

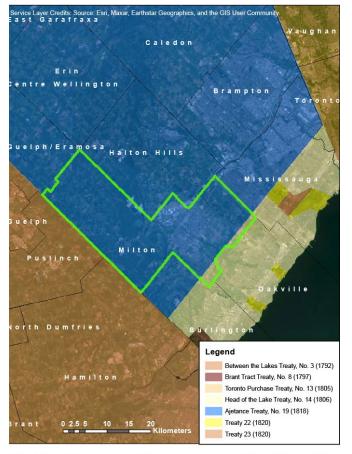
### Town of Milton Transportation Master Plan Update

Public Information Centre #1 June 22, 2023



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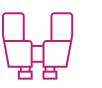
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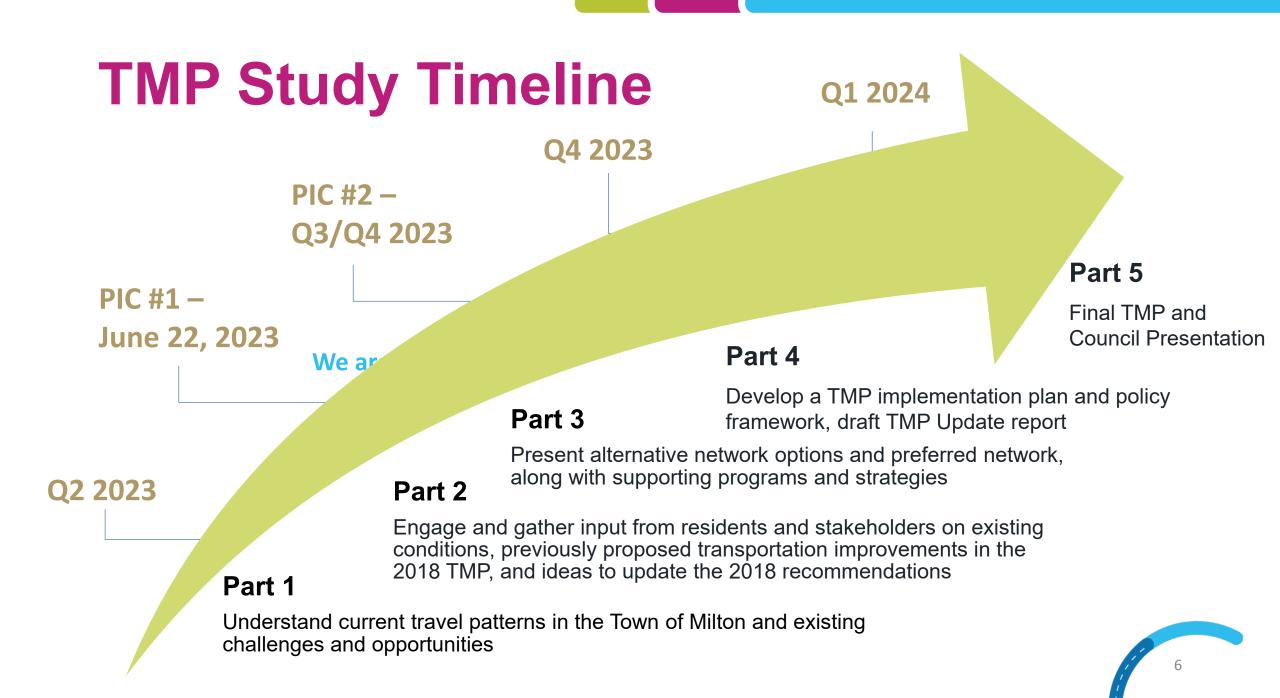
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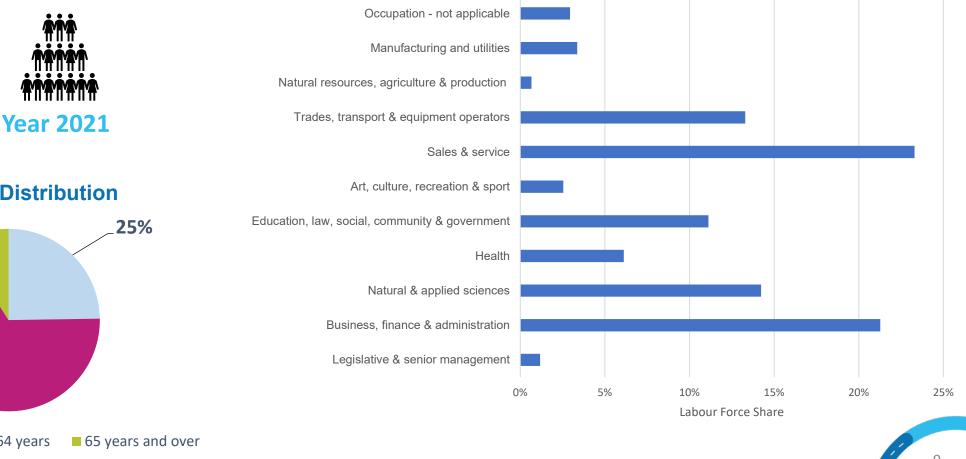
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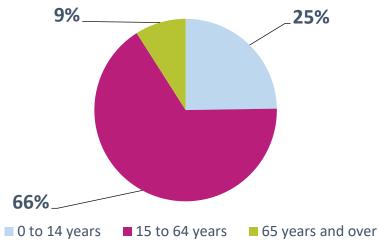
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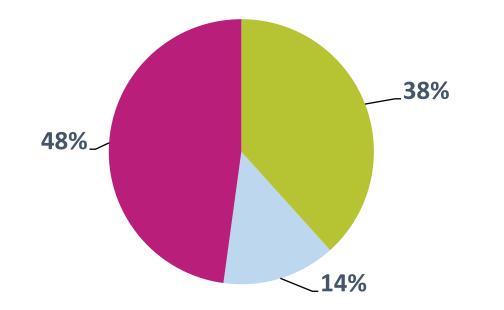
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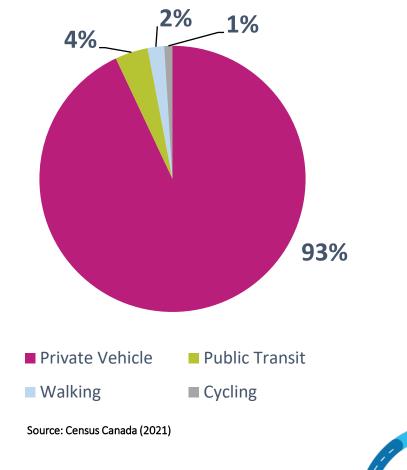


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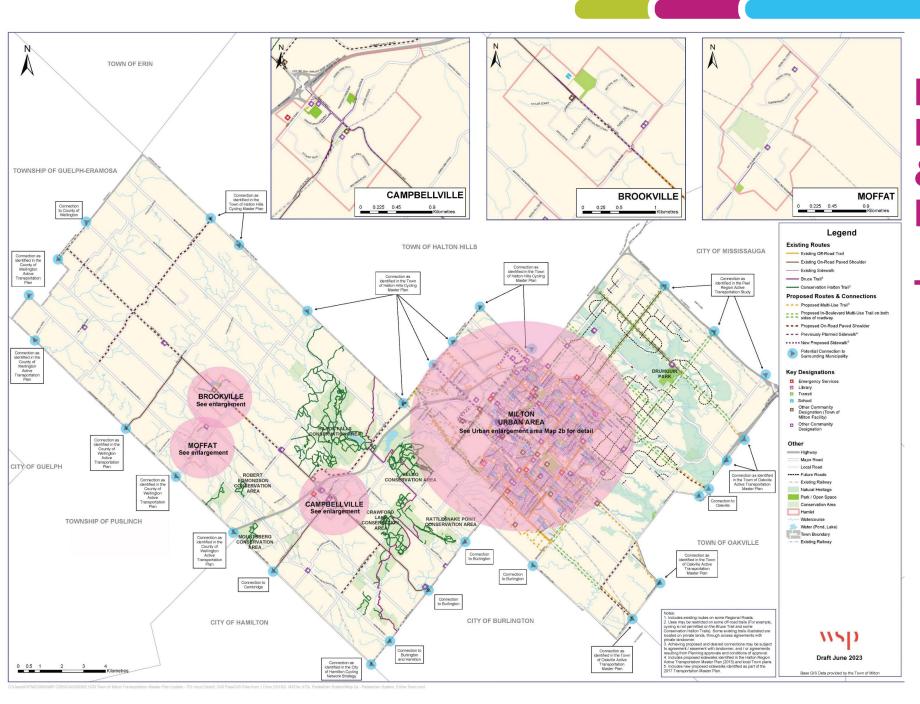
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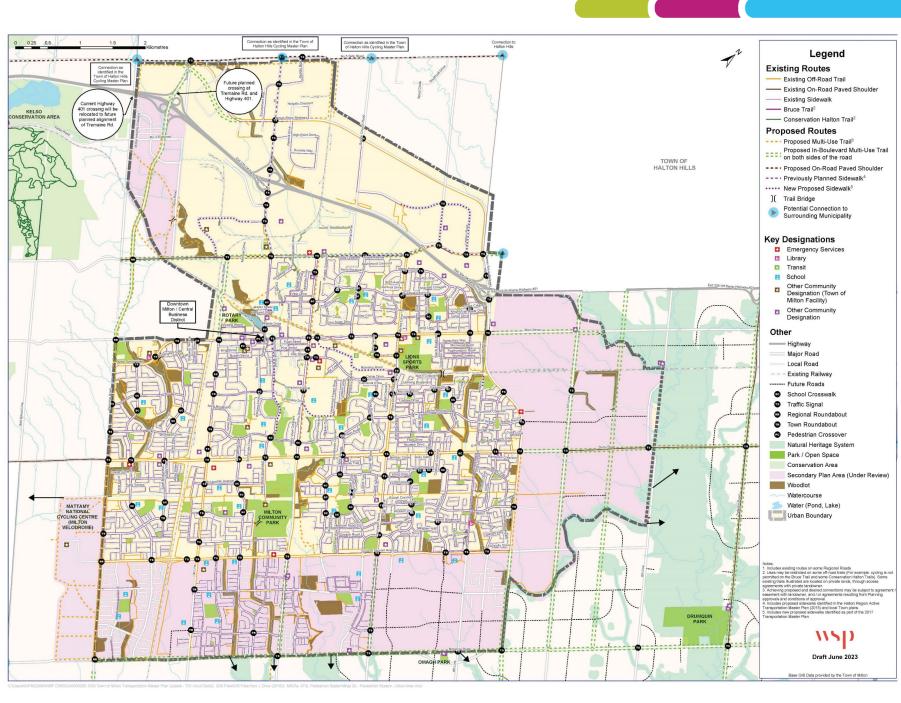
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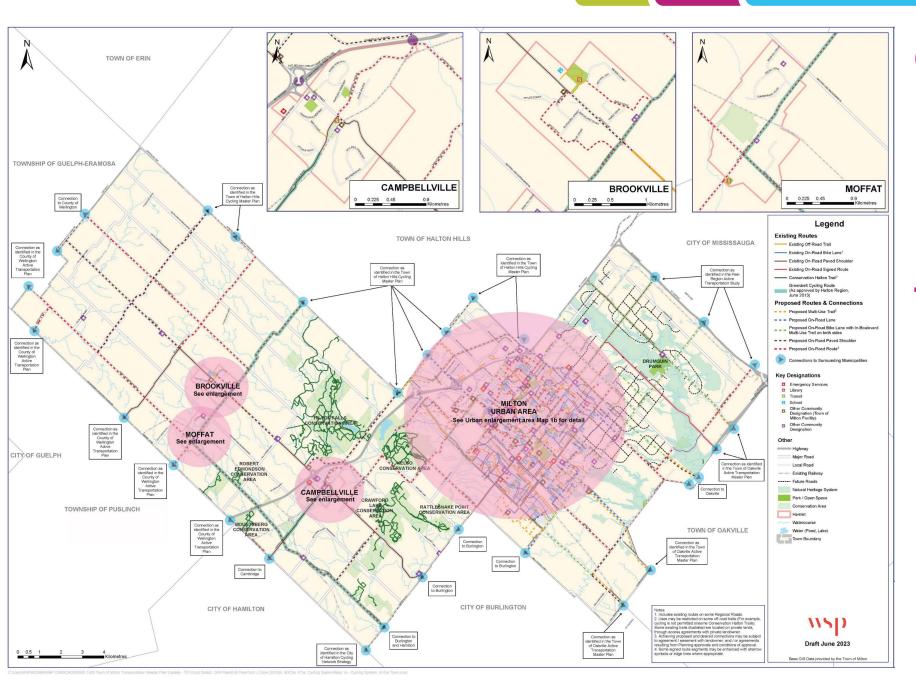
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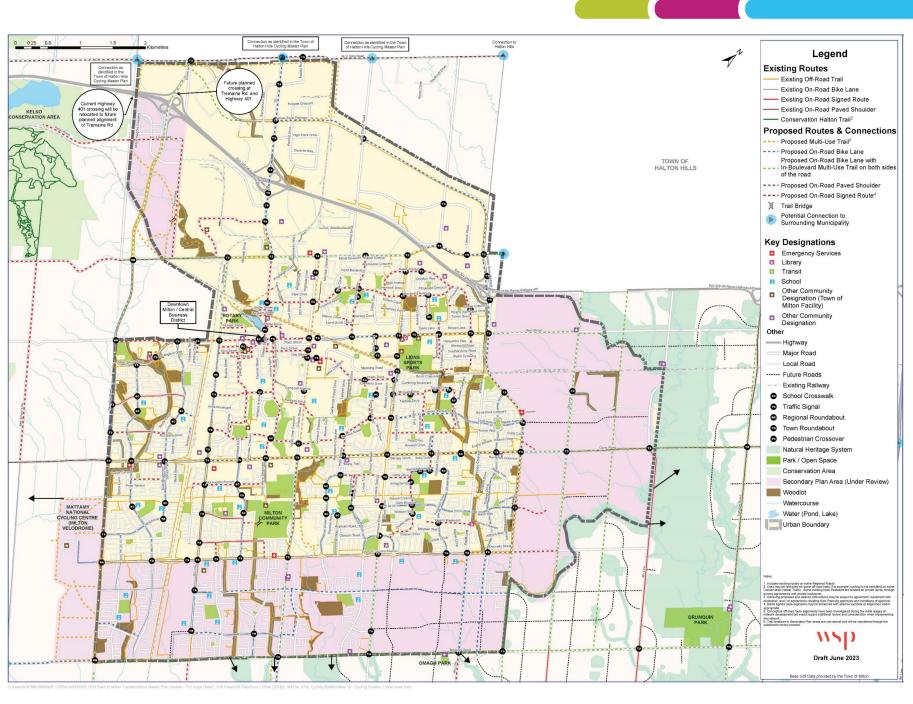
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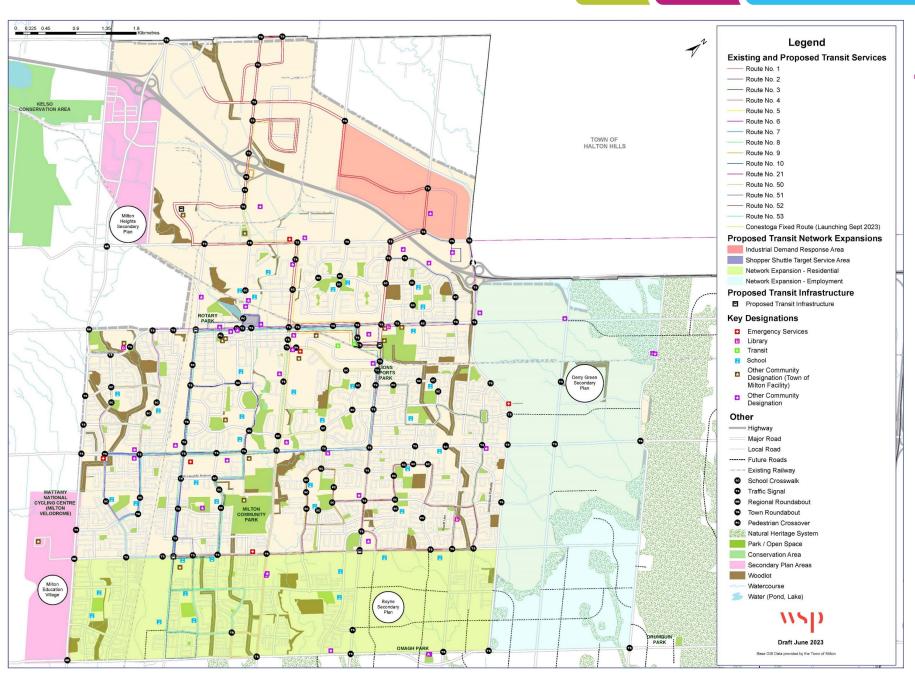
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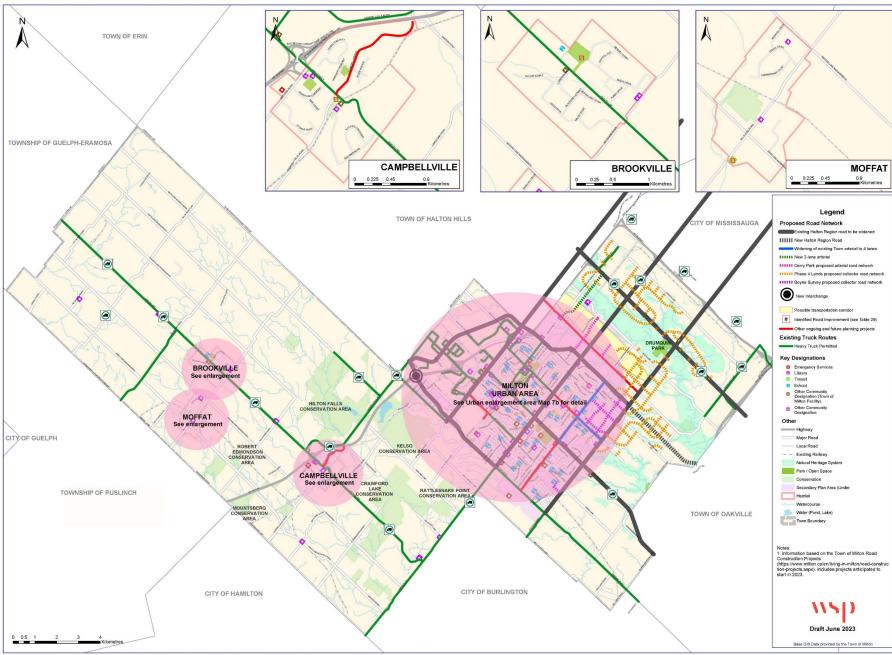
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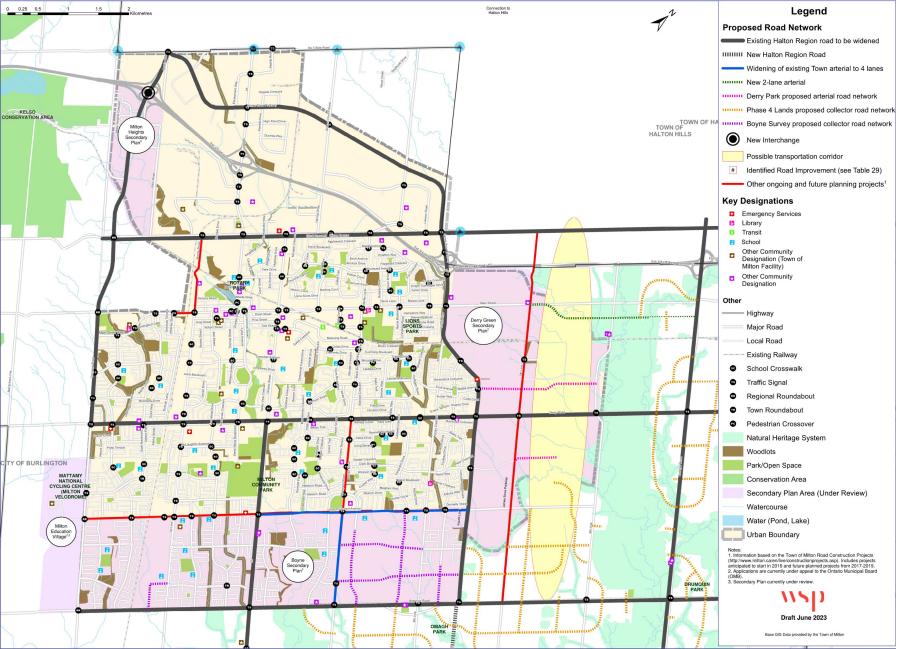




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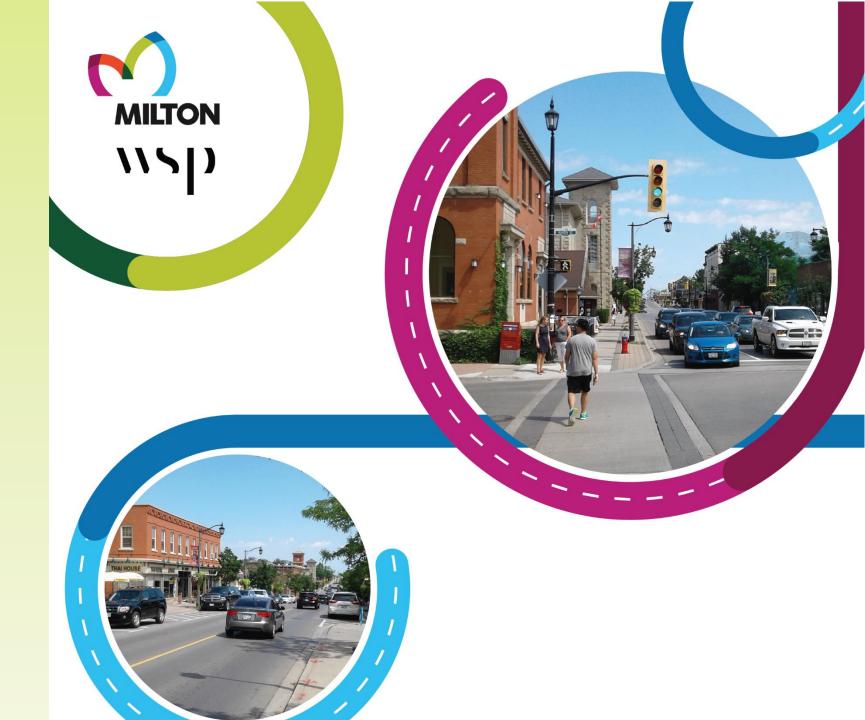
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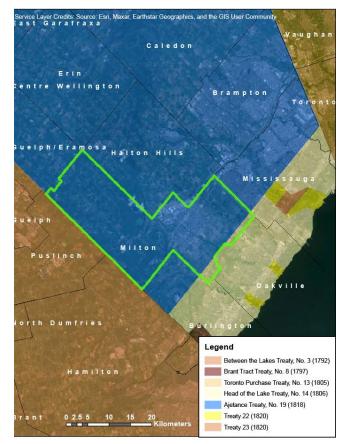
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Long range plan that integrates infrastructure requirements for existing and future land uses

#### What a TMP is Not

Addresses all modes of transportation to the year 2051

Living document that will be updated periodically

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Aligns with Town's Official Plan & other planning initiatives

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Authorization to construct major transportation improvements

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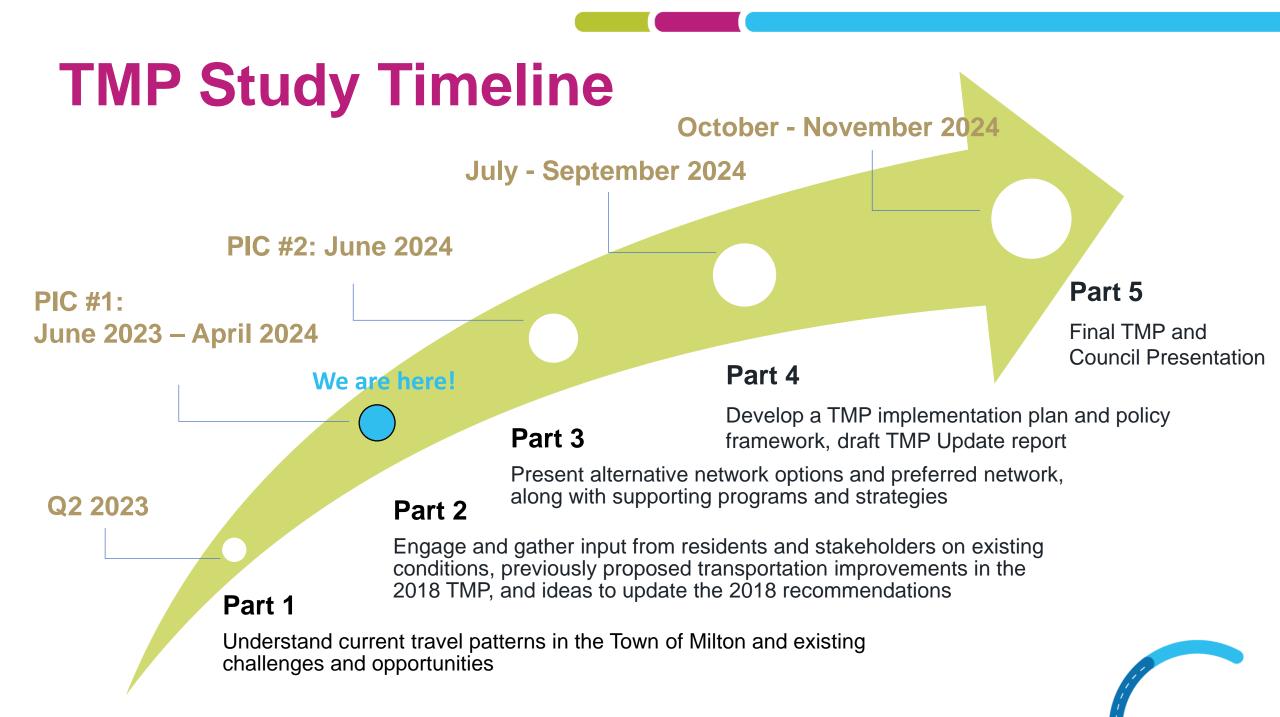
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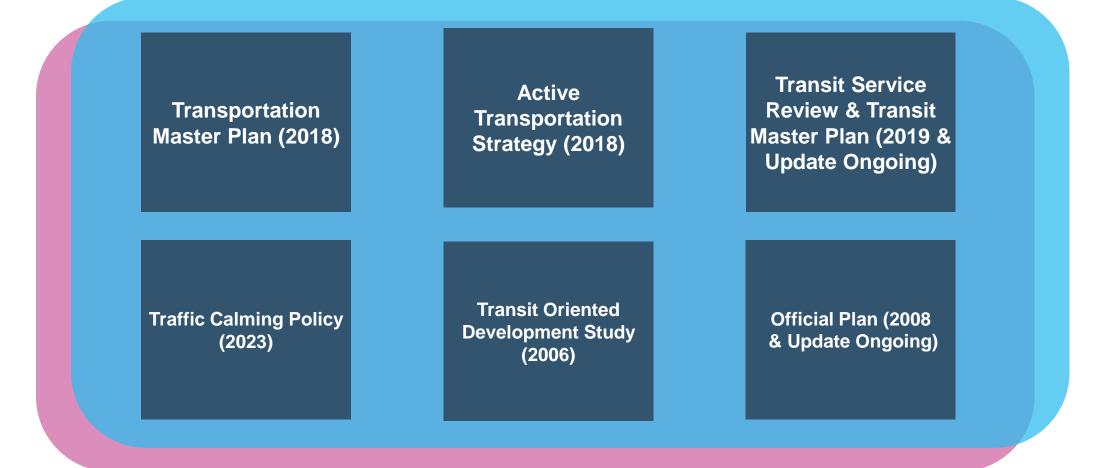
- Halton Region has initiated the Integrated Master Plan (IMP) to complete the next region-wide Water, Wastewater and Multi-Modal Transportation Master Plans.
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- The Plan focuses on a multi-modal Regional transportation network for all users, including transit, active transportation (e.g., pedestrians and cyclists), cars, farm vehicles and trucks.
- Additional information on the opportunities and considerations, including narrated videos from our first Public Information Centre, is available on the <u>Integrated</u> <u>Master Plan (IMP) webpage on halton.ca</u>.
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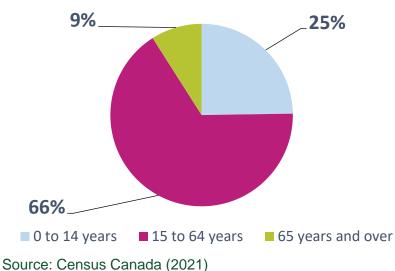
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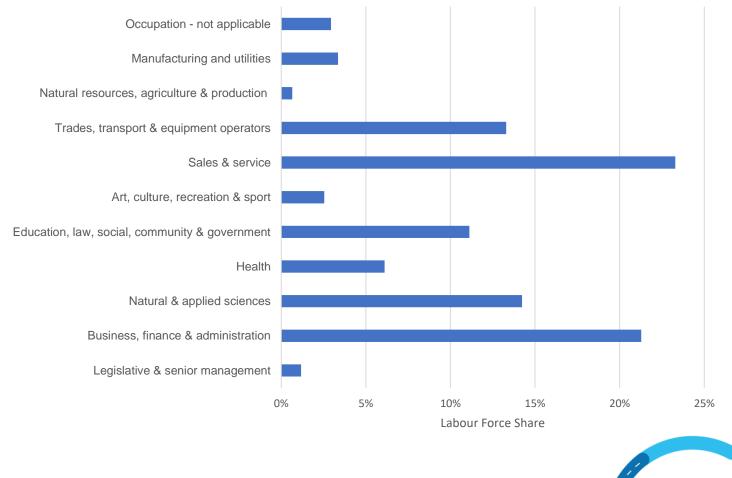
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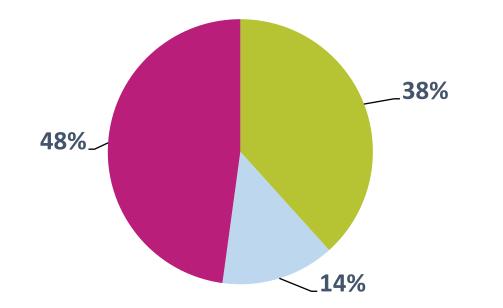
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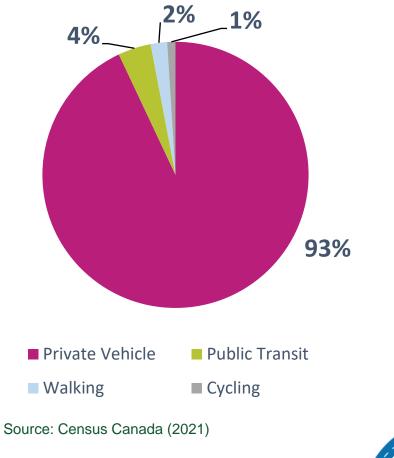
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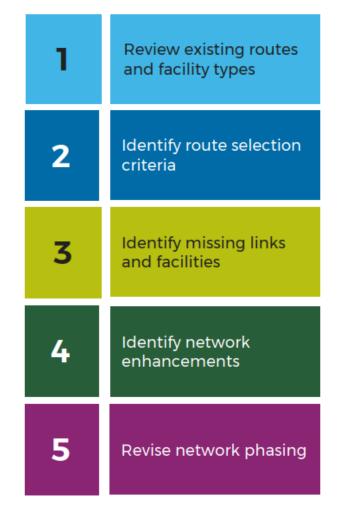




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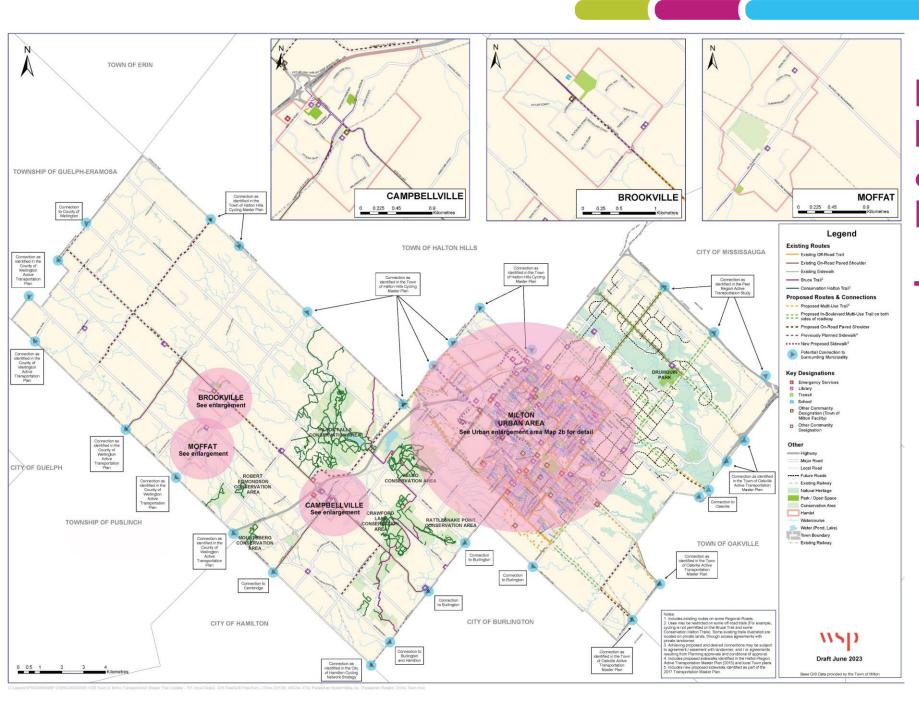
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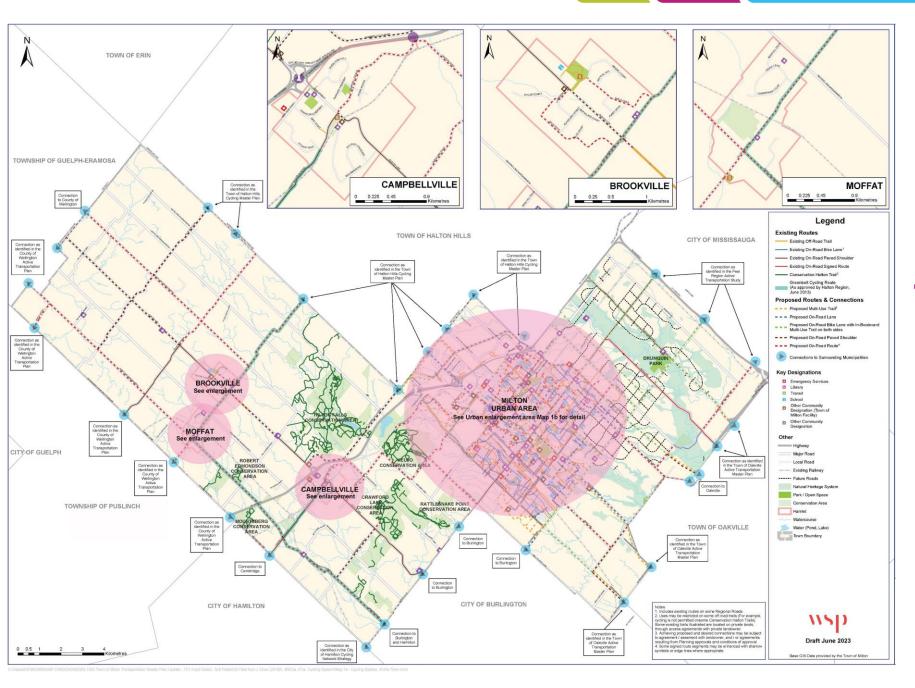
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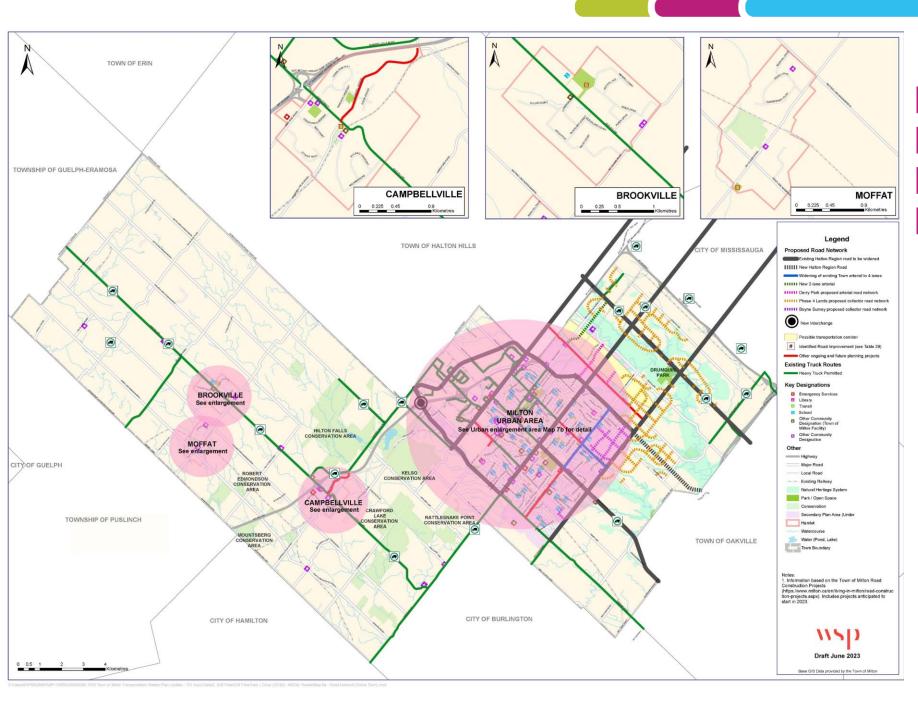
## **Transit in Rural Communities**



The Milton GO Station is located on Main Street at Drew Centre Road. It is the third most heavily used station on the Milton line, due both to the large number of boardings generated in Milton as well as the fact that it is the terminal station on the line, attracting riders from Campbellville and other communities west of Milton.

#### Milton access+

Milton access+	Description
Serves	<ul> <li>Milton's door-to-door shared ride specialized transit service for persons with disabilities.</li> </ul>
Reservation Period (booking trips)	<ul> <li>Weekdays, 8 a.m 7:30 p.m.</li> <li>Saturday, 8 a.m 5:30 p.m.</li> <li>There is no reservation service available on Sundays or statutory holidays.</li> </ul>
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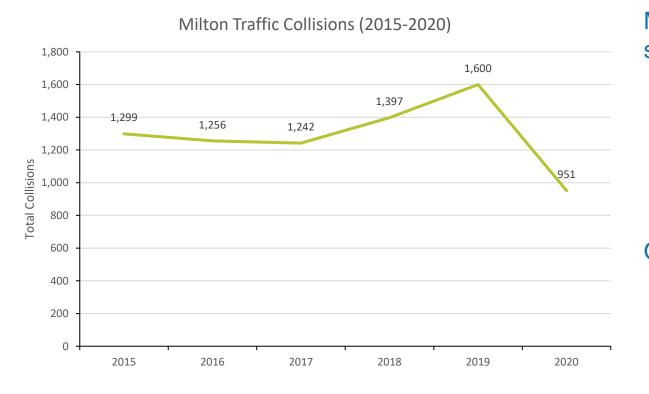


### Road Network – Existing & 2018 Proposed Recommendations

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- Publish a truck route map
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# **Traffic Safety Strategies**



Source: Ontario Annual Road Safety Report

Milton is undertaking many actions to improve safety, including:

- Community safety zones
- Traffic calming
- School safety initiatives
- Active transportation infrastructure expansion

### Opportunities exist to explore:

- Adopting road safety strategies
- Setting and publishing collision reduction goals
- Further embedding Milton's proactive identification of safety problem areas in its safety approach

# **Questions and Answers Session**

How would the proposed road improvements in the 2018 plan improve your transportation experience?



How would the proposed walking and cycling improvements in the 2018 plan improve your transportation experience? Which improvements should be prioritized?

Do you think additional improvements are needed beyond those in the 2018 plan for all modes?

Would the proposed truck routes in the 2018 plan help improve your quality of life? If not, how should trucks be routed?

We want to hear from you

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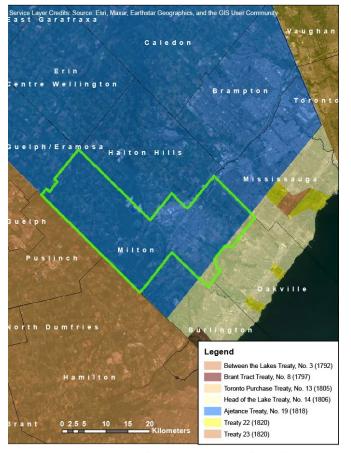
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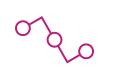
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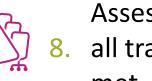
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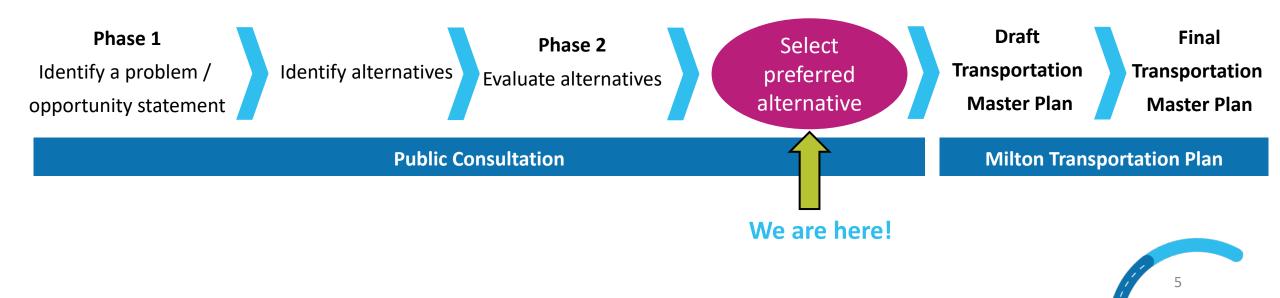


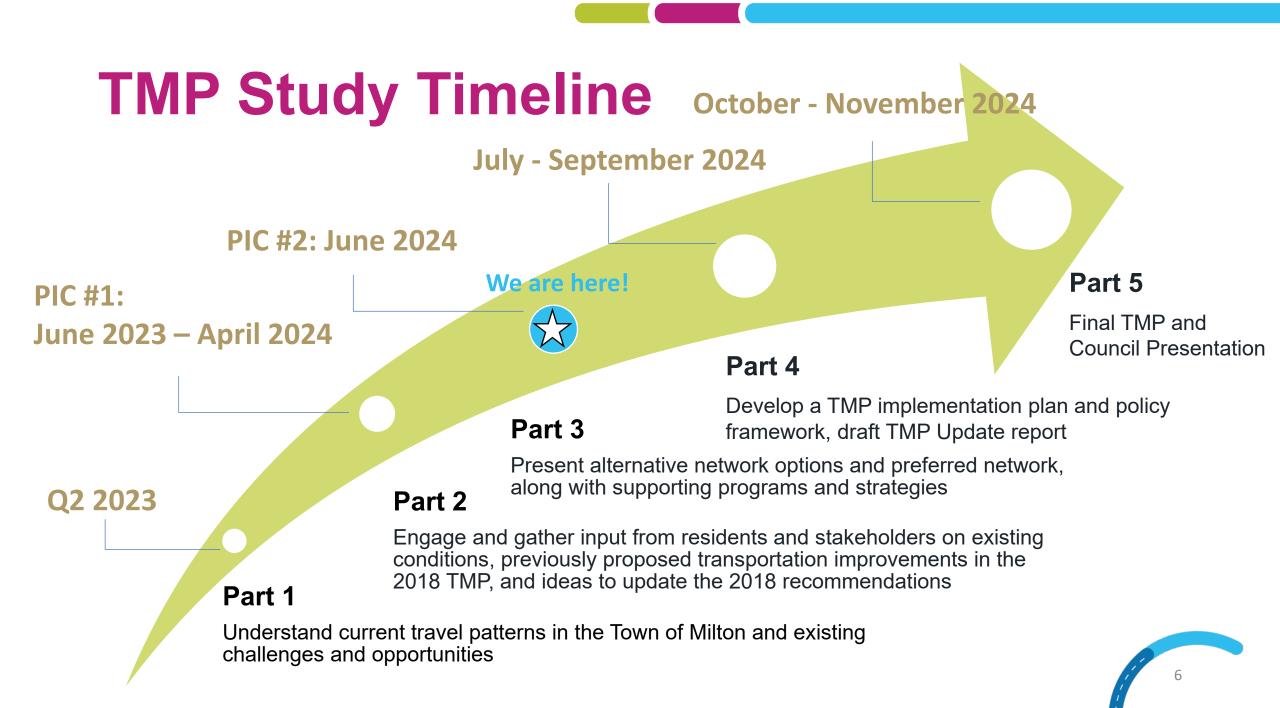
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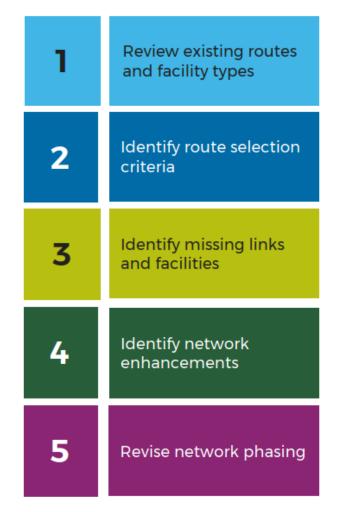
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## **Rural Communities**

	Торіс	What was Heard	What we Did
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Å So	Walking and Cycling	Safer infrastructure for pedestrians and cyclists.	Emphasized on the importance of road safety for all users on Regional and local roads throughout rural communities.
		Encourage active transportation.	
	Transit	Transit system needs to be re-assessed and prioritized.	Conveyed comments regarding improving transit connectivity for rural communities within the Town to
		Improve transit service coverage.	the Transit Master Plan team.
	Traffic	<ul> <li>Through traffic using Town rural roads to avoid Highway 401 and other congested Provincial and Regional roads.</li> <li>Operational concerns at specific intersections associated with stop control.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Re-assessed traffic safety strategies to account for collision-prone areas suggested by participants of the consultation.</li> <li>Concerns have been communicated to Town Traffic Operations staff for investigation and follow-up.</li> </ul>
	Goods Movement	Collisions and / or congestion on Highway 401 results in trucks diverting to Town rural roads and re-siting of truck inspection area (downtown).	Reviewed policies related to goods movement to balance the accommodation of various users across the transportation network with freight transportation.
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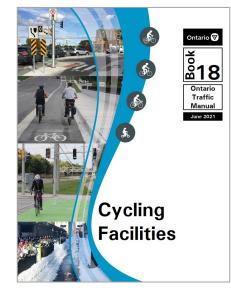


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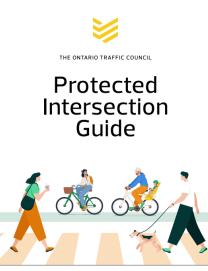
#### **Complete Streets**

Balance the needs of all road users – pedestrians, cyclists, drivers, and transit users.



#### OTM Book 18

The manual provides design standards, guidelines, and best practices for planning, designing, and implementing cycling infrastructure in Ontario.





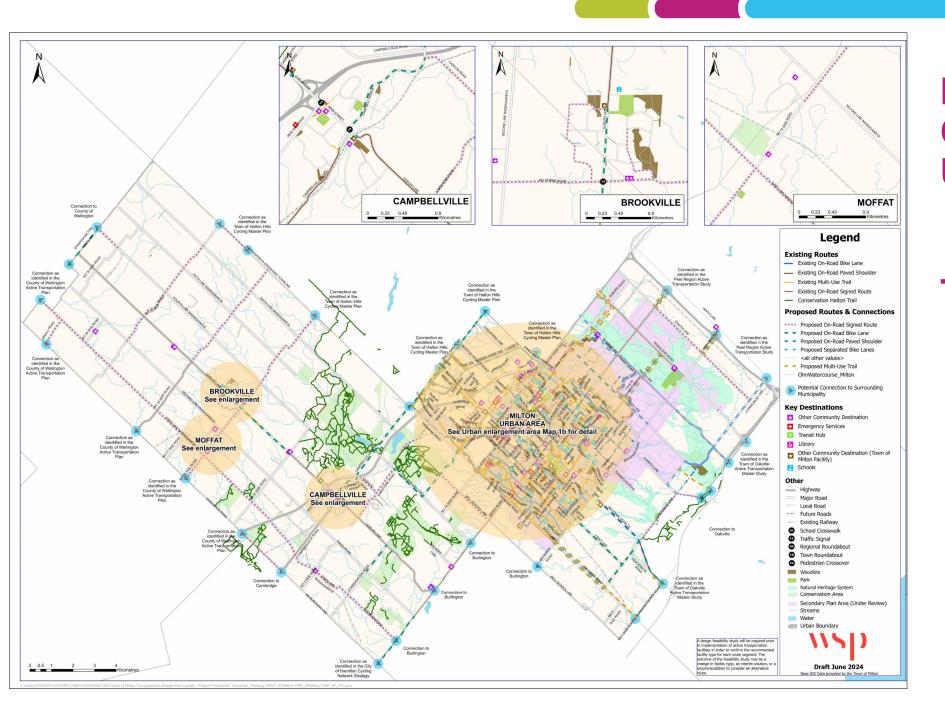
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High number of collisions and fatalities occur at intersections. The guide introduces solutions to reduce vehicle speed, high-risk conflicts, crossing distances, and delays for all users.

#### **Vision Zero**

The goal is to eliminate road fatalities and injuries by holding road system designers and builders accountable.

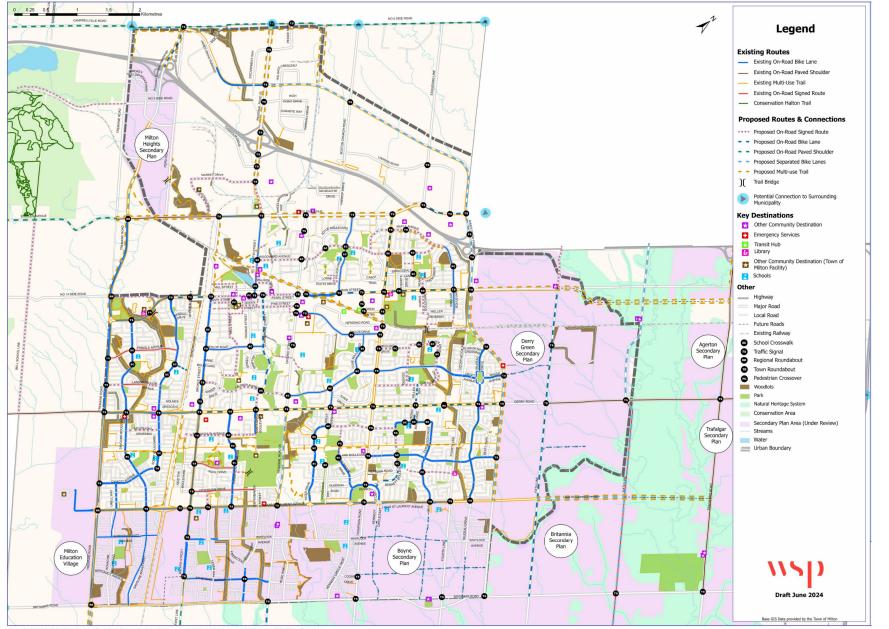




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## **Milton's Vision for Transit**

The Town knows that **transit has a critical role to play in meeting the needs of the evolving community**, **including post-secondary influences.** Existing plans and strategies identify transit's role in:

#### Managing sustainable growth

Enabling **higher densities** along corridors, nodes, and in growth areas

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Providing **reliable connections** to serve the needs of all Miltonians

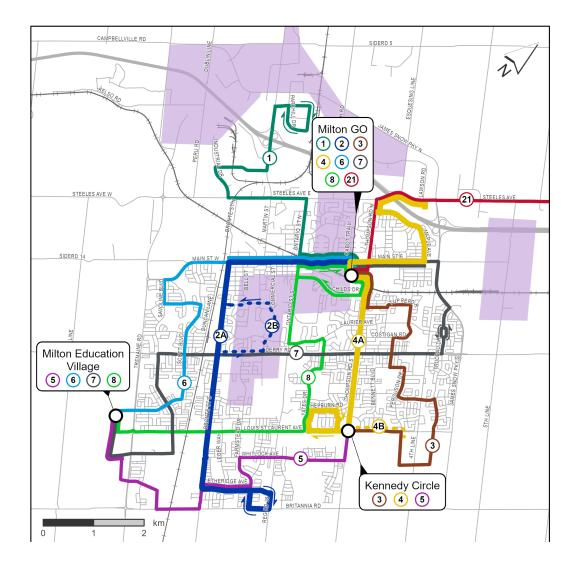


Embracing **modernization** (state-of-readiness) for battery electric technology and innovative fare payment systems

"By 2027, Milton will have laid the foundation for its future as a diverse and welcoming community defined by higher densities **enabled by transit**. This foundation will include **transit system advancements**, prioritized infrastructure..."

Milton's Practical Vision for 2023-2027

# 2029 Transit Network & Key Outcomes

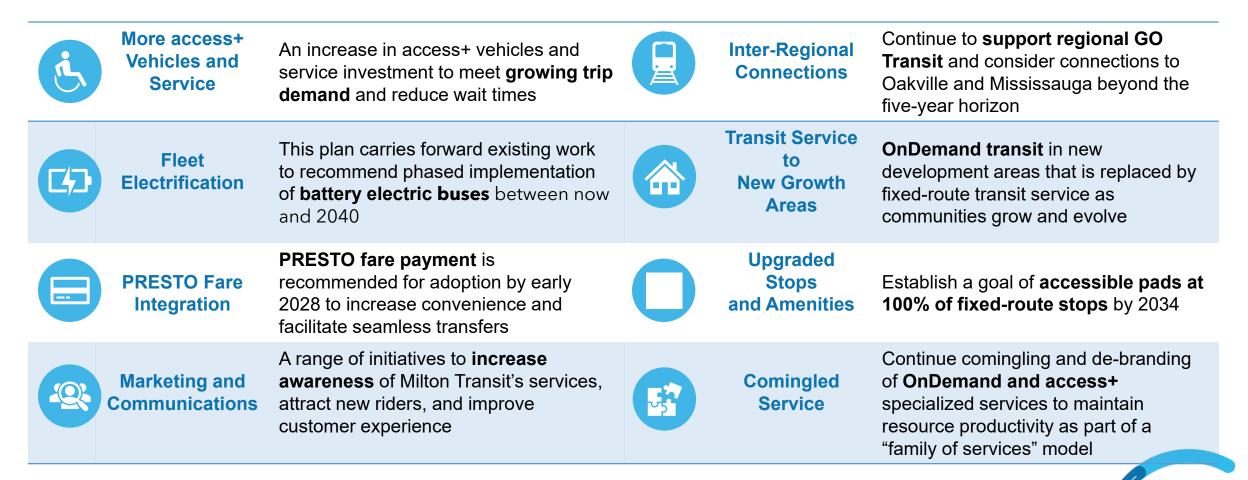


### The 2029 Transit Network includes the following key outcomes:

- Improved reliability
- More direct routes
- More frequent service 15-20 mins on weekdays on major corridors and at least 30 mins all week on all local routes
- Extended service with weekday and Saturday service until 11:30PM
- Introduction of **Sunday service** from 7:00AM to 7:00PM
- Longer routes to reduce required transfers
- New transfer points at MEV and Kennedy Circle area
- **Greater access** the average resident can access 2.3x more people/places within a 45-minute transit trip compared to today
- Re-distribution of OnDemand service areas to optimize performance

## **Supporting Recommendations**

In addition to the conventional transit network improvements, the Plan identifies supporting programs and initiatives to help Milton **increase ridership** and provide a **high-quality transit experience** for customers:



## **Transit Services Strategy**

**Transit priority measures** use technology and/or road widening to enhance transit travel times, boost reliability and increase bus speeds compared to private vehicles.

#### Benefits can:

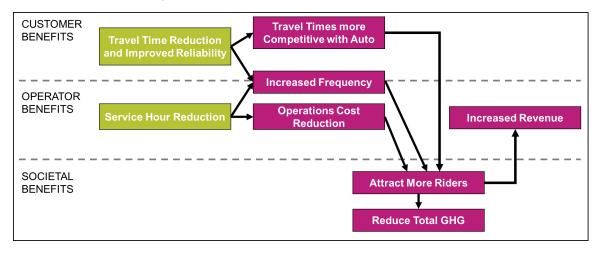
- Help attract additional riders, hence increasing revenue for Milton Transit; and
- Take private vehicles off the road, aiding in the reduction of GHG and improving transit mode share levels.

Improving transit speed can be achieved through a range of operational infrastructure enhancements, each differing in effectiveness and difficulty of implementation.

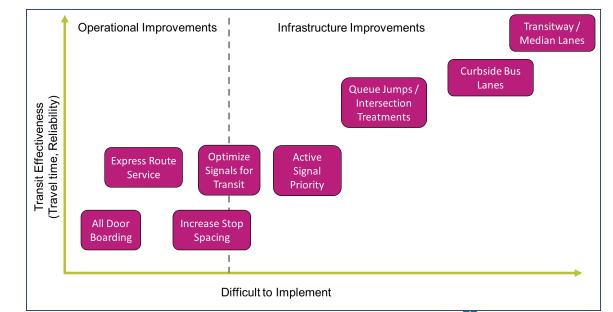
#### **Operational Improvements:**

• Door boarding facilitated by off-board fare payment and increasing transit stop spacing serve to minimize dwell time at transit stops.

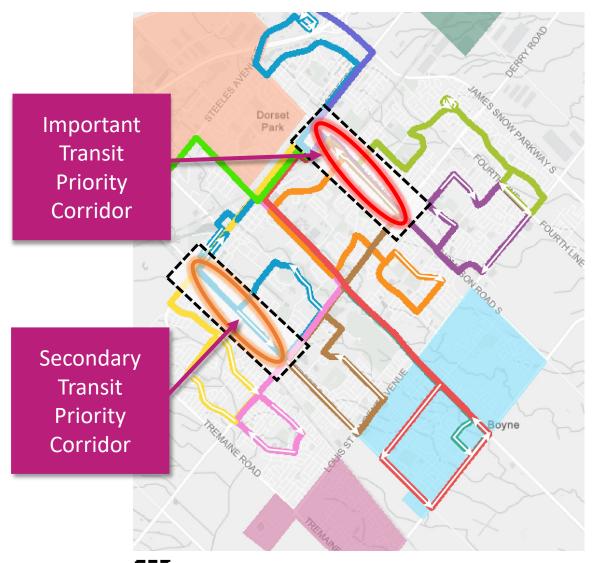
#### **Transit Priority Benefits**



#### **Transit Priority Options**



# **Identified Transit Priority Corridors**



Transit priority treatments should be considered for corridors with heavy transit usage and poor traffic performance

- Thompson Road (Main St to Derry Rd) is strongly recommended for transit priority as it serves 7 transit routes (4 Milton Transit routes and 3 GO Bus routes) and is flagged as having future traffic performance issues
  - Queue jump treatment could be considered at Thompson Road / Drew Centre to ensure reliable access to Milton Transit's central hub at Milton GO Station
  - Performance at other signals along the Thompson Road corridor between Main Street and Derry Road should be monitored to determine transit priority locations needed in the future
- Bronte Street (Main St to Derry Rd) is identified as a secondary transit priority corridor, where measures may be required in the future
- Other corridors should be monitored as development and the transit system expands into new areas

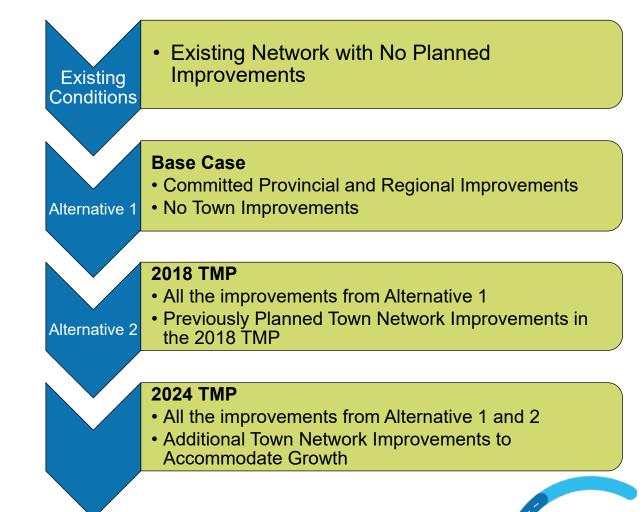
# **Road Network Overview**

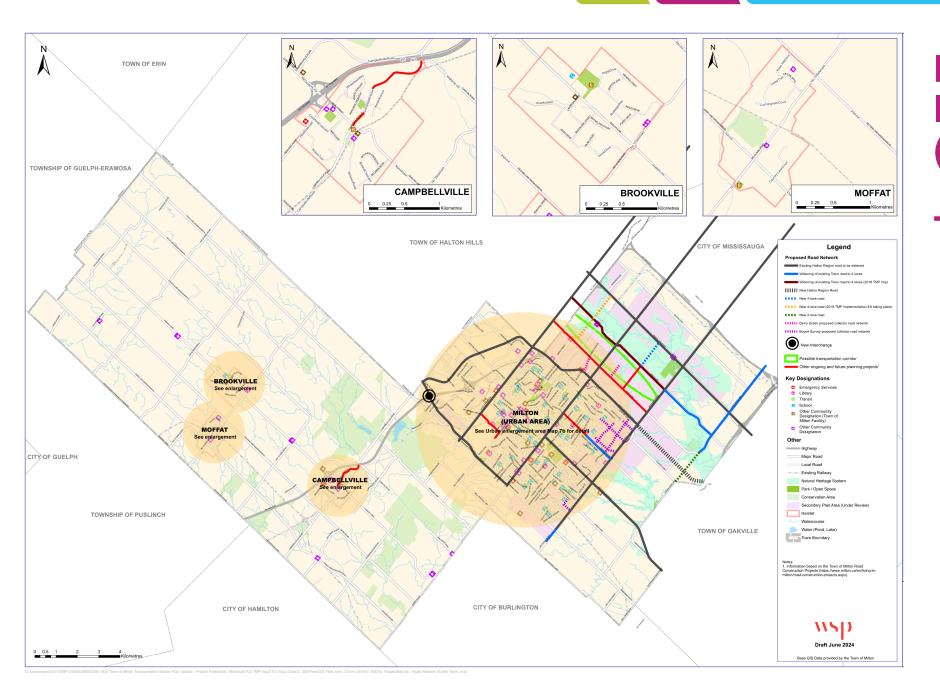
 In addition to the existing conditions, three road network alternatives are being analyzed to determine the preferred transportation network, looking forward to 2051.

#### • Planning for the road network:

- Possible road alignment opportunities with Active Transportation and Transit improvements.
- Strategic capacity improvements to accommodate future growth.
- Identify opportunities for alignments with local municipalities and Halton Region for proposed road improvements.

#### **Proposed Road Network Alternatives**

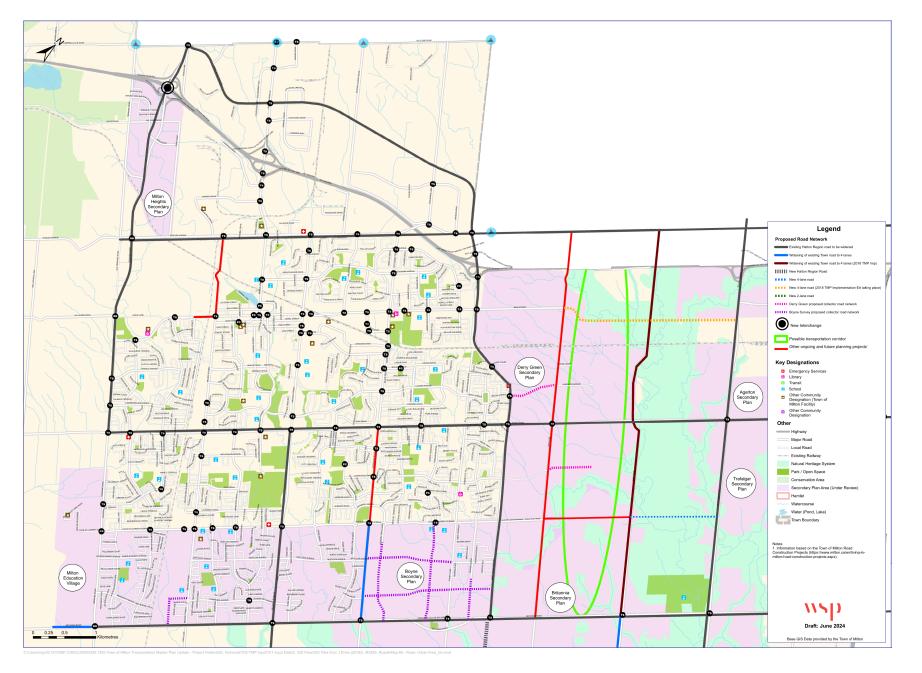




### Proposed Road Improvements (Alternative 3)

**Town-Wide** 

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### Proposed Road Improvements (Alternative 3)

### **Urban Area**

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# **Goods Movement**

The Town should designate and monitor designated goods movement corridors to ensure that they:

- Are compatible with its adjacent land use;
- Support the needs of businesses and industries support economic development;
- Reduce congestion;
- Enhance safety; and
- Promote sustainable transportation practices.

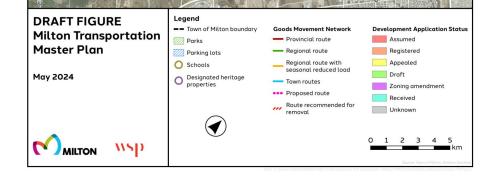
#### How Should the Town Designate Routes for Goods Movement?

Town should:

- Review the recommendations from the 2018 TMP
- Review status of implementation and in conjunction with the 2024 TMP
- Determine whether these recommendations should continue to be carried out, or whether they require updating.
- Collaborate with the Region and the adjacent lower-tier municipalities to better understand their goods movement needs to, from and through the Town.

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# **Next Steps & Contact Information**

### Thank you for contributing to the Transportation Master Plan Update!

- **Summarize** and process input received
- 2 Adjust and refine improvements to transportation network
- **3 Present** Report to Council

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