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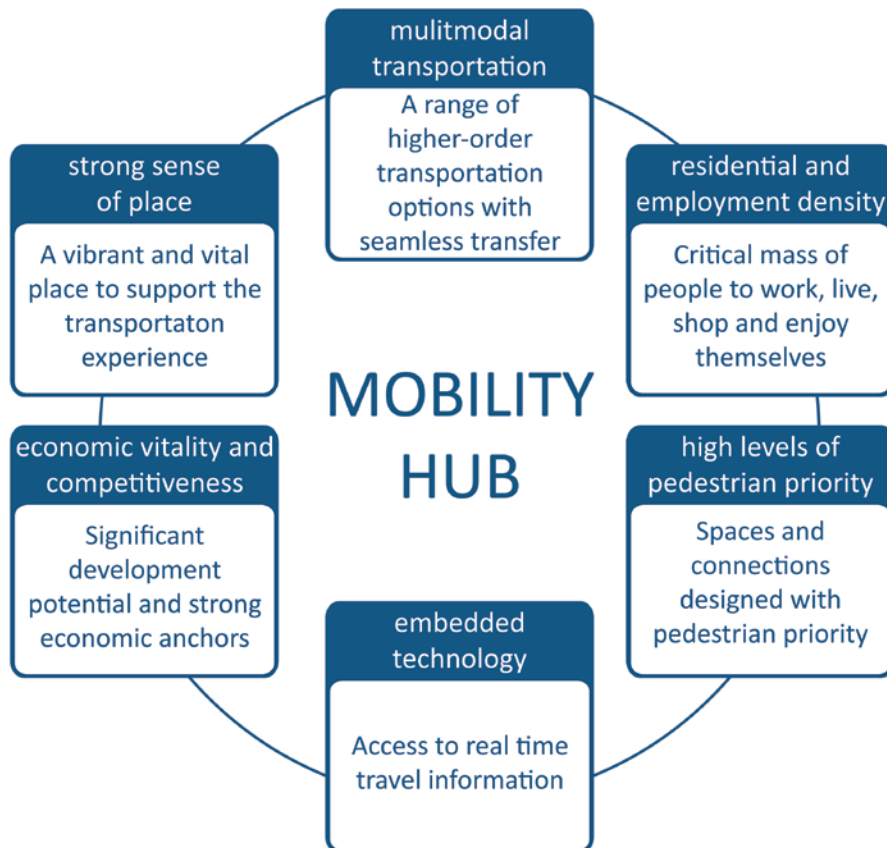
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## Mobility Hubs Update

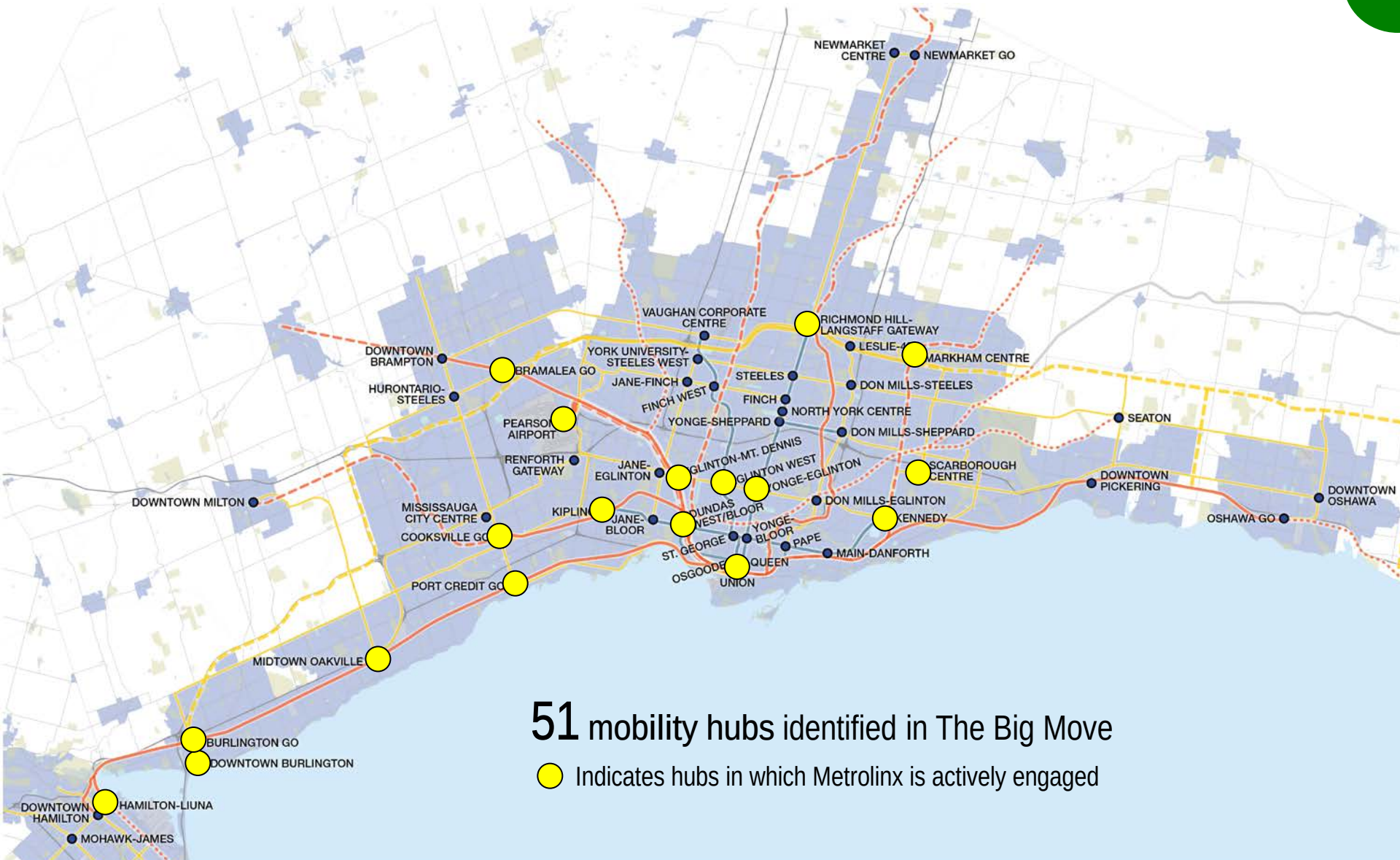
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# Mobility Hub Objectives

- Mobility Hubs are major transit stations and their surrounding neighbourhoods that provide travellers with seamless access to the regional transit system, support higher density development, and demonstrate excellence in customer service.



# Mobility Hubs Across the GTHA



# Status of Studies at Mobility Hubs

5 studies completed

4 studies underway

1 is on the Union Pearson (UP) Express under construction

2 are on the Eglinton Crosstown under construction

## *Completed:*

- Bloor-Dundas West, 2011 (*UP Express*)
- Cooksville GO, 2011
- Port Credit GO, 2011
- Midtown Oakville, 2012
- Eglinton - Mount Dennis, 2013 (*Eglinton Crosstown*)

## *Underway:*

- Bramalea GO
- Kennedy (*Eglinton Crosstown*)
- Kipling
- Hamilton-LIUNA

# Mobility Hubs and Design Excellence

- Metrolinx Design Excellence initiative launched in late 2012 and formalized in Board Report in February 2013.
- Speaks directly to Mobility Hub objectives of a well-designed transit station, high levels of pedestrian priority, an attractive public realm, and a minimized ecological footprint.
- Work to date includes:
  - Design review panel established for reviewing major projects.
  - Chief Design Excellence Officer hired to lead initiative and Design Excellence team.
  - Workshops held with staff and consultants on the initiative.
  - Design Excellence principles being incorporated into Eglinton Crosstown specifications.
  - Metrolinx brands being integrated for improving passenger wayfinding.
  - RQQ released for GO Design Excellence Guidelines.

# Dundas West - Bloor

Location: Bloor GO station, the Dundas West Subway station, and future UP Express station

Status: Hub Study completed July 2011; Bloor GO/UP Express Station under construction - completion for late 2014.

Study proposes:

- Station redesigned to be more visible and provide a welcoming, light-filled entrance
- Improved pedestrian connections between the TTC and GO stations
- Under-used lands surrounding station be redeveloped to create a walkable, higher density community



# Cooksville GO

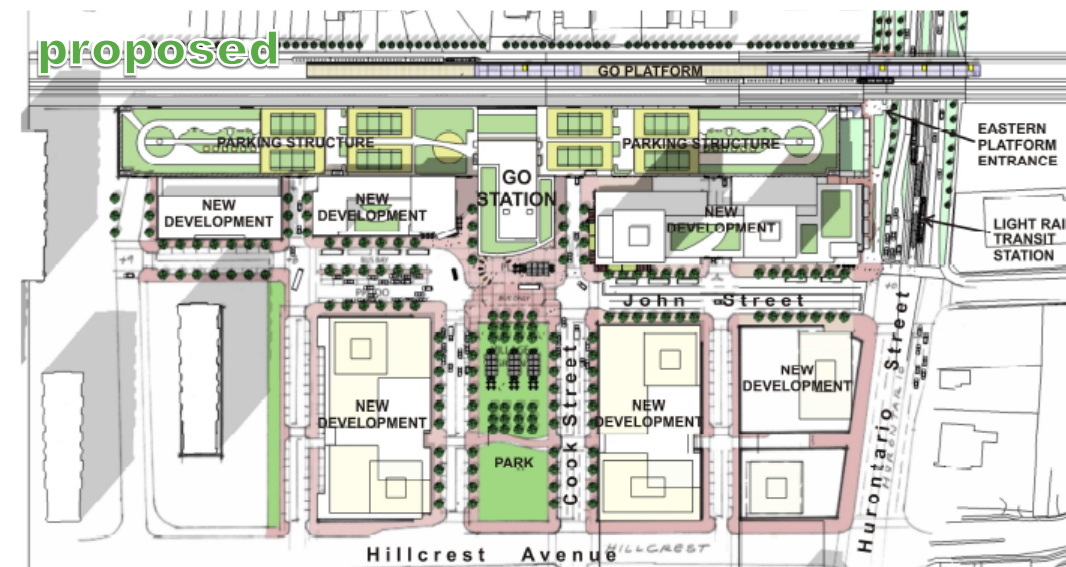


Location: Cooksville GO Station and future Hurontario LRT

Status: Hub Study completed Hurontario LRT, in partnership with Mississauga; Business Case and Implementation Plan for GO lands completed December 2012.

Study proposes:

- Intensification of parking lots and underused lands with higher density walkable development
- Pedestrian connections to a future Hurontario LRT
- new parking structures,
- an enhanced station building
- improved station access facilities and connections to the surrounding areas.



# Port Credit GO

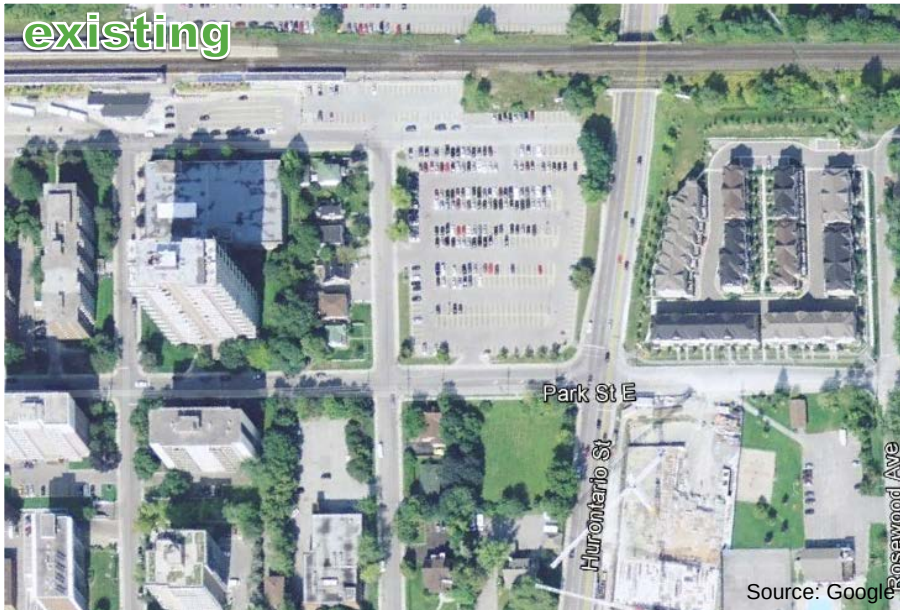
Location: Port Credit GO Station and future Hurontario LRT

Status: Hub Study completed in Sept. 2011, in partnership with Mississauga; development potential currently being assessed.

Study proposes:

- replacing surface parking with structured parking integrated with mixed-use development
- Connecting to the future Hurontario LRT
- enhanced pedestrian links to the neighbourhood

existing



proposed



# Midtown Oakville

Location: Oakville GO station and future Trafalgar BRT terminus

Status: Hub Study completed October 2012; working closely with the Town and Hydro One on implementation.

Study proposes:

- intensifying the under-used publicly-owned lands (much of which is owned by Metrolinx) around the station into a higher density, walkable community.
- expanding the station to accommodate significant growth planned for the area and a future Trafalgar BRT.



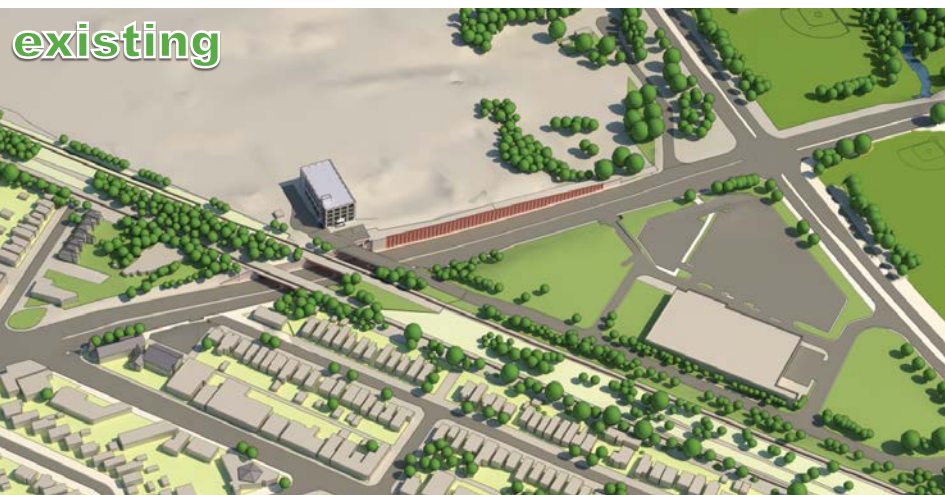
# Eglinton – Mount Dennis

Location: Future Mount Dennis GO Station and terminus of Eglinton Crosstown

Status: Hub Study completed September 2013; recommendations to be integrated into Eglinton Crosstown performance specifications and City of Toronto planning work.

Study proposes:

- Fully integrated rail, LRT and bus station
- Re-using the remaining Kodak building
- Enhancing pedestrian/cyclist connections
- Redeveloping surrounding under-used lands for with higher density, walkable neighbourhoods.



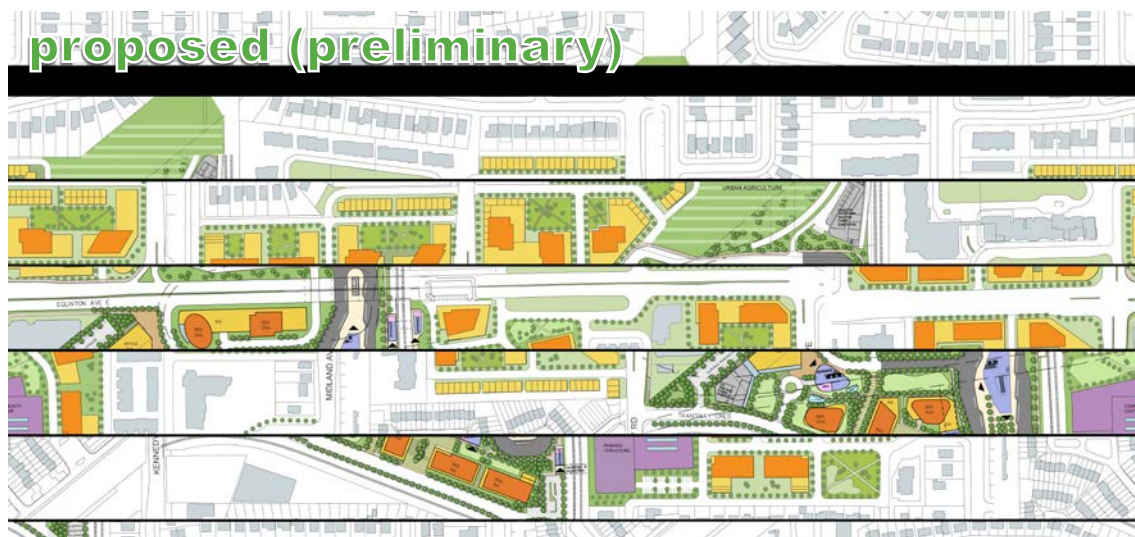
# Kennedy

Location: Kennedy GO/Subway Station and future terminus of Eglinton Crosstown.

Status: Hub Study underway; recommendations will be integrated into Eglinton Crosstown performance specifications and City of Toronto planning work.

Study proposes:

- A redesign of the station
- Improving pedestrian connections in the area
- Intensifying surrounding publicly-owned lands
- revitalizing Eglinton Avenue.



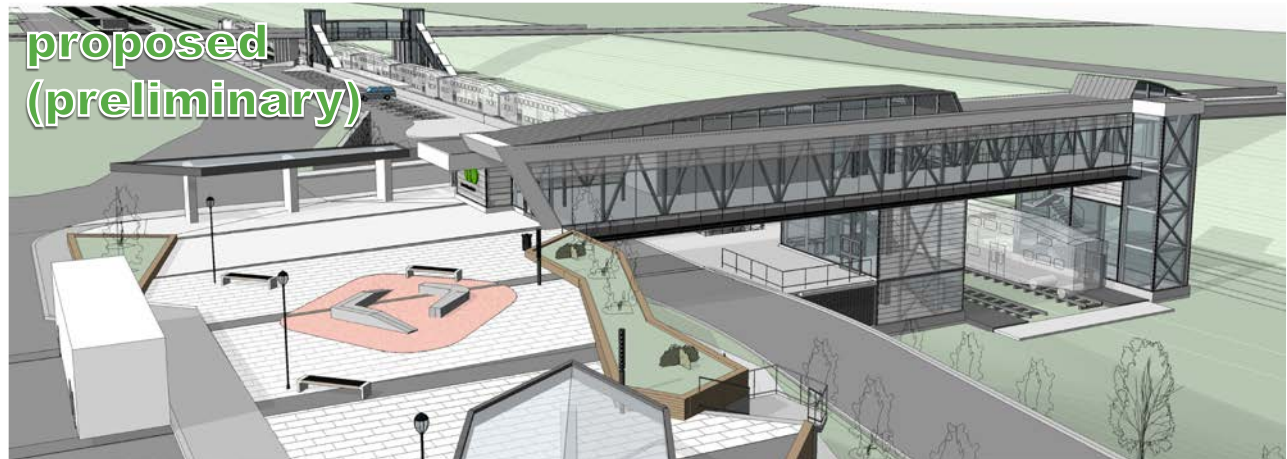
# Hamilton – LIUNA

Location: future James Street North GO Station and A-Line RT

Status: GO Station design underway; 1st Phase construction to be completed by 2015, in time for PanAm / Parapan Games. working with the City to ensure design fits with their hub planning;

Station design proposes:

- A new urban plaza.
- Pedestrian connections through the neighbourhood.
- A station building / bridge.
- Parking integrated into rail corridor slope.



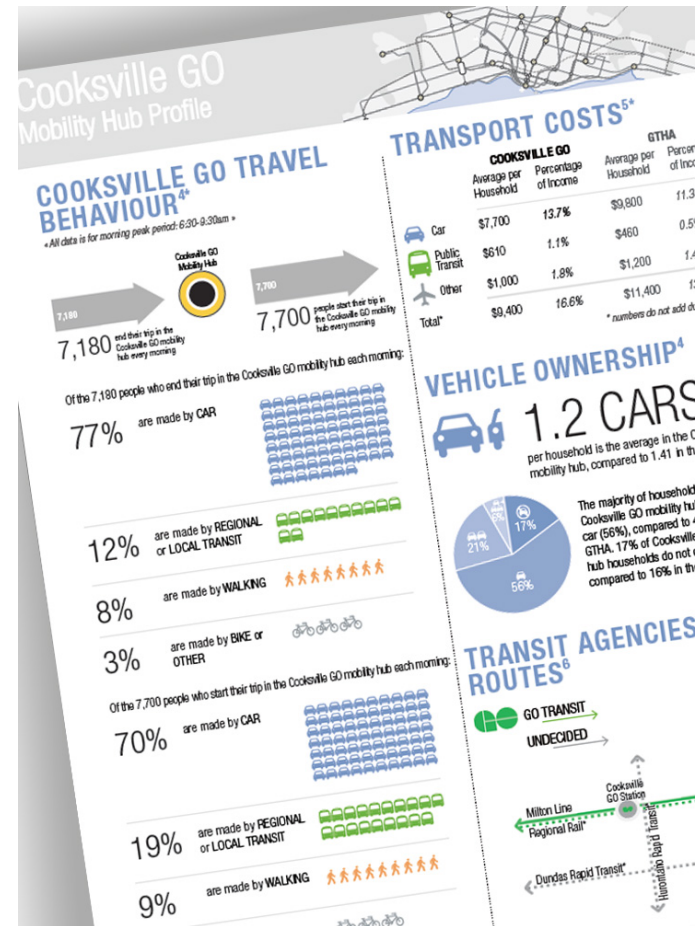
# Mobility Hub Guidelines Outreach

- **Mobility Hub Guidelines** released in 2011 has won three **awards**.
- **425+** people participated in **15** workshops and information sessions, the Guidelines have been presented at **14** conferences and events and to **5** foreign delegations, and **700+** copies of the Guidelines have been distributed.
- User-friendly, searchable, **web-based version** of the Guidelines released in August 2012.



# Other Mobility Hubs Projects

- **Profiles** summarizing useful demographic and transportation data for each hub released in Fall 2012.
- Work underway to identify **key performance indicators** for measuring success and updating the profiles.
- Cataloguing local **cycling infrastructure and plans** at each hub.
- Participated in **4 class projects** focused on hubs and supported research on hub **walkability** at University of Toronto.
- [metrolinx.com/mobilityhubs](http://metrolinx.com/mobilityhubs)



# Applying Hub Objectives to non-hub Stations

- Metrolinx is applying the Mobility Hub objectives to the planning and design of **5 non-hub stations** as the objectives are best practices in the planning and design of transit stations and transit-oriented development.
  - Weston GO/Future UP Express Station
  - Bronte GO Station
  - Caledonia Future GO/Eglinton Crosstown Station
  - Clarkson GO Station
  - Allandale Waterfront GO Station



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# Thank You



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