appear with an asterisk beside them.

1. Call to Order

2. Declarations of Conflict of Interest

3. Approval of Previous Minutes

Recommendation:

That the Active Transportation and Safe Roads Advisory Committee minutes of June 9, 2022 be approved.

4. Presentations

- 4.1 Alia Tulloch, Transportation Planning Analyst, Region of Durham
Re: Durham Meadoway Visioning Study

5. Delegations

6. General Business and Reports

- 6.1 Committee Member Introductions
- 6.2 Active Transportation Plan
- 6.3 2022 Active Transportation and Safe Roads Advisory Committee (ATSRAC) Annual Report
- 6.4 2023 Budget Timelines and Active Transportation Elements
 - 6.4.1 Engineering Services Division
 - 6.4.2 Community Services Department
- 6.5 Active Transportation and Safe Roads Advisory Committees Subcommittees
- 7. **Correspondence**
- 8. **Council Update**
- 9. **Other Business**
- 10. **Next Meeting**
Thursday, March 9, 2023 - 4:00 p.m.
- 11. **Adjournment**
Recommendation:
That the meeting adjourned.

Active Transportation and Safe Roads Advisory Committee Minutes
June 9, 2022 - 4:00 PM
Virtual Meeting

Present: Gary Carroll, Vice-Chair
Ron Lalonde
R. Bruce MacDonald
Peter Phillips, Chair
Mary Jo Sitter
Terry Von Zuben
Lewis Williams
Nicola Windrem

Also Present: Aimee Pugao, Planner II, Parks Planning
Deanna Schlosser, Planner II, Long Range
Tara Painchaud, Staff Liaison, Senior Manager, Transportation
Services
Heather Ellis, Council and Committee Coordinator (Recording
Secretary)

Regrets: Sorin Lutz
Matt Parfitt

Call to Order

1. Disclosures of Interest
2. Approval of Previous Minutes

2.1 Minutes - May 12, 2022

Recommendation:

Moved By Ron Lalonde

That the Active Transportation and Safe Roads Advisory Committee
minutes of May 12, 2022 be approved.

Carried

3. Presentations

3.1 Steve Walo, Supervisor of Facilities, Town of Whitby
Re: Whitby Sports Complex

Steve Walo provided a presentation regarding the Whitby Sports Complex. Highlights of the presentation included:

- estimated project timelines;
- project stages including project initiation, community engagement, additional programming, upcoming final design, construction, and opening of the facility;
- facilities within the sports complex such as two ice pads, pool, gym, walking track, and meeting rooms/multi-purpose spaces; and,
- outdoor facilities including a multi-use sports field, tennis courts, pickleball courts, an all wheels facilities, family zone, and events plaza.

3.2 Michele Cotton, Accessibility Coordinator, Town of Whitby
Re: Accessible Signage and Wayfinding Study Update

Michele Cotton provided a presentation regarding the Accessible Signage and Wayfinding Study. Highlights of the presentation included:

- guidelines for implementing wayfinding and signage;
- signage priorities including interior signage, parks and trails, pedestrian and sidewalk, building and road right-of-way, and parking lot signage; and,
- an overview of staff report CMS 06-22 included on the June 13, 2022 Committee of the Whole agenda.

A question and answer period ensued regarding:

- what was included in the parks and trails signage and wayfinding; and,
- whether signage would include distance and estimated travel time to specific locations.

It was the consensus of the Committee to amend the agenda and receive a presentation from Jade Schofield and Eleri Davies regarding the Whitby Climate Change Plan, at this time.

3.3 Jade Schofield, Project Manager, Sustainability and Climate Change
Town of Whitby, and Eleri Davies, Consultant, Sustainable Solutions
Group
Re: Whitby Climate Change Plan

Eleri Davies provided a presentation regarding the Whitby Climate Change Plan. Highlights of the presentation included:

- the spatial analysis, temporal analysis, financial analysis, and implementation guide for climate change adaptation;
- five key areas of implementation including an adapted town, adapted buildings and infrastructure, adaptive neighbourhoods, natural spaces, green infrastructure and trees, and heat management; and,
- the mitigation plan which includes Whitby's current greenhouse gas emissions, forecasted energy use and emissions to 2050, and recommended net zero pathway for 2045.

It was the consensus of the Committee to hear Item 4.3, Parks, Waterfront Trail, and Trails Update, at this time.

4. General Business and Reports

4.1 Mary Street: Audit/Improvements Proposal

Peter Phillips provided a presentation regarding suggested Mary Street improvements. Highlights of the presentation included:

- an opportunity to extend the Active Transportation component from Mary Street to Giffard Street;
- painting and signing an advisory bike lane through High Street to Euclid Street, and Cochrane Street;
- extending a multi use path through the Fairview Lodge grounds to connect with Giffard Street and the urban paved shoulder on Cochrane Street;
- keeping traffic volumes down by not connecting Mary Street to Cochrane Street, and High Street to Dundas Street, as outlined in the Downtown Whitby Secondary Plan;
- temporarily eliminating Sunday parking from Euclid Street to Centre Street, and eliminating parking east of Byron Street;
- installing short-term bike lane signage and road symbols through all intersections along Euclid Street to Brock Street, and implementing traffic calming and reduced speed limits in this section; and,
- constructing a multi use path through Garden Street to the Canadian Pacific rail tracks at Pringle Creek to connect the Wyndfield Park neighbourhood to the downtown.

4.2 Bike Month Update

Tara Painchaud provided an update regarding Bike Month which included:

- partnering with the Region of Durham;
- the Bike Month Dashboard that provides a summary of each municipality's bike month pledges;
- the Whitby Public Library Bike Month display;
- bike month swag provided by the Region of Durham; and,
- strategies for promoting bike month.

4.3 Parks, Waterfront Trail, and Trails Update

Sean Malby provided an update regarding parks and trails which included:

- the Waterfront Trail boardwalk replacement;
- blind corners along the boardwalk;
- the access gate at Gordon Street to the Ontario Shores property;
- the Harbour Street and railbridge detour from Watson Street to Water Street; and,
- the multi use path on the southern end of the Hydro One Power Corridor.

It was the consensus of the Committee to hear Item 4.1, Mary Street: Audit/Improvements Proposal, at this time.

4.4 Data Reviews

Inventory of On-Road Cycling

Peter Phillips requested volunteers from the Committee to conduct an inventory of on-road cycling route signage.

Tara Painchaud provided a timeline for completing the inventory. Ms. Painchaud requested that members complete their inventory by September 1, 2022.

Crossride Needs Summary

Tara Painchaud requested volunteers from the Committee to conduct a survey to identify gaps in crossrides.

Centreline Network Prioritization

Gary Carroll stated that he prepared a prioritized list regarding the centreline network on multi use paths and major trails.

4.5 2022 Active Transportation Construction Update

Tara Painchaud provided an update regarding the 2022 Active Transportation construction projects which included:

- installing the 2021 speed humps;
- working with the consultant on the Dryden Street road diet; and,
- the pedestrian cross walks and centrelines were in the planning and drawing design stage.

A question and answer period ensued regarding:

- whether cyclists would be impacted by the speed humps; and,
- the multi use path project on Taunton Road.

4.6 Advisory Committee Recruitment Process for 2022-2026 Term

Heather Ellis provided an update regarding the Advisory Committee recruitment process for the 2022-2026 term which included:

- current Committee responsibilities for the remainder of the term;
- timelines for accepting applications; and,
- timelines for Council's appointments, orientation sessions for new members, and expected start dates for the 2022-2026 term meeting cycle.

4.7 Development Subcommittee Update

Mary Jo Sitter provided an update regarding the Development Subcommittee which included:

- recommendations for raised crosswalks and sidewalks, privacy fencing, and enclosed covered bike racks for the 314 to 316 Colbourne Street East apartment building plan;
- recommendation to locate the multi use path on the east boulevard at the 1615 Brock Street development;
- recommendations for bike parking and a bike lane for Town Brewery's proposed new location; and,
- recommending additional vehicular parking, bike parking, and extra lighting in the parking lot for Highway of Heroes Vimy Memorial Park.

5. Council Update

5.1 There was no Council update.

6. Other Business

6.1 Committee Notices

Peter Phillips provided two reminders for the Committee which included:

- comments were being received for the 2023 Budget; and,
- an email would be sent regarding a social event for Committee Members and Town Staff.

6.2 Google Map Update

R. Bruce MacDonald suggested that the Region of Durham reach out to the Waterfront Trust to update the Waterfront Trail on Google Maps. Mr. MacDonald stated that Committee Members could assist by re-recording sections of the Waterfront Trail.

6.3 Anderson Street Boulevard

Mary Jo Sitter expressed concerns regarding the elevation drop on the east side of the sidewalk into the creek along the Anderson Street boulevard.

6.4 Active Transportation and Safe Roads Advisory Committee Annual Report

Gary Carroll suggested that he and Peter Phillips create a draft of the Active Transportation and Safe Roads Advisory Committee Annual Report to submit to Town Staff.

7. Next Meeting

7.1 To Be Determined

8. Adjournment

8.1 Motion to Adjourn

Recommendation:

Moved By Gary Carroll

That the meeting adjourn.

Carried

The meeting adjourned at 6:02 p.m.



Durham Meadoway Visioning Study

Town of Whitby Active Transportation and Safe Roads Advisory Committee – February 9, 2023

What is the Durham Meadowway?

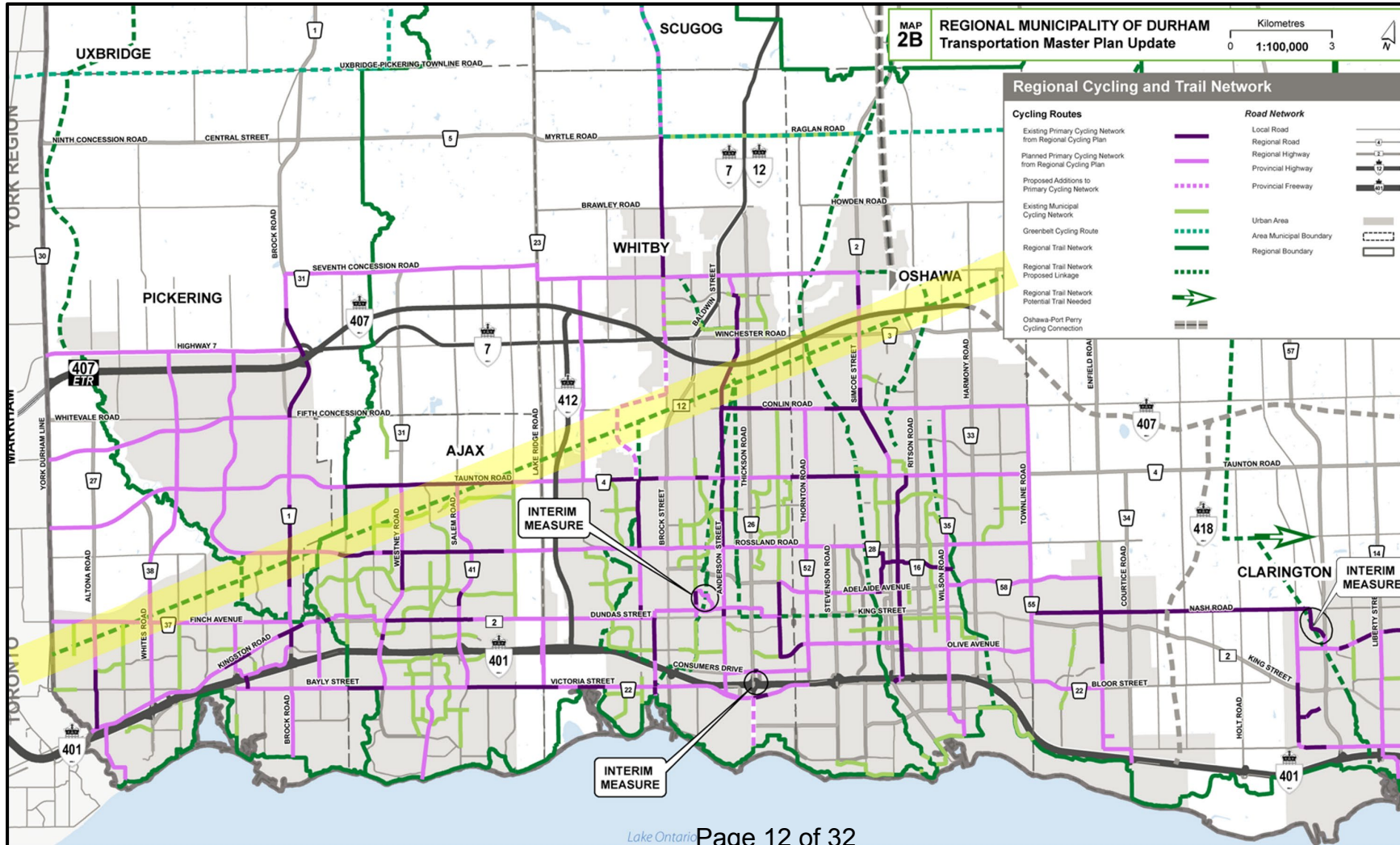
- The Durham Meadowway is a proposed active transportation corridor and greenspace connecting Rouge National Urban Park in the City of Pickering to Simcoe Street in the City of Oshawa.
- The Durham Meadowway will connect four municipalities along 27 kilometres of the Gatineau Hydro Corridor.




Study Area

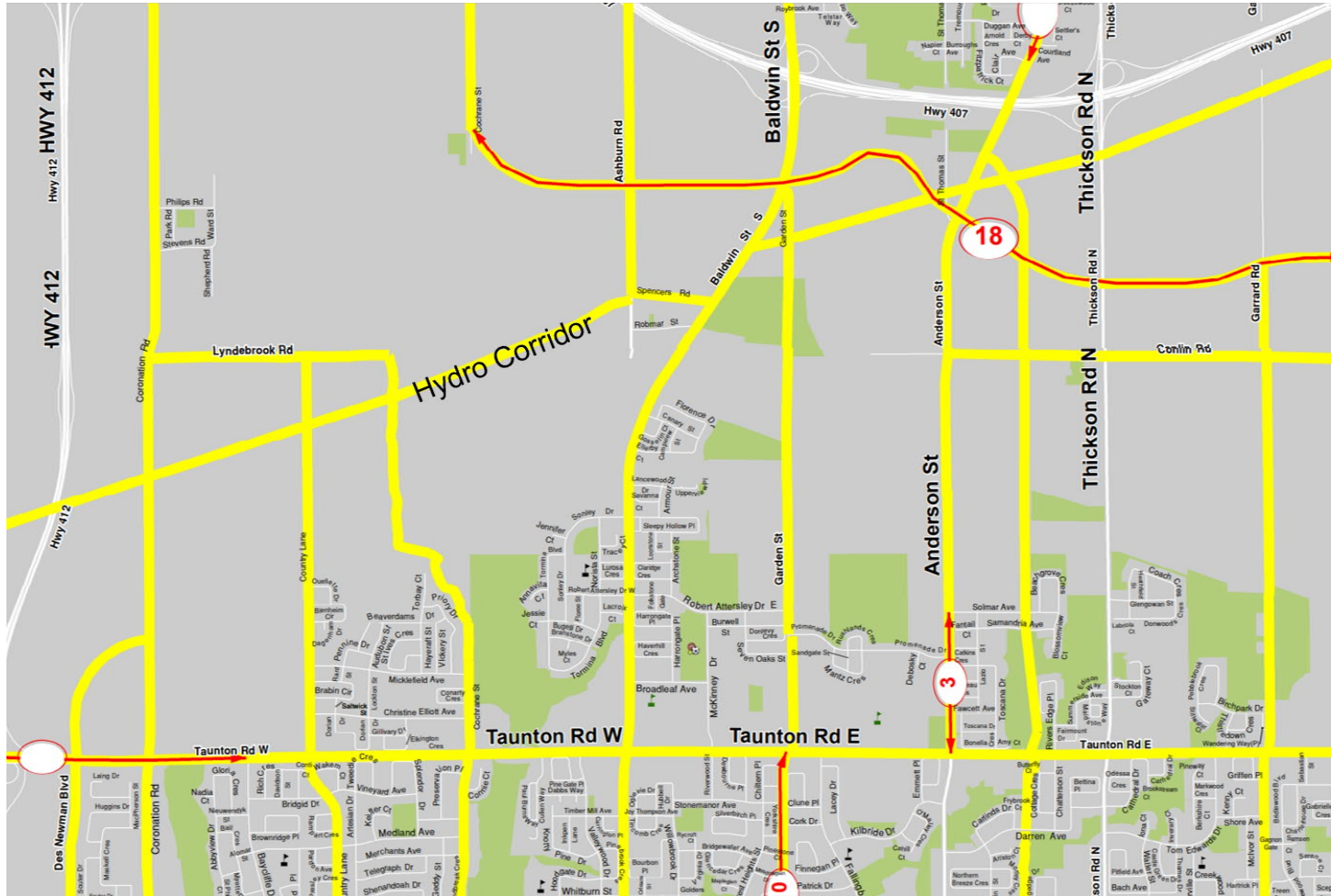


Durham Transportation Master Plan 2017



 Regional Trail Network Proposed Linkage in the Gatineau Hydro Corridor











Town of Whitby Active Transportation Plan (2021)



Legend

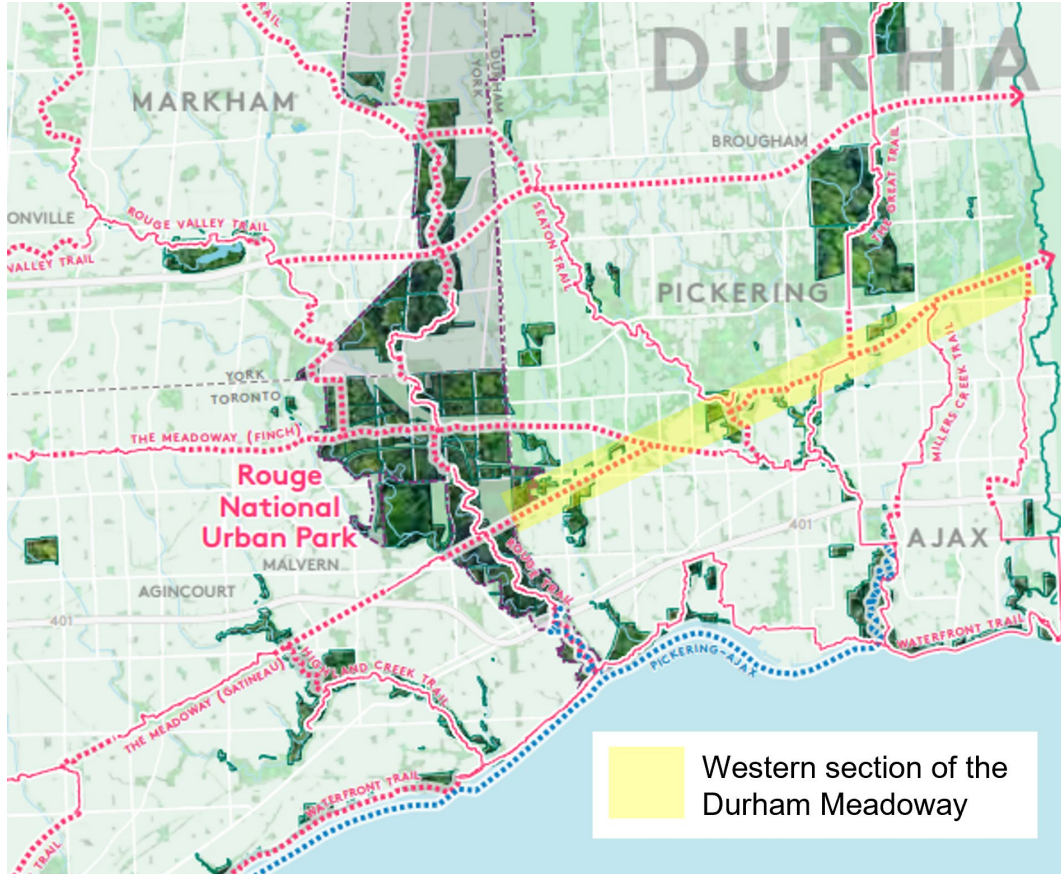
- Spine Network
- ↔ Priority Project Location

Key Destinations

-  Durham Region Headquarters
-  Town of Whitby Municipal Building
-  Arena
-  Elementary School
-  Secondary School
-  College
-  Community Centre
-  GO Station
-  Library
-  Recreation Centre

Combined excerpts from Maps 4 and 5 – Priority Projects and Existing and Recommended Spine Network Whitby South and North, Hydro corridor noted.

Greater Toronto Region Trail Network



Excerpt from the Greater Toronto Region Trail Network concept plan illustrating the connectivity of the Durham Meadowway to other major GTA trails.

Source: [Trail Strategy for the Greater Toronto Region, 2019](#)

Visioning Study Overview

Objectives

1. Develop a coordinated vision and guiding principles to support decision-making.
2. Confirm a functional alignment for a multi-use trail.
3. Articulate potential experiences, activities, amenities and gateways that could be programmed or evolve over time at locations along the corridor.
4. Develop illustrations that will inform the overall look of the future Durham Meadoway.

Area Municipal and Agency Stakeholders

Region of Durham	Area Municipalities	Agencies
<p>Transportation Planning Works</p> <p>Economic Development & Tourism</p> <p>Sustainability</p> <p>Finance</p> <p>Durham Region Transit</p> <p>Durham OneNet Inc.</p>	<p>Town of Ajax</p> <p>City of Pickering</p> <p>Town of Whitby</p> <p>City of Oshawa</p>	<p>Toronto and Region Conservation Authority</p> <p>Central Lake Ontario Conservation Authority</p> <p>Ministry of Transportation Ontario</p> <p>Infrastructure Ontario</p> <p>Hydro One</p> <p>Parks Canada</p> <p>City of Toronto</p>

Active
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Important Dates



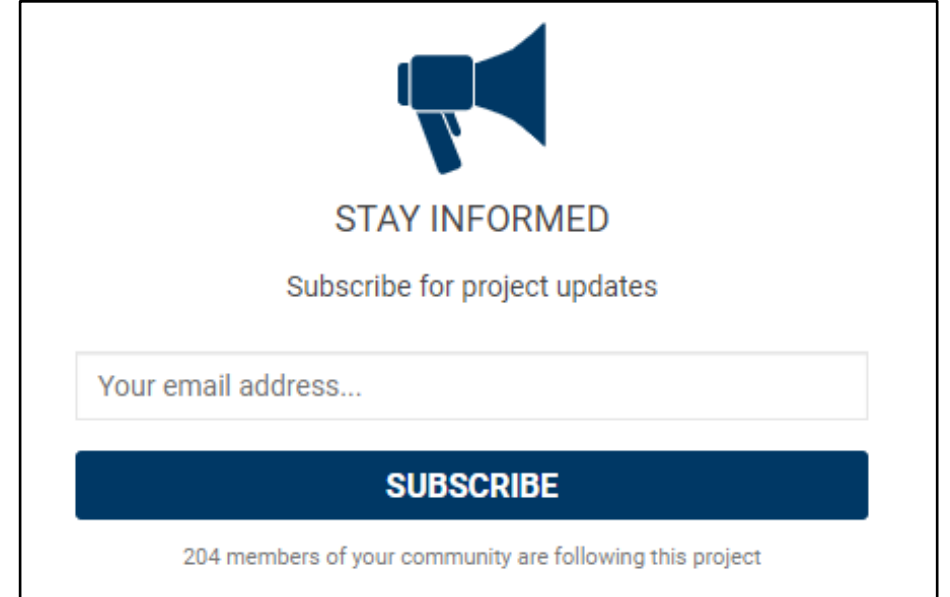
Phase 1 Community Engagement

In Phase 1, community input is being sought on the following:

- The overarching vision for the Durham Meadoway and the guiding principles that will support the vision
- The route options
- Amenities and programming that they would like to see incorporated into the design or evolve over time along the corridor

Engagement opportunities in this phase include:

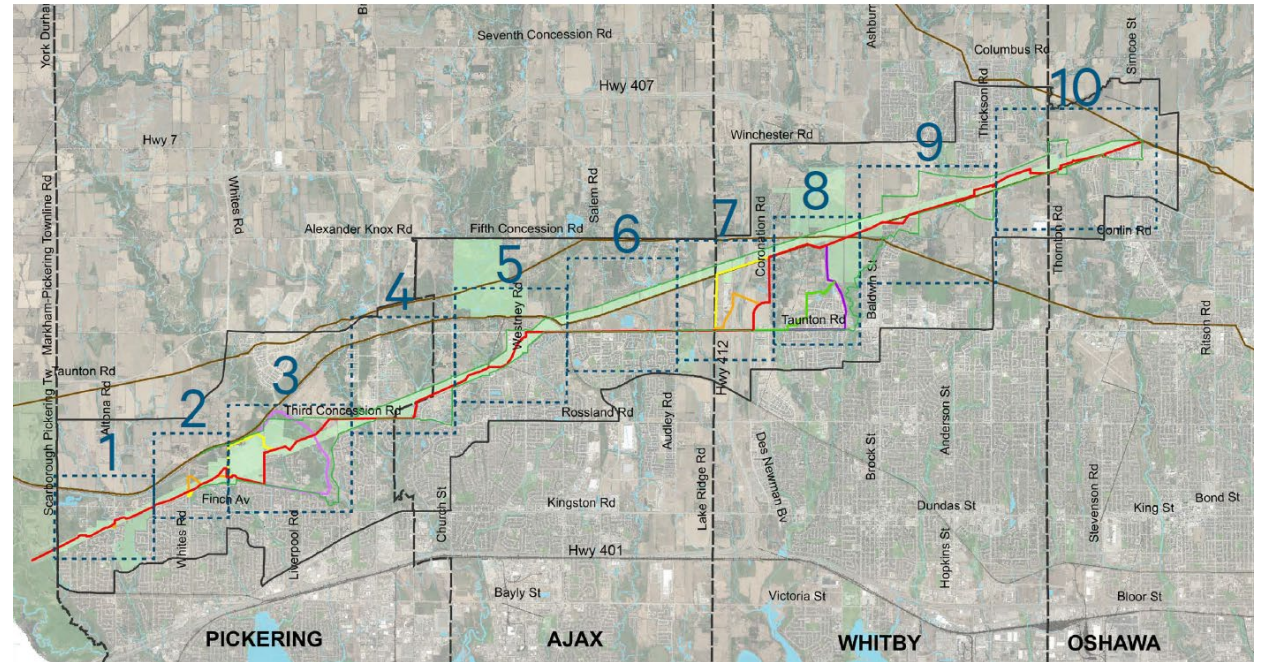
- Two charrette-style open houses on January 17 (Whitby and Oshawa focus) and January 19 (Pickering and Ajax focus).
- One online survey which will conclude on February 13.

A graphic of a sign-up form for project updates. It features a megaphone icon at the top, followed by the text 'STAY INFORMED' and 'Subscribe for project updates'. Below this is a text input field with the placeholder 'Your email address...'. A dark blue button with the word 'SUBSCRIBE' in white is positioned below the input field. At the bottom, it states '204 members of your community are following this project'.

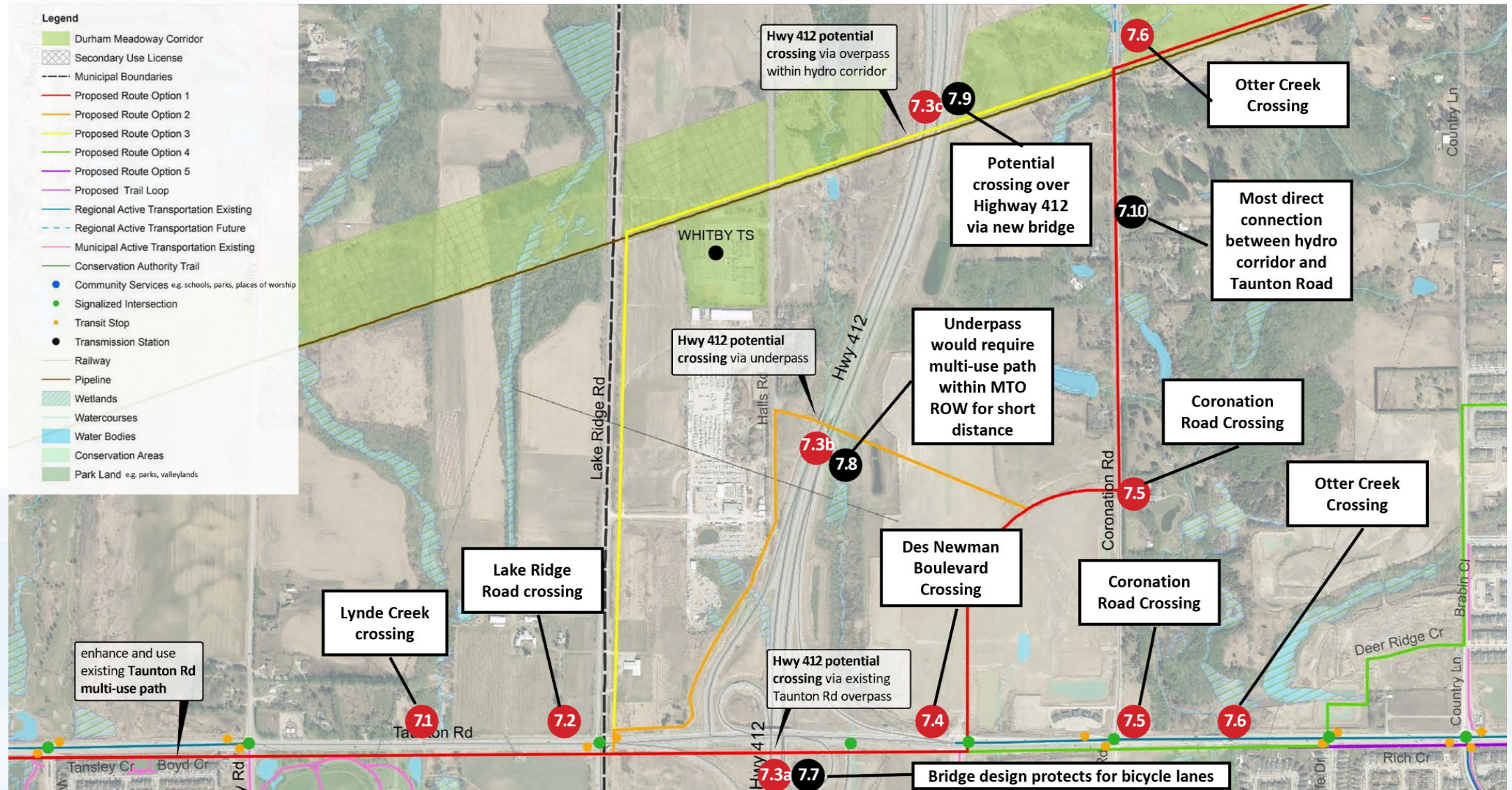
Visit yourvoice.durham.ca/durham-meadoway to subscribe for updates.

Route Options

- The study area has been divided into 10 segments.
- Up to 5 alternative route alignments have been identified.
- Route options have been identified where the multi-use path may need to be located outside of the hydro corridor to avoid private leases or to ensure that users can cross busy roads safely.
- The Primary Route is the route that provides the best continuous end-to-end connection that will ideally be implementable within the short-term (5-10 years).



Segment 7: Audley Road to Coronation Road



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- potential Highway 412 crossing along watercourse under existing bridge

connection through
planned subdivision

7.3b

Highway 412

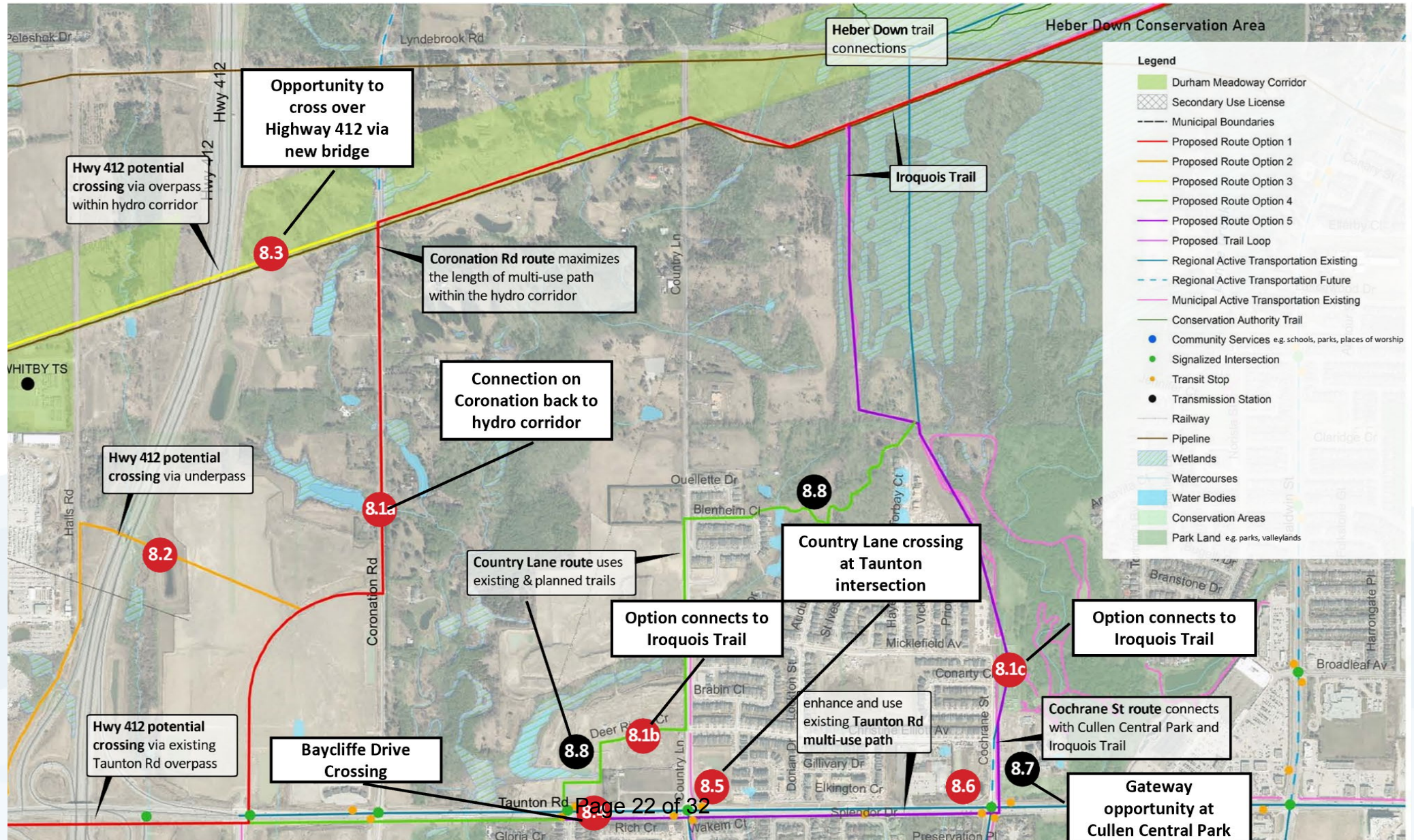
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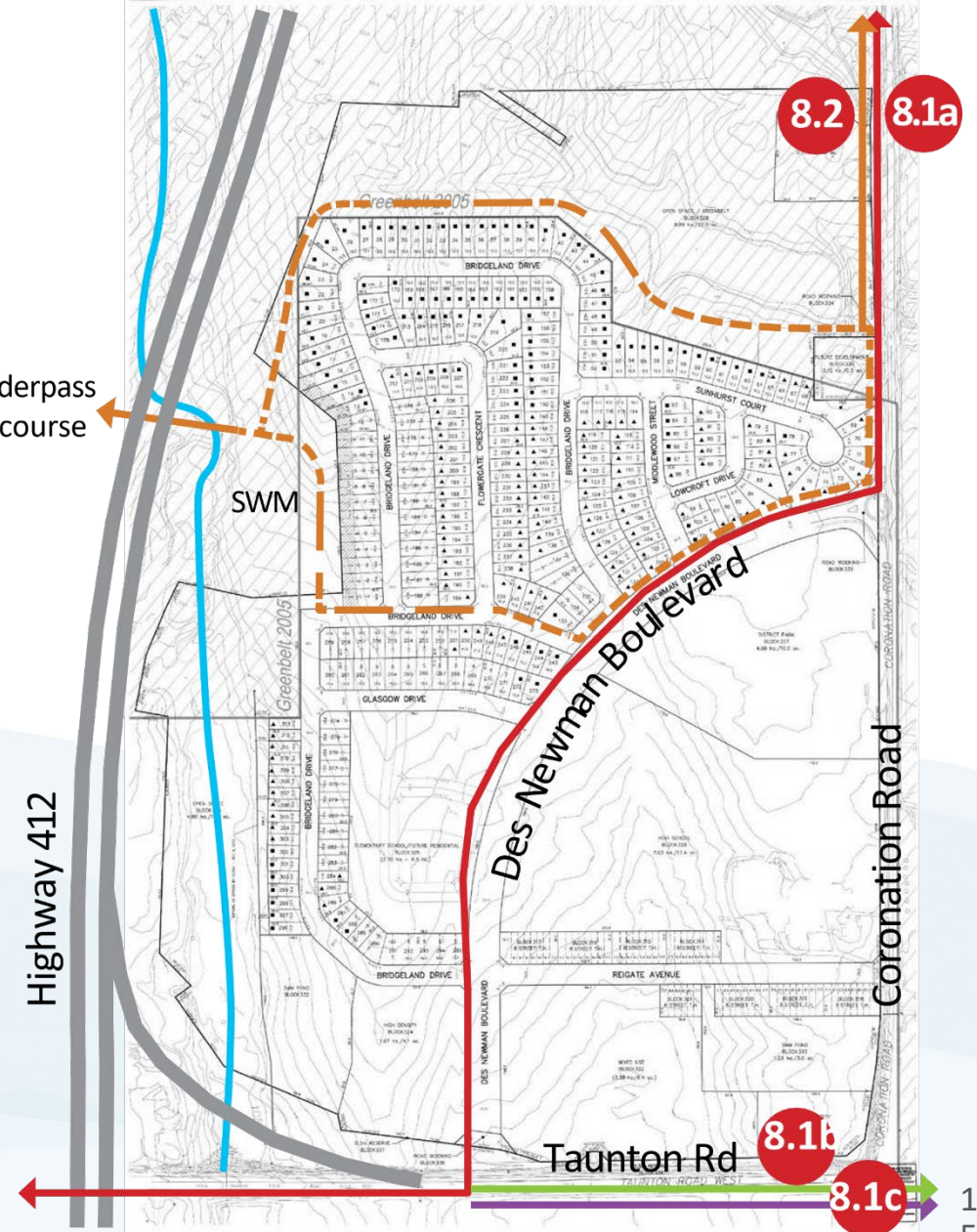
Segment 8: Coronation Road to Cochrane Street



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- 8.1a** • Multi-use path goes along Des Newman Boulevard to Coronation Road
- 8.2** • Multi-use path goes under Highway 412
 - Option: along Des Newman Boulevard through residential subdivision
 - Option: around subdivision through green lands

8.2 potential underpass along watercourse

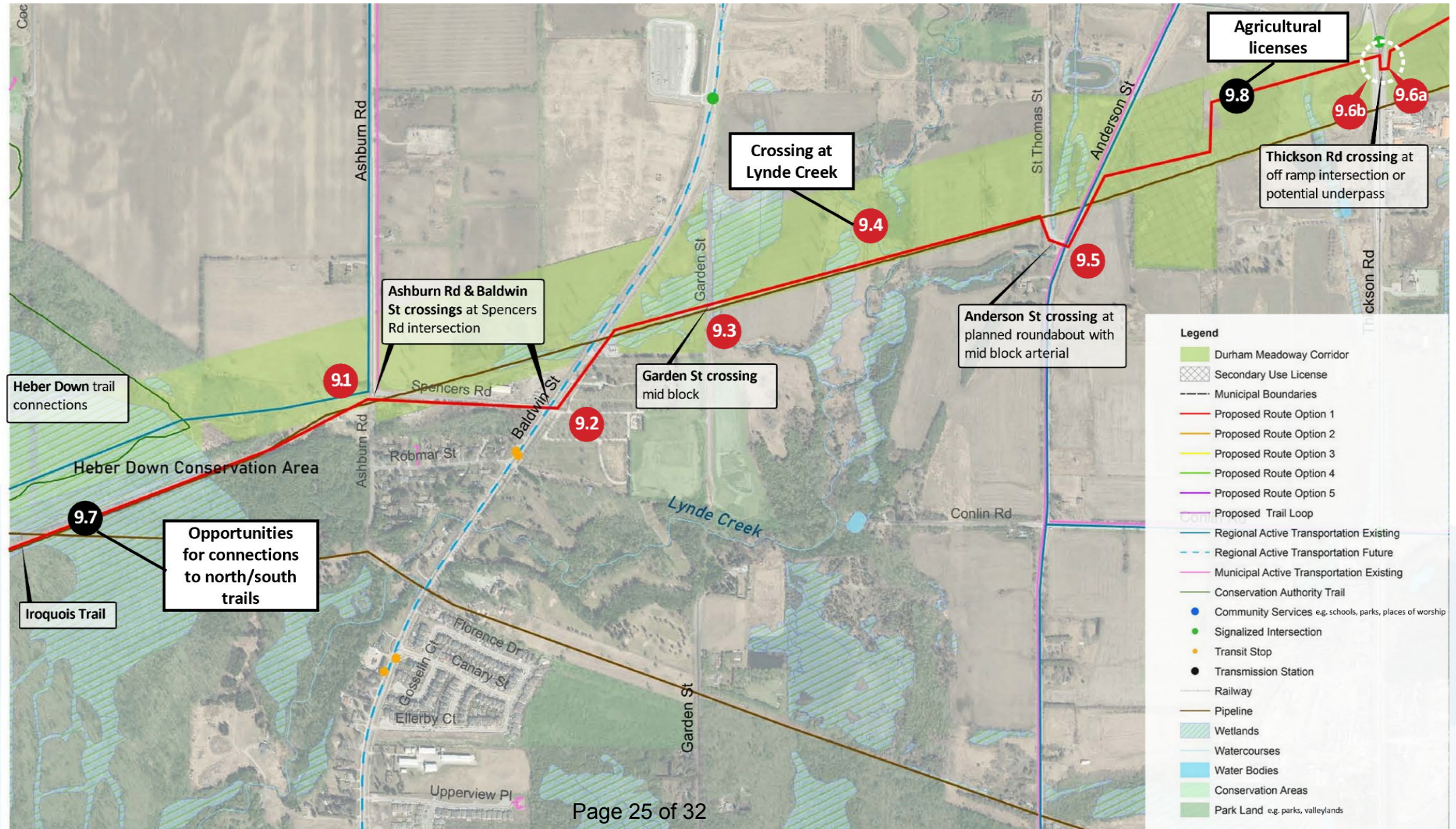


- Utilize trail planned as part of draft plan of subdivision implementation
- On-street connection to Country Lane

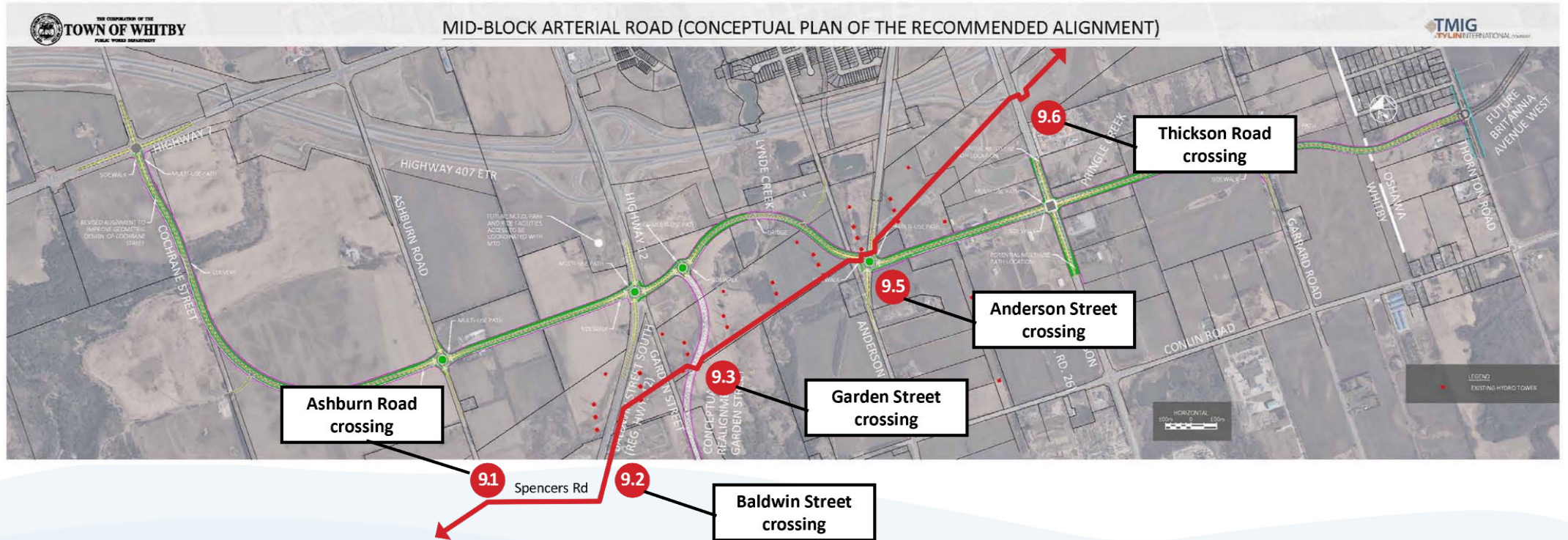


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Segment 9: Cochrane Street to Thickson Road



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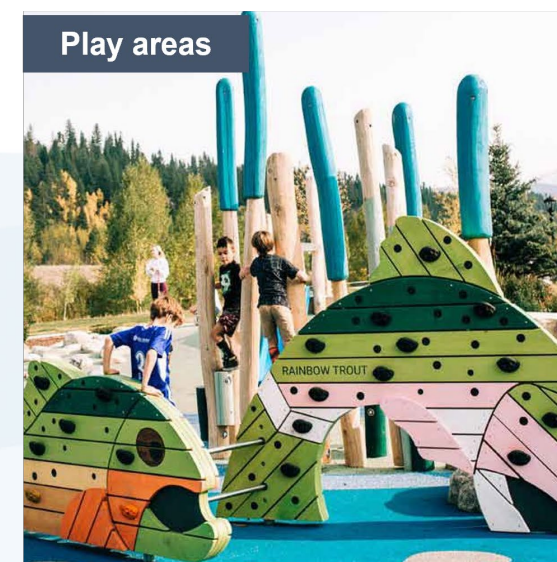
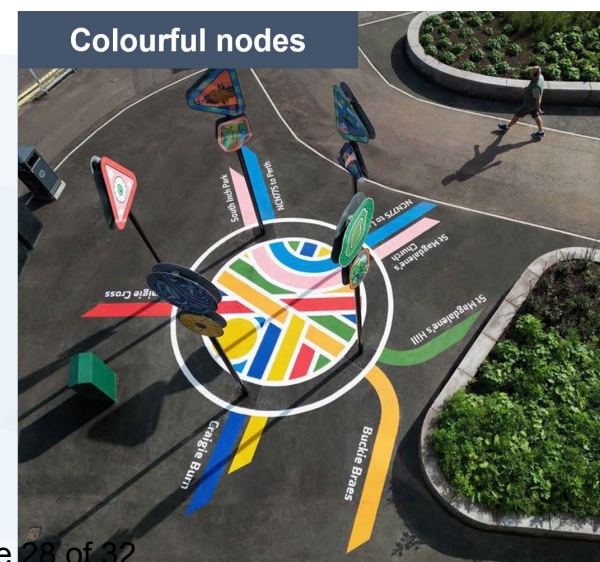
Segment 9: Cochrane Street to Thickson Road

- Multi-use path within hydro corridor
- Crosses the Mid-Bloc Arterial and Anderson Street at planned roundabout

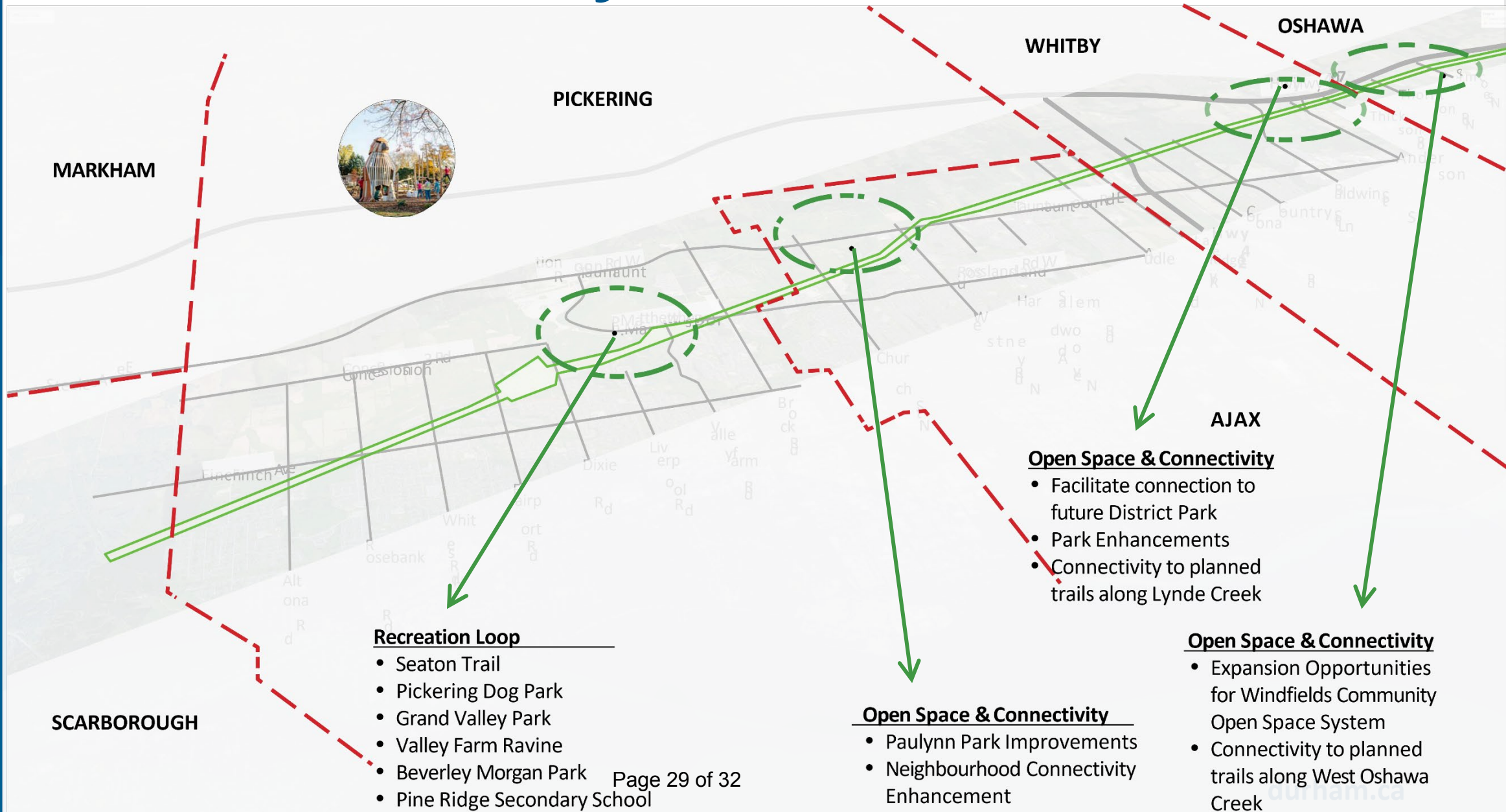


Beyond the multi-use path

The Visioning Study will also identify enhancements and amenities that will help foster a distinctive sense of place and make the multi-use path easier and more comfortable to use.

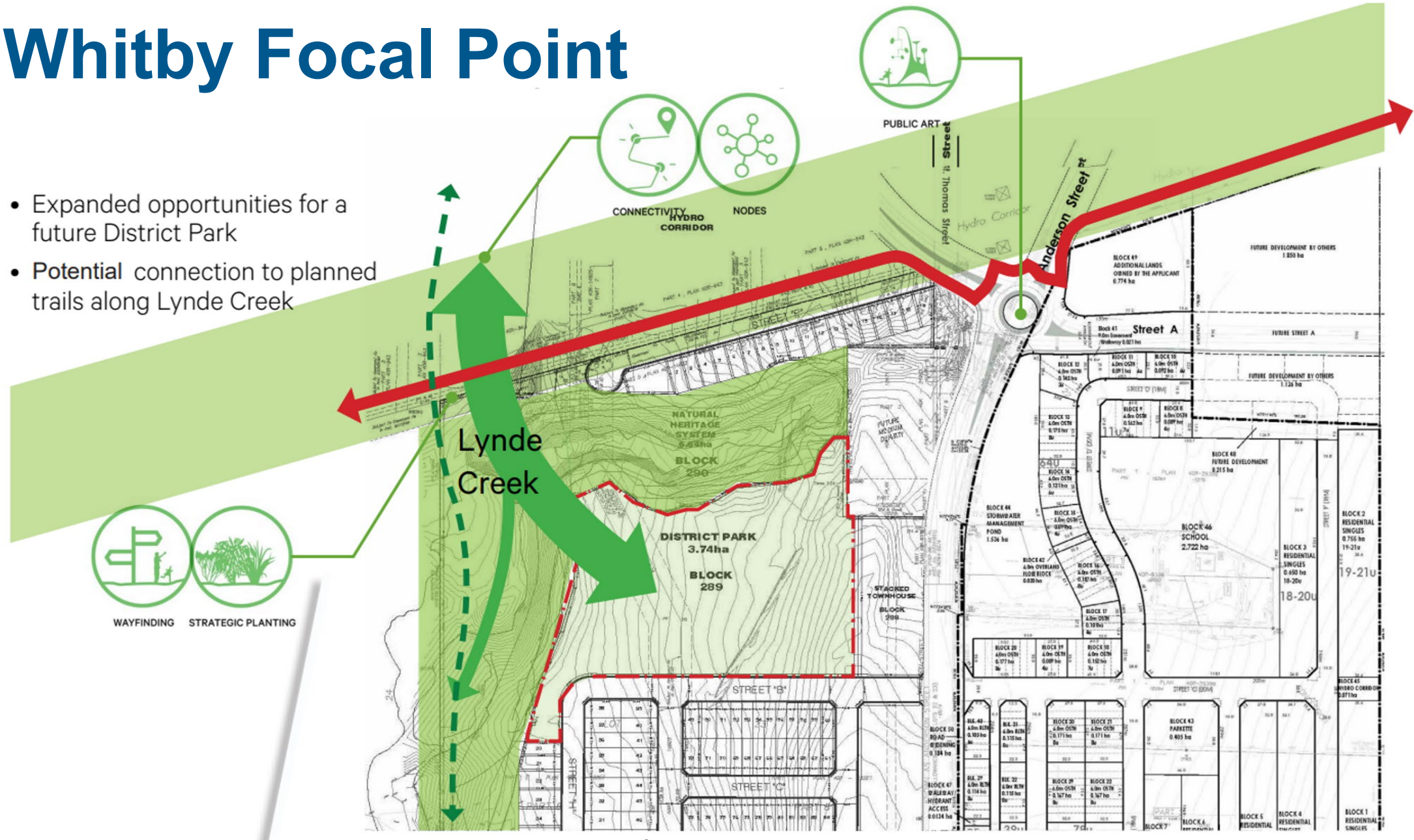


Focal Points Study



Whitby Focal Point

- Expanded opportunities for a future District Park
- Potential connection to planned trails along Lynde Creek



Next Steps

Complete Phase 1 of the project:

- Consolidate feedback received from the community in a 'What We Heard' report, which will be made available on the project website (<https://yourvoice.durham.ca/durham-meadoway>).
- Provide the Region's Planning and Economic Development Committee (PEDC) with a project update.
- Complete evaluation of the route options and identify a preferred alignment.
- Revise vision and guiding principles based on the input received.

Initiate Phase 2 of the project:

- Develop a concept plan for the user experience, amenities and activities.
- Create draft visualizations.
- Obtain input from Municipal and Agency Stakeholders on the draft concept plan and visualizations.
- Host 2nd Public Open House (April 2023).
- Provide the Region's Planning and Economic Development Committee with a project update.

Thank you

For more information:

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Transportation Planning Section)

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To stay in the loop:

Subscribe for project updates on [the Durham Meadoway webpage](#).

Durham Meadoway Visioning Study

