

We're Back!



Tri-Cities Transport Action Group

Overview

- What TriTAG has been up to
- Transit Funding for:
 - Frequent Transit Network
 - Keeping fares affordable
- Kitchener Central Transit Hub
- Vision Zero
- Phase 2 ION to Cambridge
- University Avenue Reconstruction

Canada Transit **ACTION** Week

Join the country wide movement calling
for better public transit funding!

○ Waterloo Public Square
Saturday October 19 1-3pm

Other Actions in:

- Vancouver
- Edmonton
- Windsor-Essex
- Toronto



TriTAG: Canada Transit Action Week



Ottawa Transit for Tomorrow Summit



Call on the Federal Government to:

- Speeding up the Canada Public Transit Fund.
- Allowing its funding to be used for transit service; to hire more drivers, mechanics, and workers to keep buses, trains, and LRTs running smoothly.
- Increasing its amount to help meet transit needs across the country.

Transit Funding

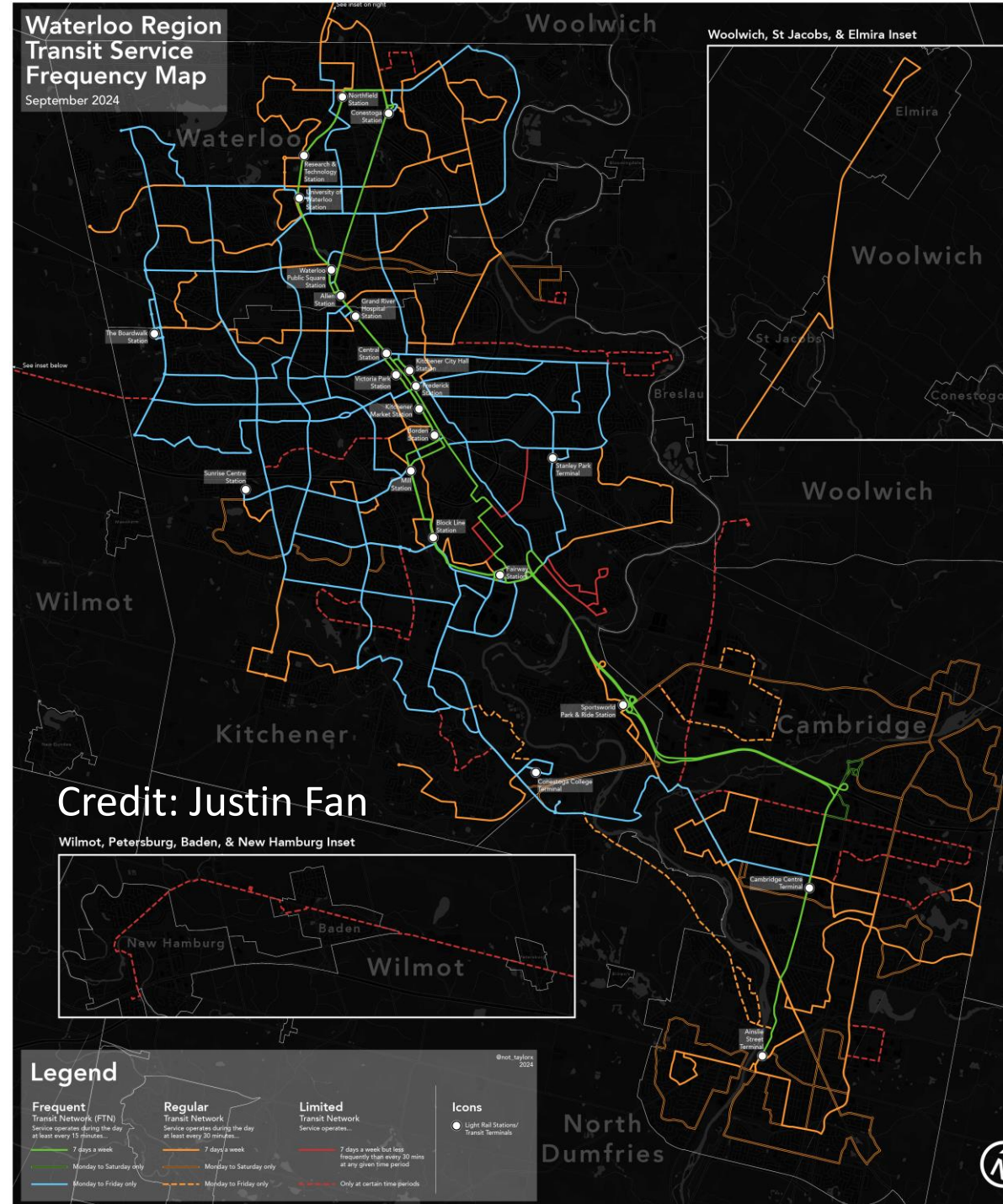
- While higher levels of government have the responsibility to pitch in, the Region must invest more in transit to create a frequent transit network
- Transit investments are key to social, economic, and environmental goals in climate, equity, housing, access, and employment

Current Frequencies:

- Waterloo Region only has **TWO** 15 min or better all week routes: The ION LRT/Bus & the 7 King Bus
- Many other routes including iXpress are close, but need more weekend or evening service
- Opportunity for a 15 min, all day, all week, Frequent Transit Network for slight strategic service improvements

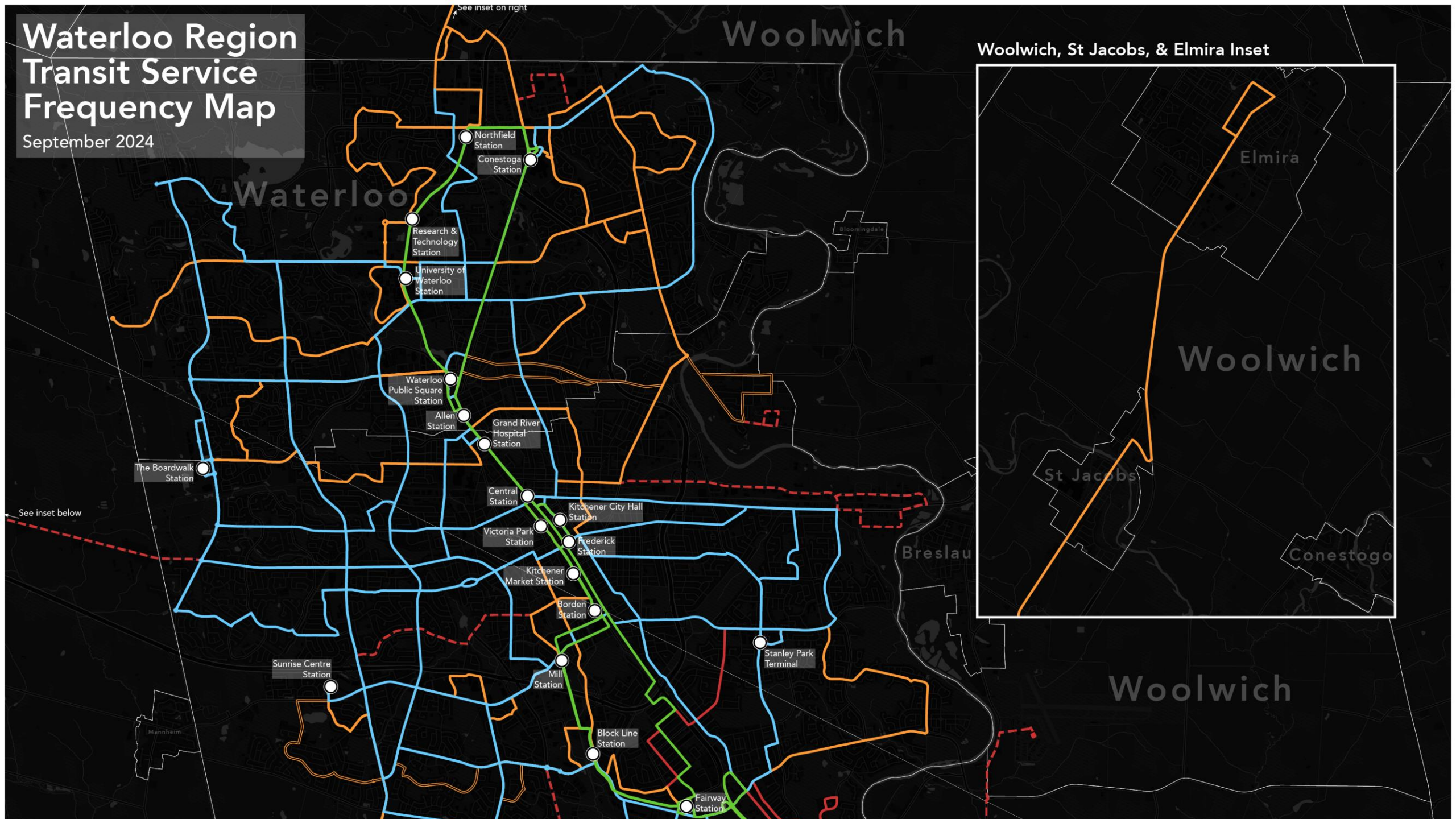
Green: 15 min* All Week **Orange:** 30 min* **Solid:** All Week
Blue: 15 min* M-F **Dashed:** M-F
Red: Limited Service

*or better

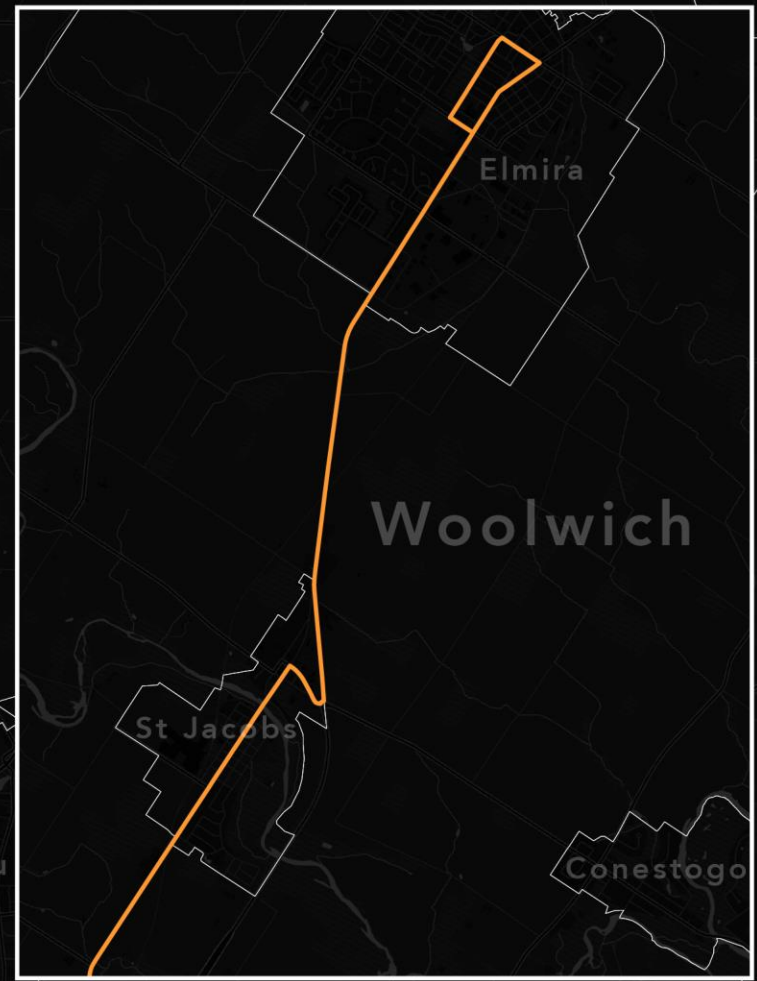


Waterloo Region Transit Service Frequency Map

September 2024



Woolwich, St Jacobs, & Elmira Inset



Kitchener

Cambridge

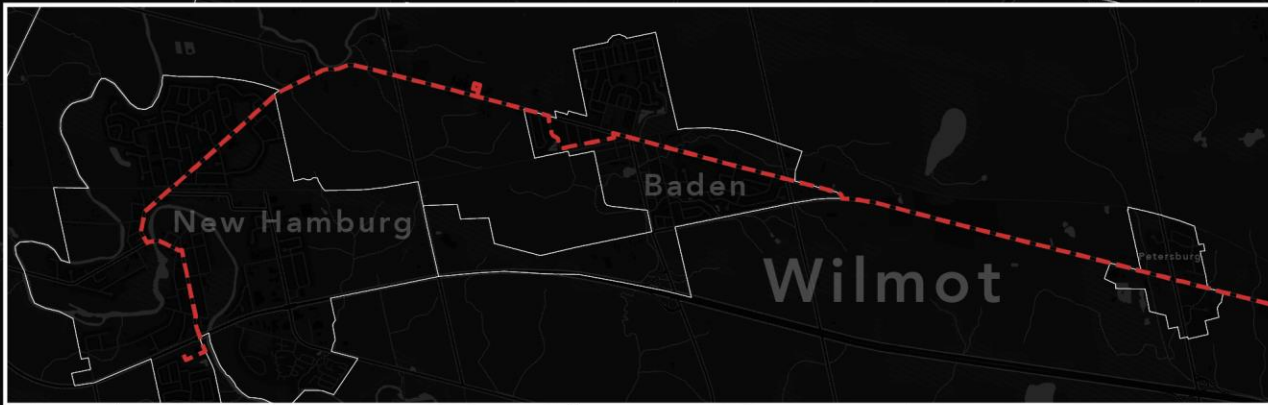
Sportsworld
Park & Ride Station

Conestoga College
Terminal

Cambridge Centre
Terminal

Ainslie
Street
Terminal

Wilmot, Petersburg, Baden, & New Hamburg Inset



Legend

@not_taylorx
2024

Frequent

Transit Network (FTN)

Service operates during the day
at least every 15 minutes...

7 days a week

Monday to Saturday only

Monday to Friday only

Regular

Transit Network

Service operates during the day
at least every 30 minutes...

7 days a week

Monday to Saturday only

Monday to Friday only

Limited

Transit Network

Service operates...

7 days a week but less
frequently than every 30 mins
at any given time period

Only at certain time periods

Icons

Light Rail Stations/
Transit Terminals

North
Dumfries



Waiting for the 202 iXpress bus
(every 30 minutes on weekends)
Saturday, December 9, 2023 - 3:02pm



Moving Forward: 2018 Transportation Master Plan

- A frequent transit network is in line with the Region's Transportation Master Plan

STRATEGY 3:

Develop a Frequent Transit Network

- Extend ION rapid transit to Cambridge as part of stage 2 of the project
- Implement an all-day frequent transit network using existing and new iXpress routes
- Identify additional corridors for future rapid transit
- Encourage intensification along transit corridors
- Include transit priority measures in capital budgets
- Investigate smaller scale, more flexible transit types in underserved areas

5 broad strategies were developed to achieve the Plan's goals, each serving as an 'umbrella' policy under which various actions should be undertaken:



1

Build a Transportation Network that Supports all Modes of Travel



3

Develop a Frequent Transit Network



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Position the Network for New Mobility



2

Promote a Healthy Community



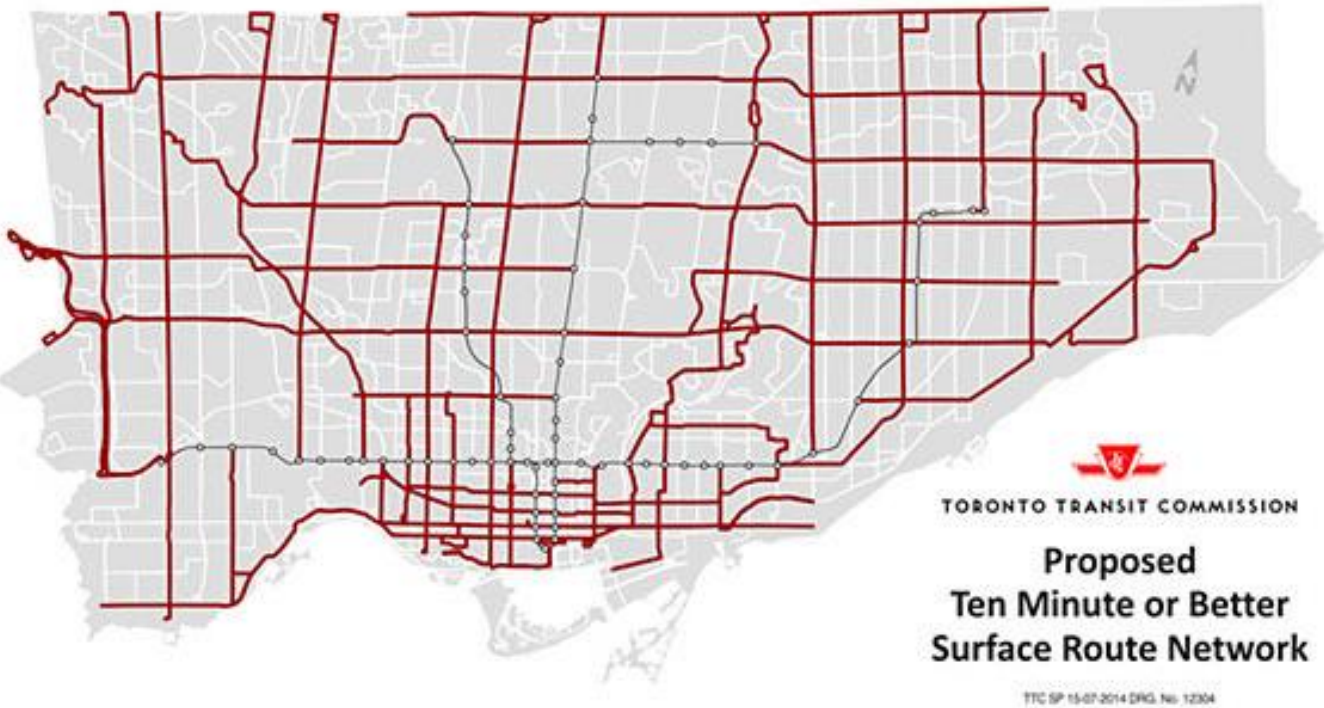
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Enhance Inter-Regional Connections

Frequent Transit Networks Examples Elsewhere

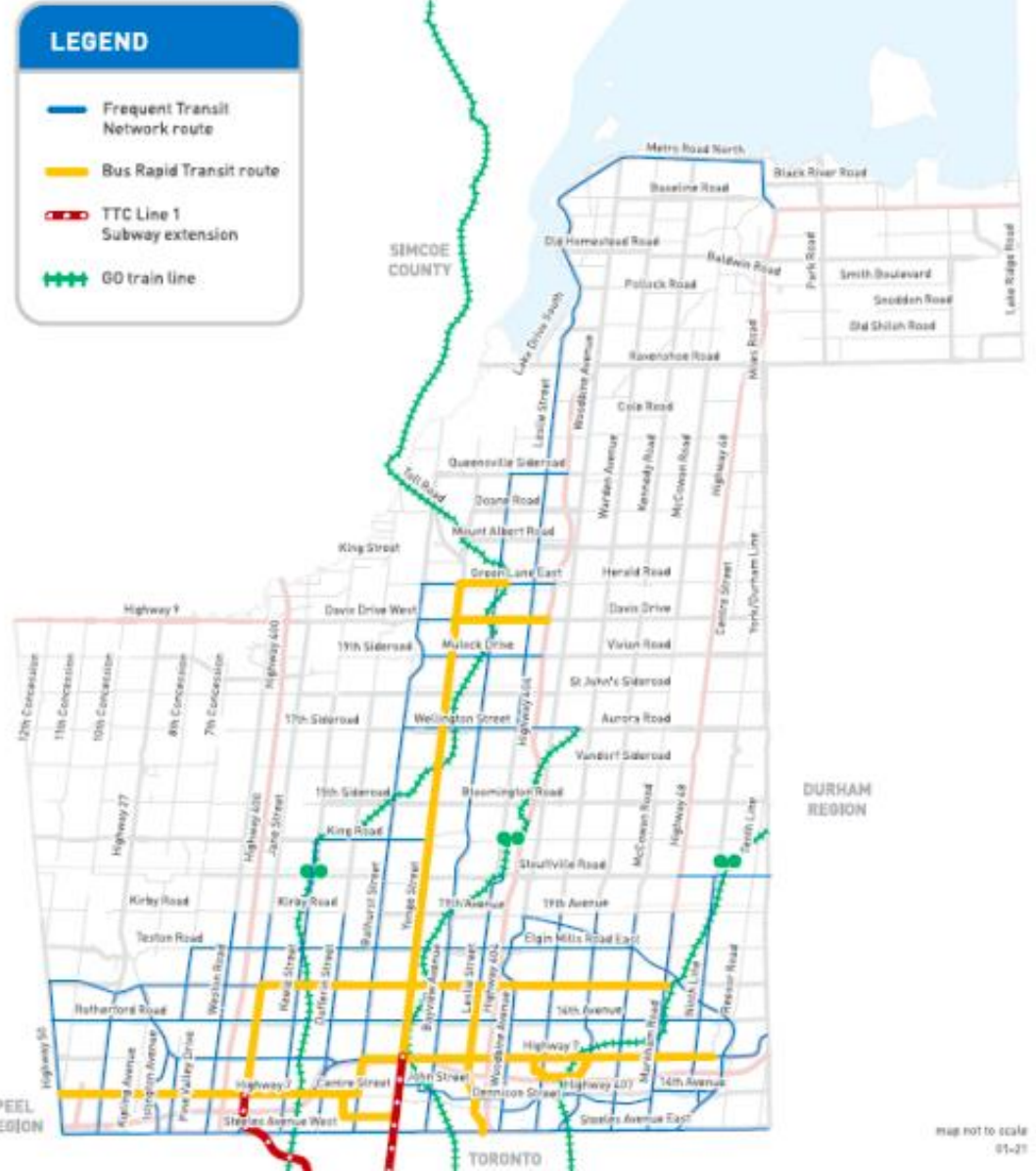
1. Toronto: TTC 10 min or better
2. York Region: YRT 15 min or better

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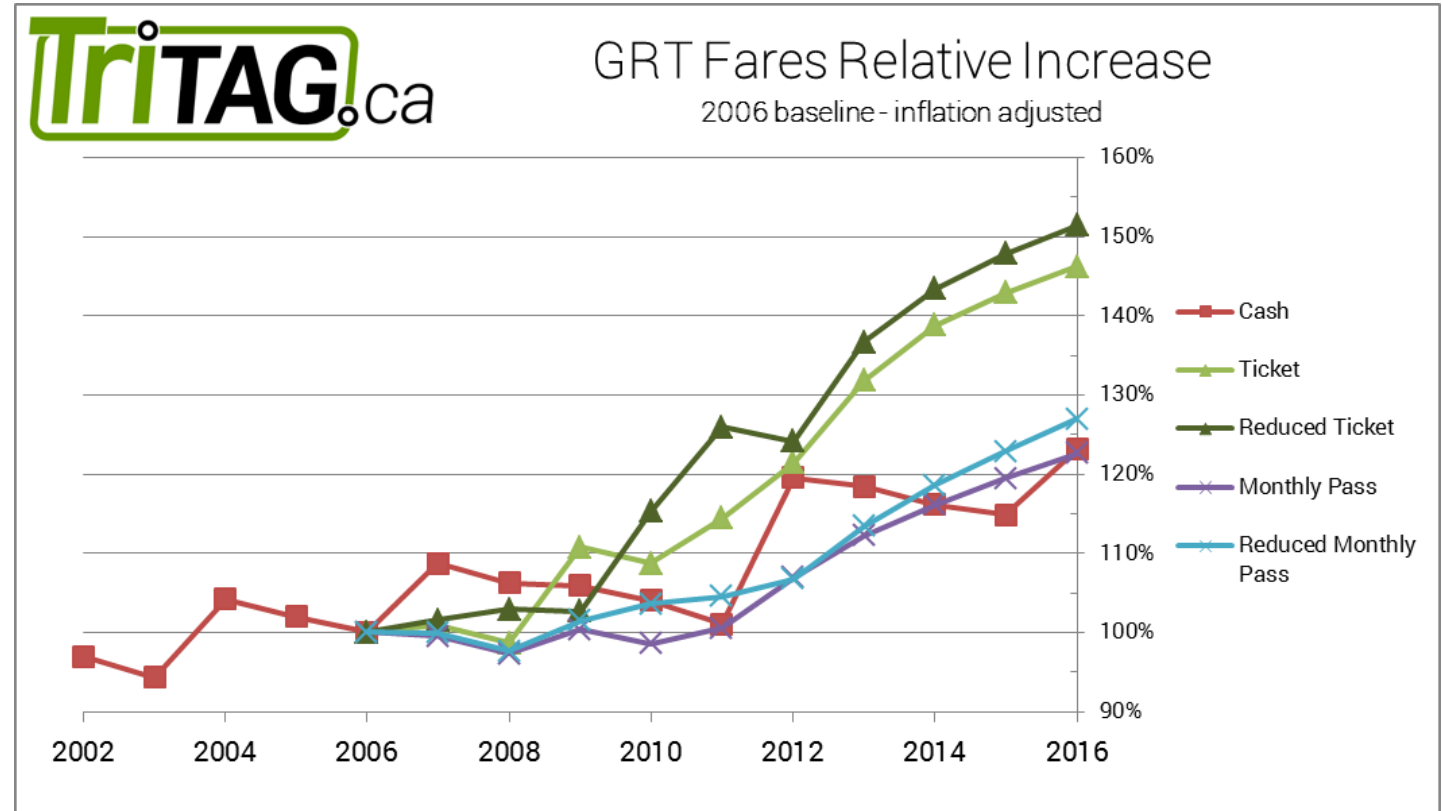
2. Frequent Transit Network (FTN)

15 min frequency or less, 6 days a week



Keep Fares Affordable!

- No fare increases
 - \$3.75 is already nearing \$4.00
- Need more fare options: debit/credit or adopt presto



Rendering of Phase 1

Kitchener Central Transit Hub



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Project Updates – June 2024

18 Jun 2024

The transit hub station name has been changed to Kitchener Central Transit Hub.

Construction Updates

The Region and Metrolinx are working on a collaborative schedule for the construction of Phase 1. A more complete construction schedule is anticipated this fall. Construction is expected to be a collaborative process between Metrolinx and the Region due to the complex nature of the project and the closeness of the two sites. The Region knows its residents have been waiting for improvements in this area for several years and is hopeful that with the province and Metrolinx's support, will be able to expedite and confirm the schedule in the coming months.

Project timeline



Detailed Design to be completed by December 2024



Construction to start – TBD

Any updates? Any budget allocation?

Man seriously injured after pedestrian hit-and-run crash in Waterloo



We need targeted vision zero improvements on regional roads and a dashboard to track progress

The roundabout at at Erb Street W

Cyclist dies after collision in North Dumfries



A Waterloo Regional Police vehicle blocks the road as part of a collision investigation on Roseville Road between Cambridge and Ayr on August 27, 2024. (Shelby Knox/CTV News)

Youth cyclist suffers serious injuries after collision in Cambridge

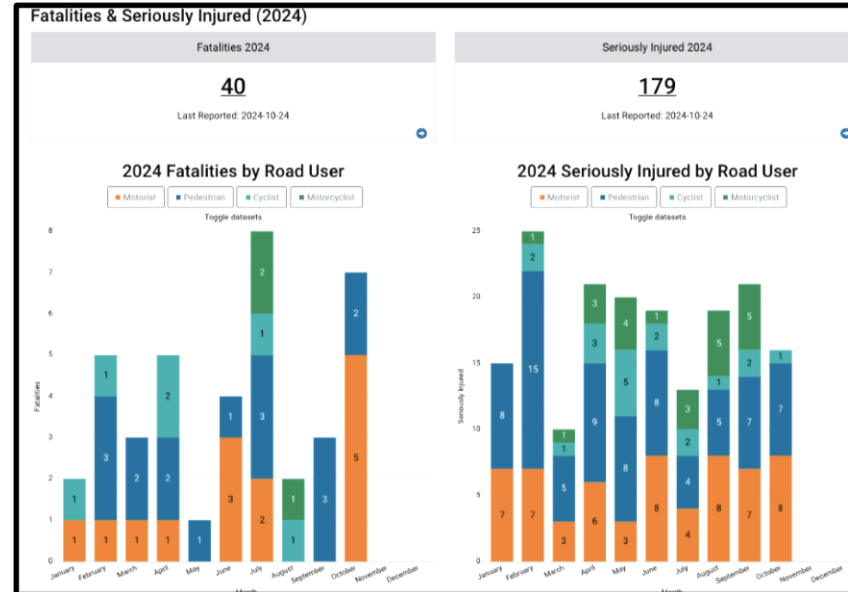
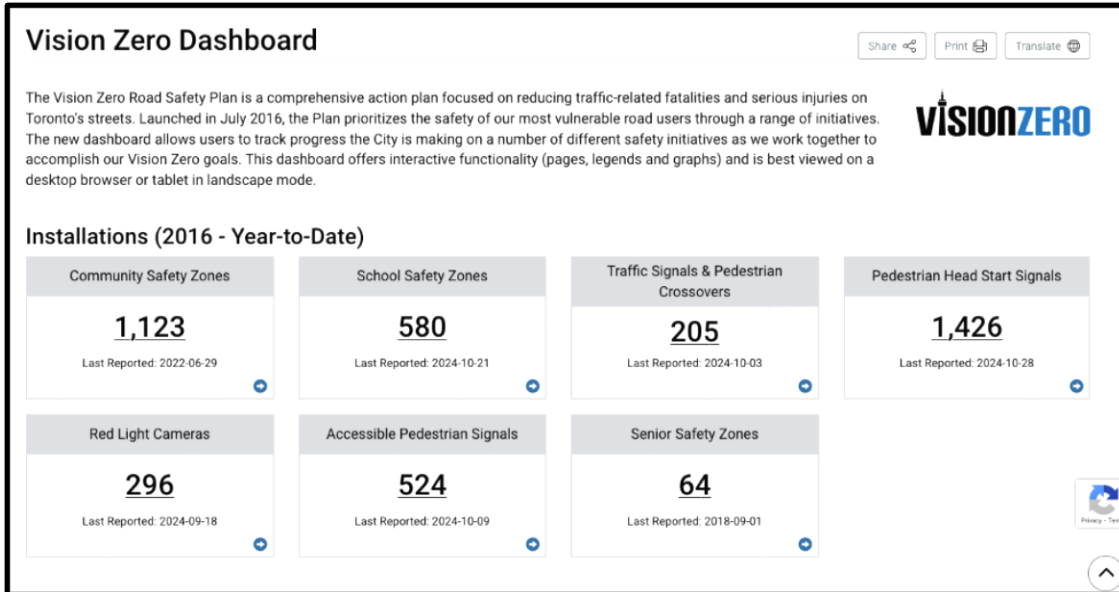
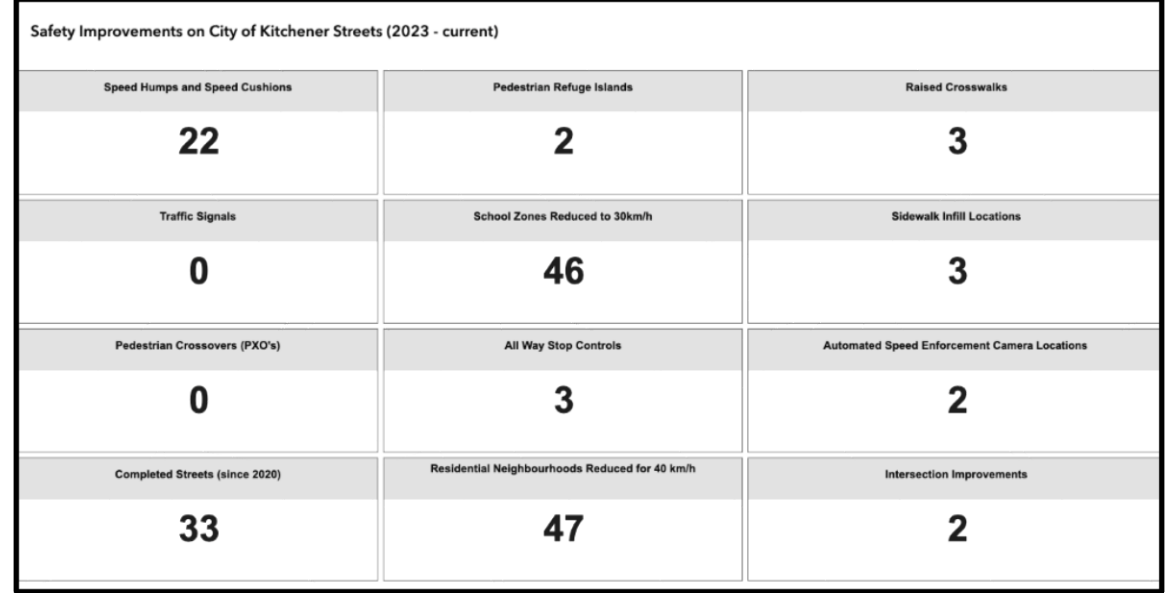
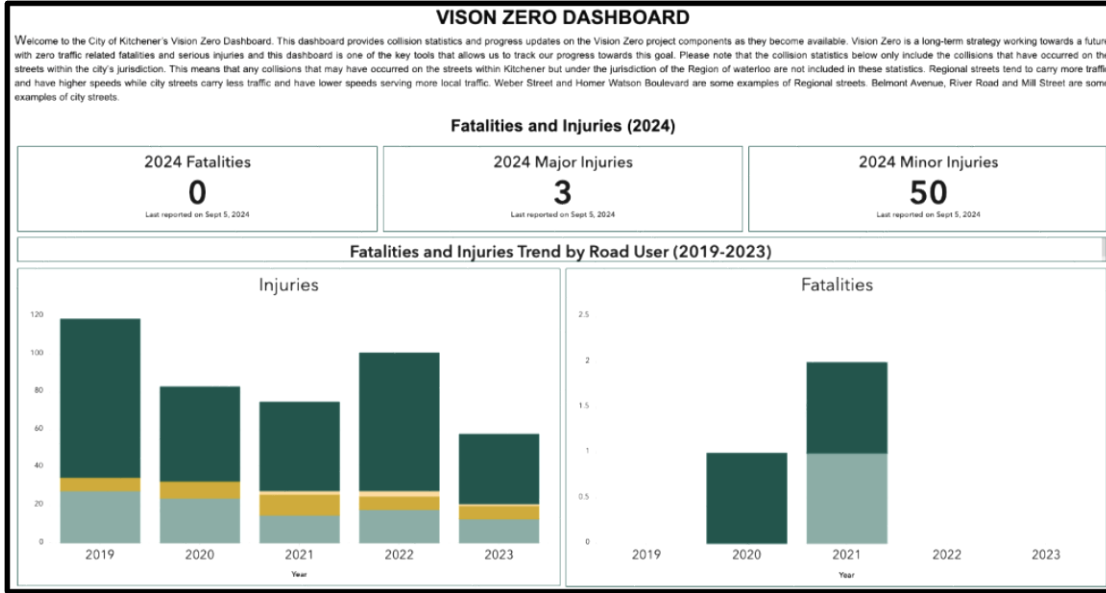
Charges pending against driver after 11-year-old girl struck by vehicle.

Updated July 23, 2024 at 4:01 p.m. | July 23, 2024 | 1 min read



Waterloo Regional Police are investigating a collision between a cyclist and a vehicle in Cambridge.

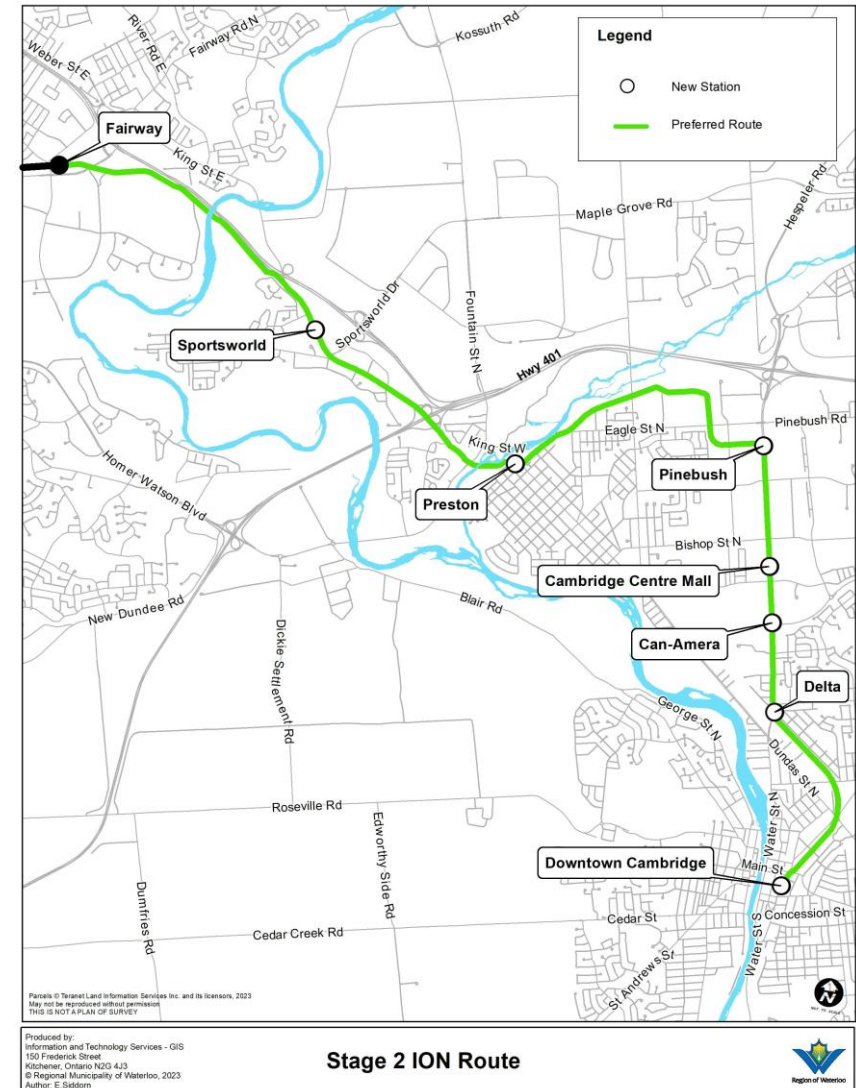
Vision Zero Dashboards: Kitchener, Toronto, York Region



York Region to develop a dashboard in its 2024-28 Vision Zero Traveller Safety Plan

Stage 2 ION to Cambridge: Keeping Costs Under Control

- Why is there only one staff overseeing the project?
- Are there any opportunities to fund a Stage 2 ION team to expedite the project and control costs?
 - The longer we wait the more costs will inflate
- Consulting everything out increases costs and the Region has less scrutiny over design decisions and cost estimates



Waterloo: University Avenue Reconstruction



This project supports the Region of Waterloo's [strategic focus area\(s\)](#):



Improvements along University Avenue (Regional Road 57) are being considered to improve roadway and underground infrastructure, active transportation facilities and traffic operations along the corridor.

The Region's Transportation Capital Program has identified this section of roadway for major rehabilitation to address deteriorated pavement structure and provide active transportation and intersection improvements. Also, the City of Waterloo's watermain and sanitary sewer systems require replacement.



The Region's Transportation Master Plan has identified the road section on University Avenue from King Street to Weber Street for cycling infrastructure installation to complete cycling network connectivity in this area.

We are currently undertaking a Schedule "C" Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA) for improvements to the University Avenue (Regional Road 57) corridor from Albert Street to Weber Street in the City of Waterloo. The Municipal Class EA is a planning and decision-making process approved under the Environmental Assessment Act that is used by municipalities to plan public infrastructure projects so that potential environmental impacts are considered before a project is approved. It requires consultation with the public, involved stakeholders and agencies to consider alternatives and their impacts on the project environment.

Public Consultation Centre # 2 Feedback is now CLOSED.

Please refer to the document section on this page for [Public Consultation 2 Summary Report](#) for a summary of comments received from Public Consultation 2.

Feedback can be provided online by asking a question under the [questions tab](#).

Use the subscribe button on this page to receive an email notification with future project updates.

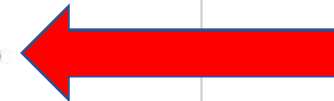
Notice of Revision of Environmental Study Report.



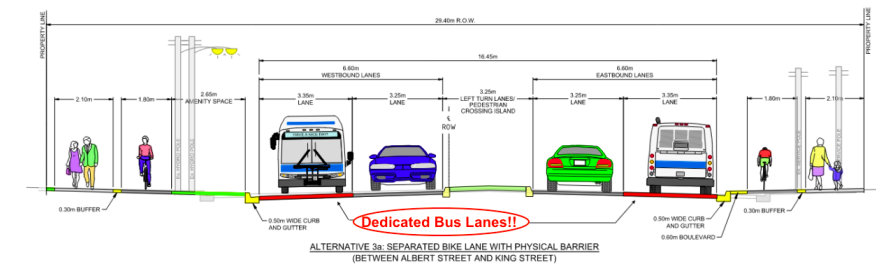
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University Avenue Reconstruction



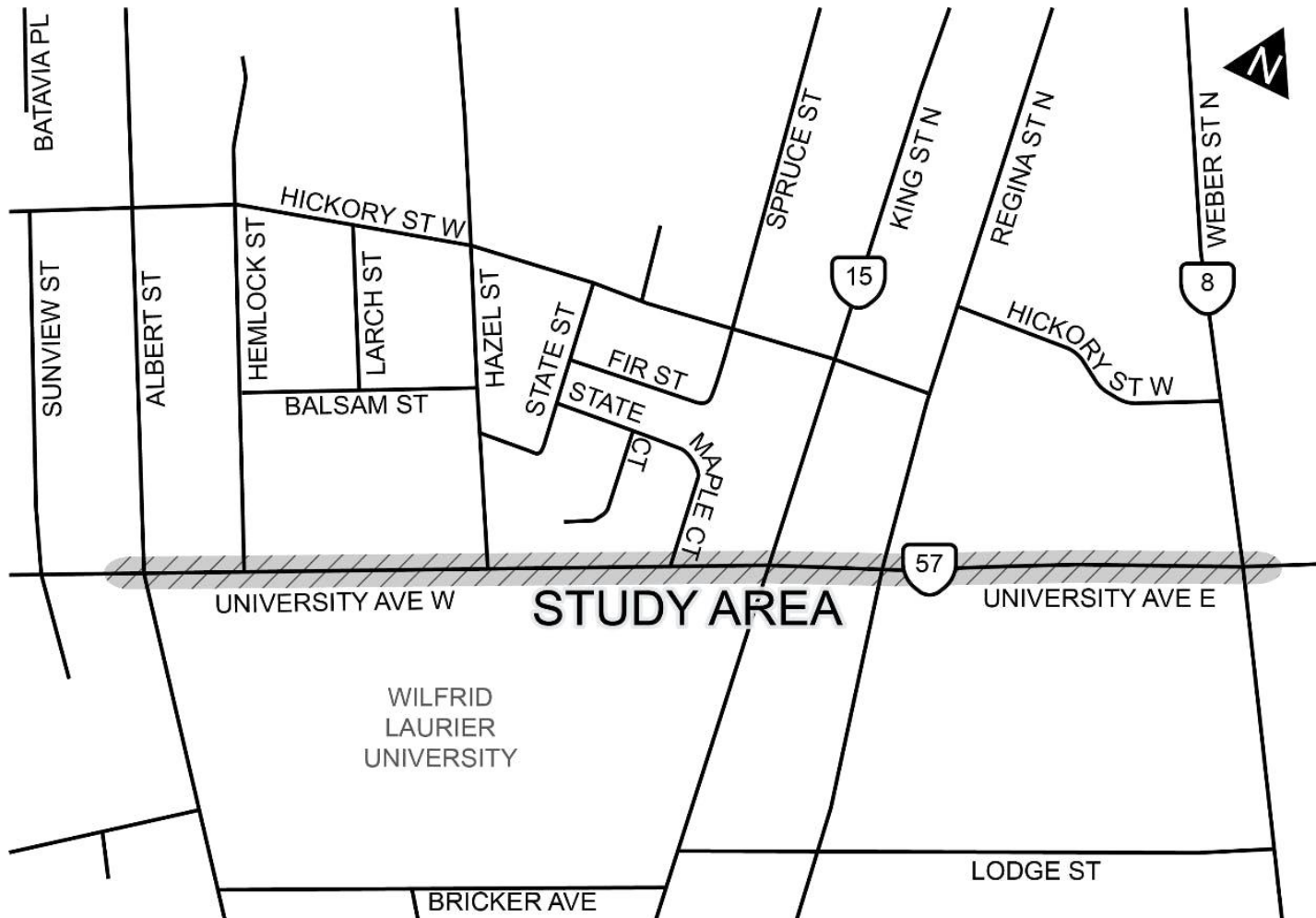
Has the detailed design been released and if not when?

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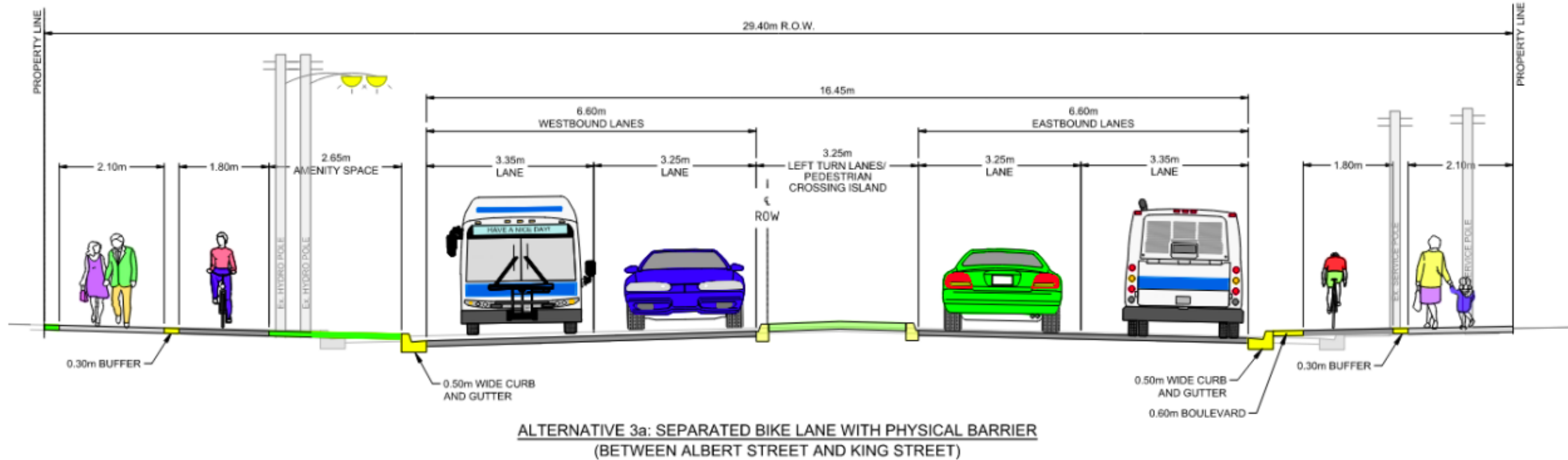
University Avenue Redesign → Opportunities



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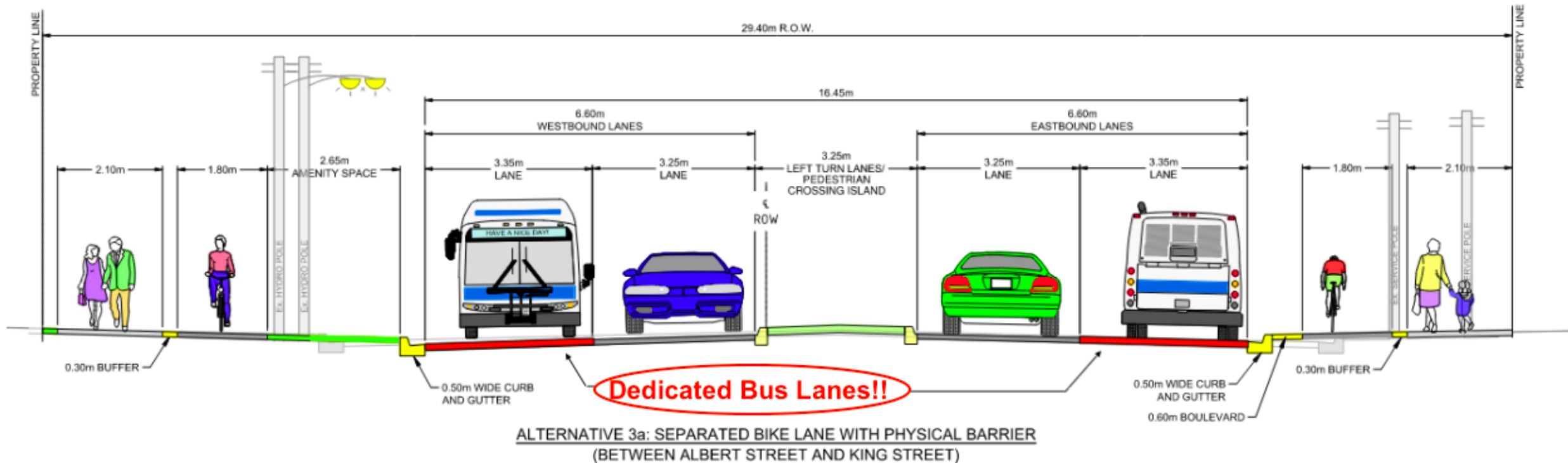
University Avenue Redesign Current Preferred Alternative:



From Public Consultation 2 Summary Report :

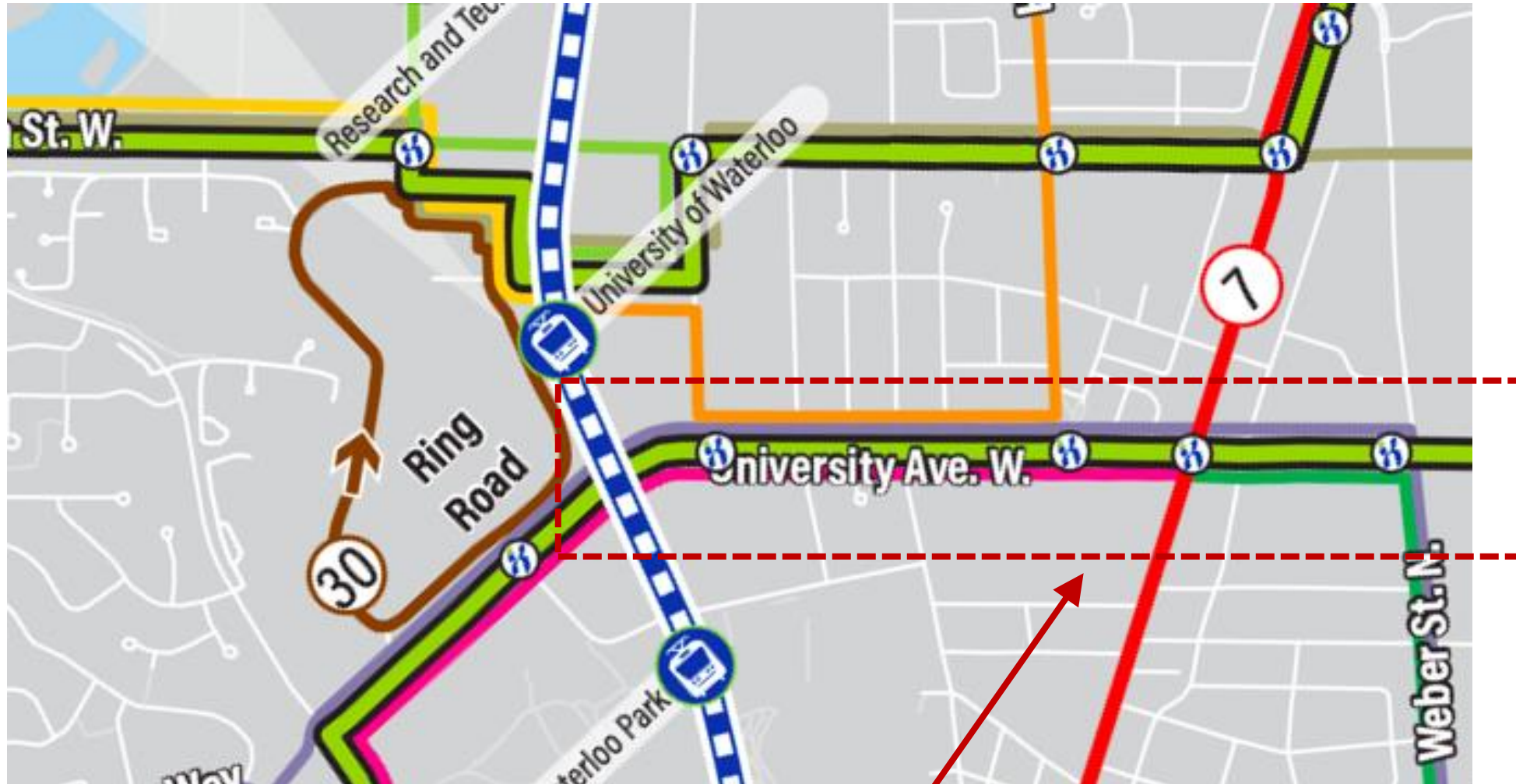
<https://www.engagewr.ca/12664/widgets/50351/documents/83739>

University Avenue Redesign Alternative: **Bus Lanes!**



- Every mode gets its own space
- Better reflects the mode share of University Avenue
- Just a low initial capital cost of paint + signage

Why Bus Lanes on University Ave?



- 5 busy routes along this corridor
- Many chronically overcrowded and late routes

Bus on University Ave
Weekday Afternoon



University & King Facing West, on Crosswalk
Sep 17, 2022 at 4:26pm





Urban Klutz

223

96

100

University Ave W

University Ave W

205

Albert St

203 Albert Street

Layers

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