Exhibition GO Station Improvements

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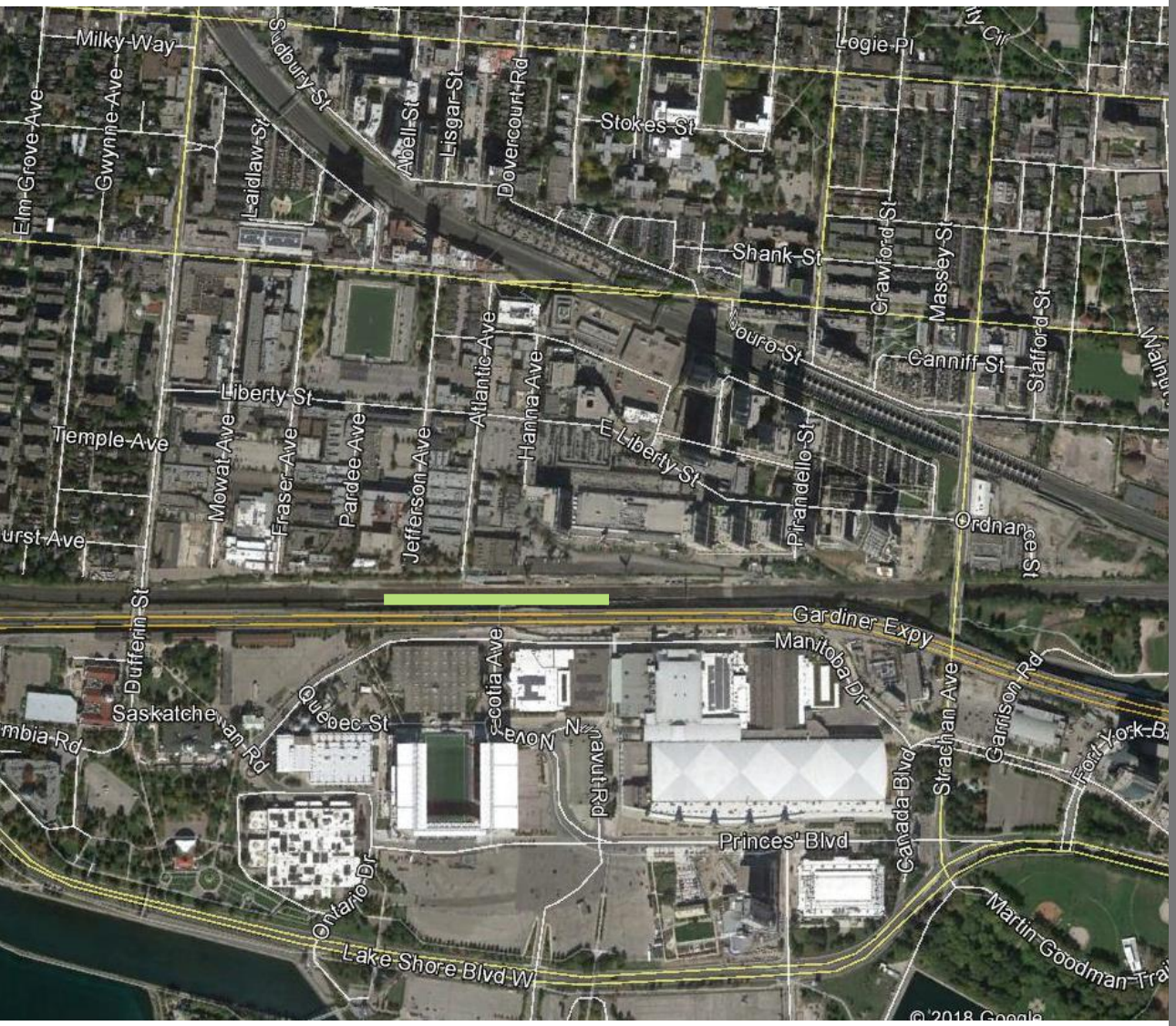
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WORKING TOGETHER

- Metrolinx is working collaboratively with the City of Toronto, Exhibition Place, and the TTC to co-ordinate efforts to improve Exhibition Station access and connectivity
- All partners have common goals and vision to ensure station enhancements are aligned with plans for the area and complementary
- The approach:
  - Raise awareness of the needs of all parties
  - Enable coordination to protect for the various initiatives developing in the area,
  - Find quick wins that can be completed in the short term
  - Identify longer term opportunities to help guide how the area grows and develops

SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT



- GO service expansion (Regional Express Rail)
  - new Western Lead track on north side
- New GO and SmartTrack Stations
  - new Liberty Village Station
- TTC Streetcar Extension
  - Waterfront West LRT Route to Dufferin
- Liberty New Street
- Waterfront Transit Reset
- Cycling Network 10-Year Plan
- King-Liberty Pedestrian / Cycling Bridge
- West Toronto Railpath Extension, King High Line
- Liberty Village Master Plan
- Exhibition Place Master Plan
- Ontario Place Revitalization
- The Bentway

BACKGROUND

Exhibition Station Area Plan

- Goals
  - distribute flows of people across the corridor and station platforms to ease crowding, enhance safety, and increase connectivity north and south of the station
  - improve user experience and amenities at the station
  - maximize flexibility and preserve opportunities to integrate planned TTC and Exhibition Place improvements and initiatives over time (e.g. Waterfront West LRT Route to Dufferin, Liberty New Street)
- 2017
  - Background and Needs Assessment Report
  - Technical Advisory Committee Meetings with City of Toronto, Exhibition Place, and TTC
- 2018
  - Functional Site Plan
  - Ongoing stakeholder engagement and project coordination

INITIATIVES

New track

- New track (Western Lead) on north side of the rail corridor will change how station is accessed from the north
- Current tunnel extended northward to new entrance pavilion off Atlantic Ave.

New tunnel(s)

- Planned new western pedestrian tunnel at Jefferson Ave.
- Potential for an eastern pedestrian tunnel access in co-ordination with TTC Streetcar Loop and New Street plans.

New service access

- Identify new track access points to support corridor operations and maintenance
- Potential new access road(s) on the south side (beneath Gardiner Expressway)

IMPROVING ACCESS AND EXPERIENCE

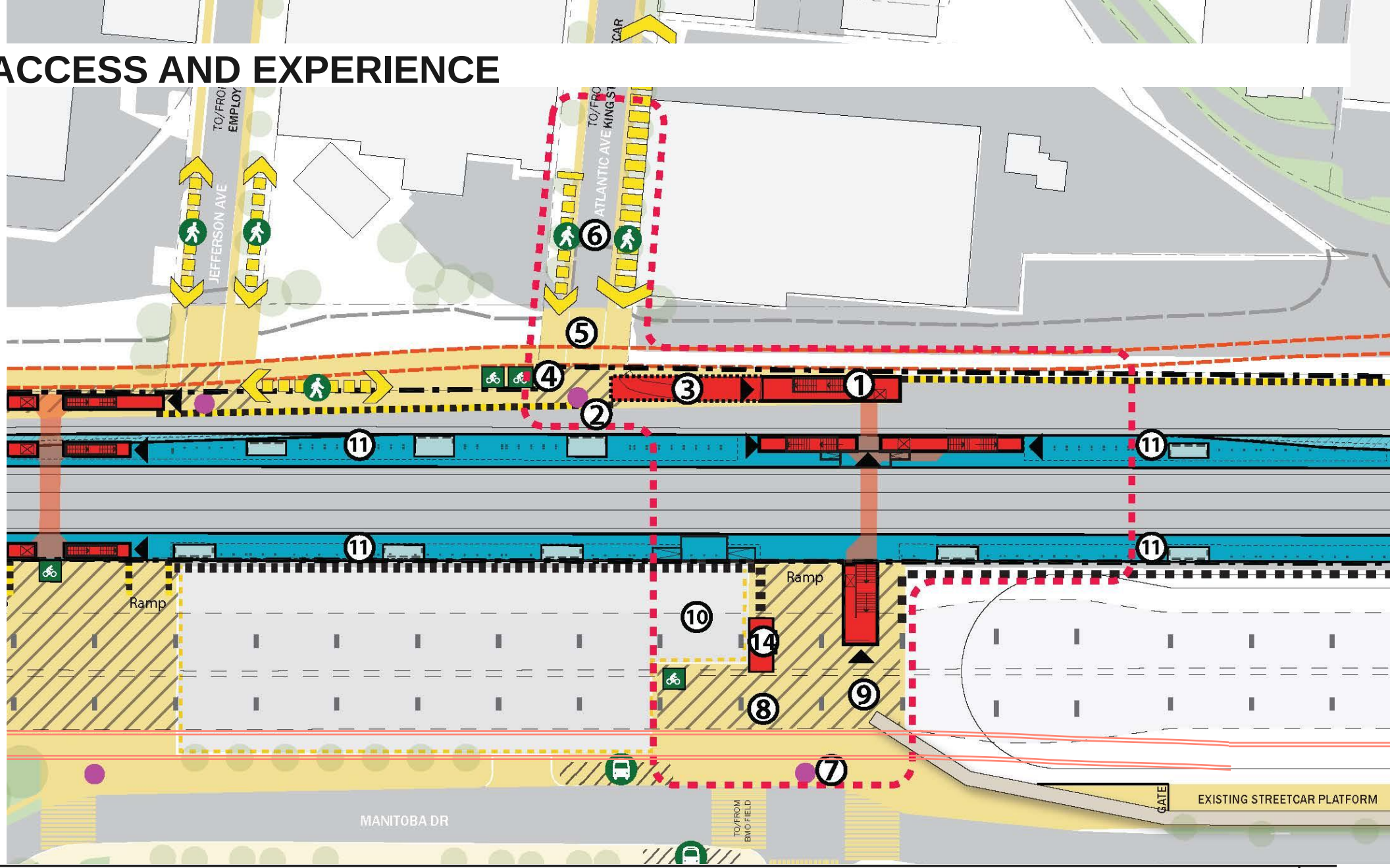
North of tracks

- Improve station entrance at Atlantic Ave.
  - Install new extended canopy
  - Create a defined station plaza space
- Explore opportunities to enhance pedestrian access along Atlantic Ave. (with City)
- Improve station wayfinding and install highly visible signage

South of tracks

- Improve station wayfinding and install highly visible signage (Nova Scotia Ave.)
- Restrict plaza uses that block pedestrian sight lines and flow (e.g. parking, food trucks)
- Enhance user experience beneath the Gardiner Expressway
  - Coordinate with partners to consolidate and screen storage, parking, non-public uses
  - Improve lighting, wayfinding, station facilities
  - Coordinate with TTC streetcar extension project for safe crossing solution in future

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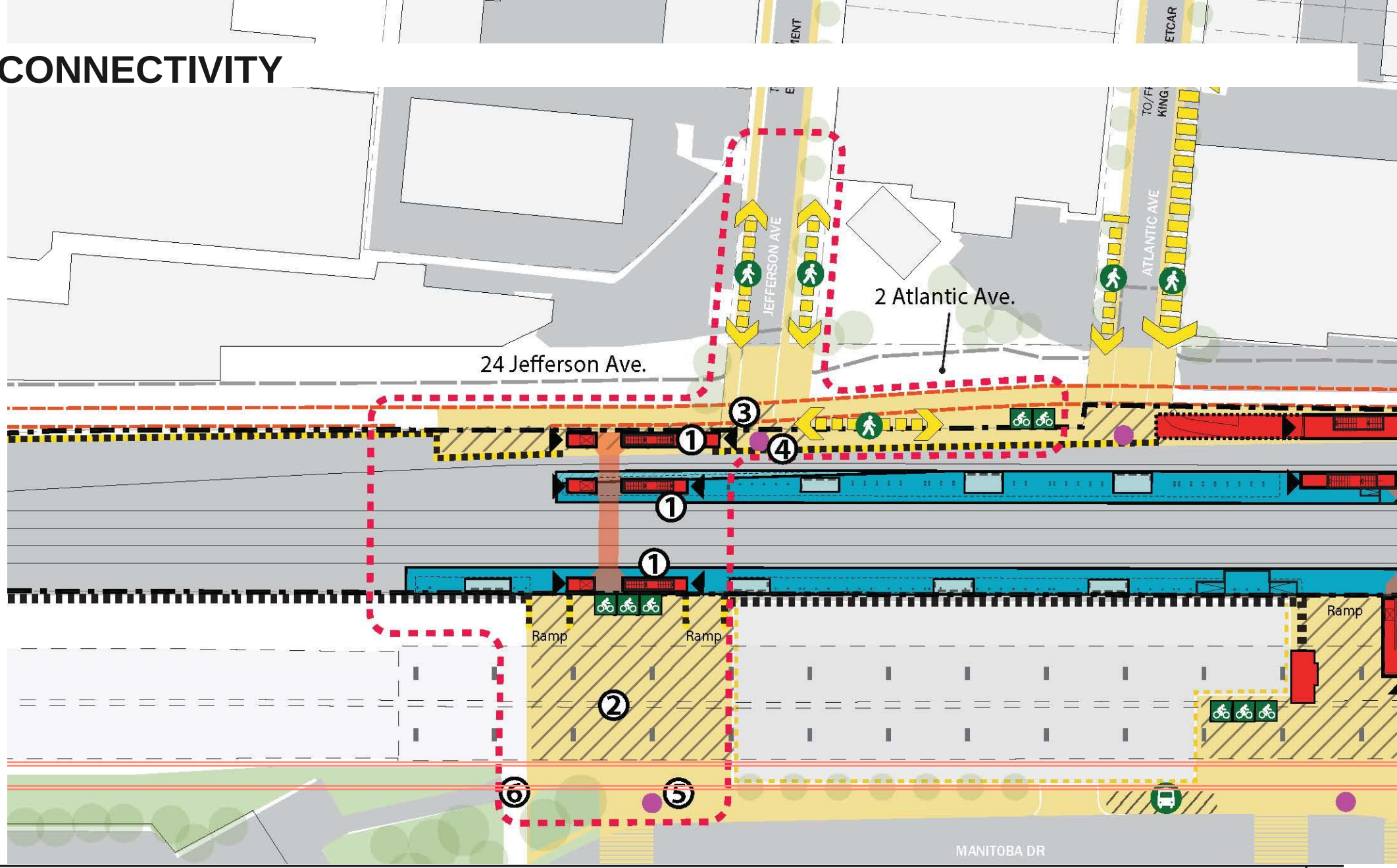
IMPROVING CONNECTIVITY

New western connection

- Disburse pedestrian and passenger flows
- Additional western pedestrian tunnel (near Jefferson Ave.)
  - Connecting GO platforms
  - Linking Jefferson Ave. and Liberty New Street to new south plaza*
  - Coordinate with TTC streetcar extension project for safe crossing solutions
- A new western station plaza space beneath the Gardiner Expressway*
- Improve station wayfinding and install highly visible signage (Jefferson Ave. and Manitoba Dr.)

** Requires design coordination and negotiation with private property owners, City of Toronto*

IMPROVING CONNECTIVITY



COORDINATING OPPORTUNITIES

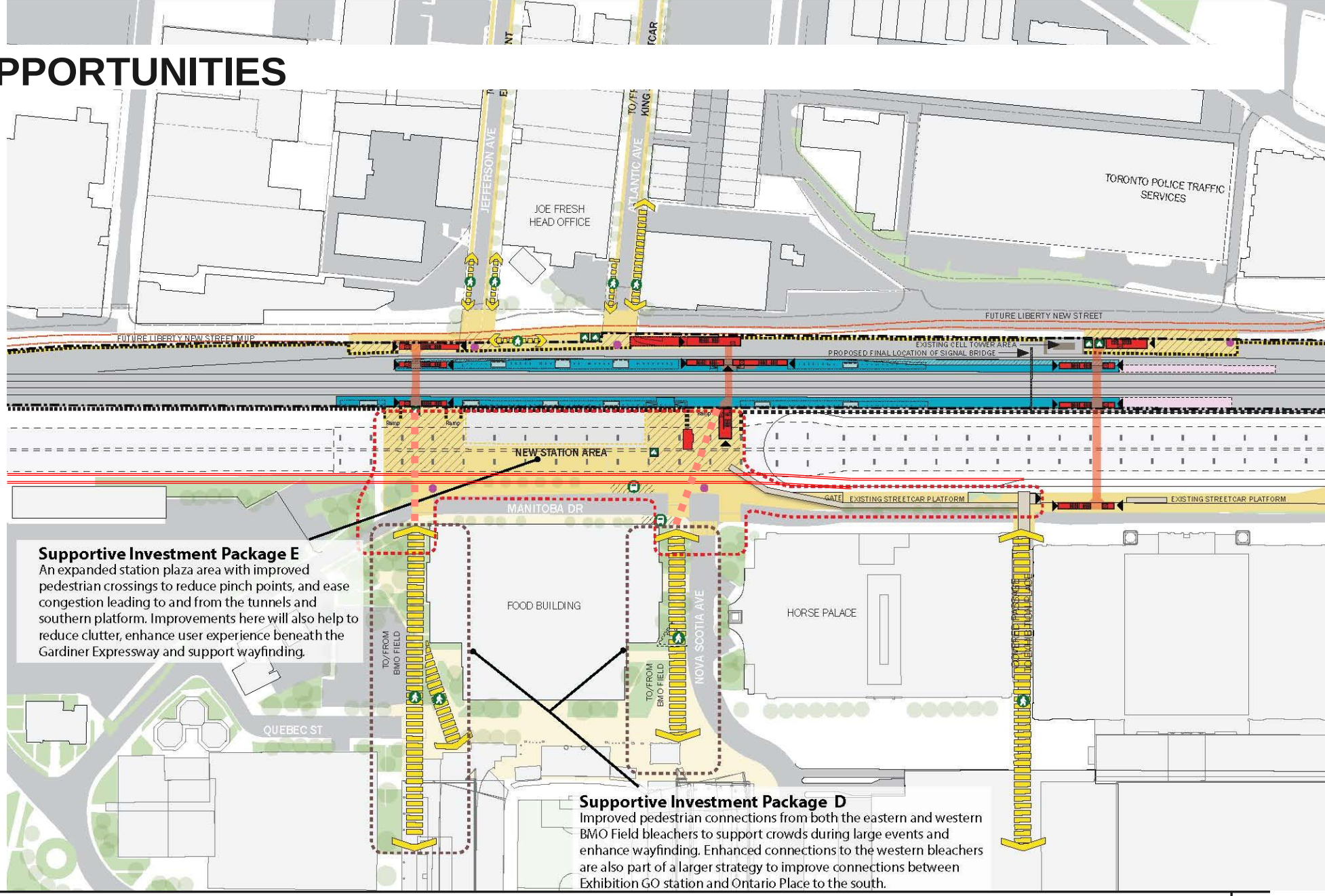
TTC streetcar extension interface (operational options, infrastructure/ design solutions, tunnel extensions)

Potential future east tunnel

Exhibition Place public realm

Exhibition Place tenant requirements

Atlantic/Jefferson public realm improvements



NEXT STEPS – PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

- Planning, design, and construction timing/phasing requires coordination between all parties; this is ongoing and in early stages
- Briefing local stakeholders (RAs, BIA, etc.) and elected officials (Jan./Feb.)
- Public Engagement:
  - Inaugural public meeting (March)
  - Public meeting #2: share preliminary designs for feedback (early May or late summer)
- Launch metrolinx.com/ExhibitionStation and ExhibitionStation@metrolinx.com to continue the conversation
  - Post the Functional Site Plan and Needs Assessment Report to the station site


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