What is a Preliminary Design Business Case (PDBC)?

A Business Case

- A Business Case is a comprehensive collection of evidence and analysis that sets out the rationale for why an investment should be implemented to solve a problem or address an opportunity
- Metrolinx uses a Standard Business Case process across all investments
- Business Cases provide evidence to decision-makers, stakeholders, and the public as part of evidence-based decision-making, and are used throughout a project's lifecycle
- Business Cases consider four cases – the Strategic Case, Economic Case, Financial Case, and Deliverability & Operations Case
- The Initial Business Case for Dundas BRT was completed in 2020, and analysed three different potential service options against the business-as-usual (do nothing) option. Initial Business Cases are typically used to secure funding from the Province for planning and preliminary design
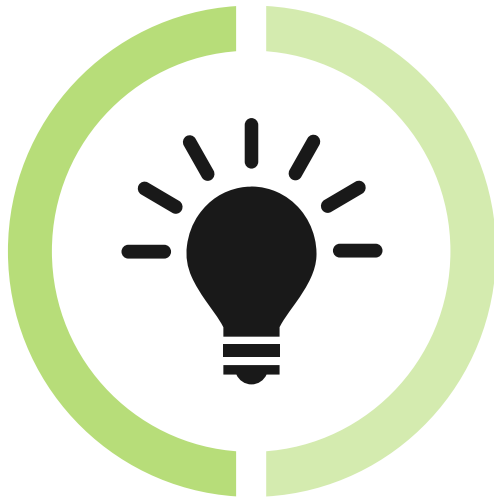
PDBC

- The PDBC will build upon the Dundas BRT Initial Business Case completed by Metrolinx in 2020
- PDBC are typically used to secure funding from the Province for procurement and construction
- The BRT corridor will be compared against a business-as-usual scenario (i.e., without the project). Special focus will be put towards a more detailed service plan and stop locations
- The PDBC will identify risks or barriers that may impact the project as well as infrastructure and policy measures which may support its implementation

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The PDBC will assess the Dundas BRT against its own set of evaluation criteria. The four criteria, also referred to as cases, are described below.

Strategic Case
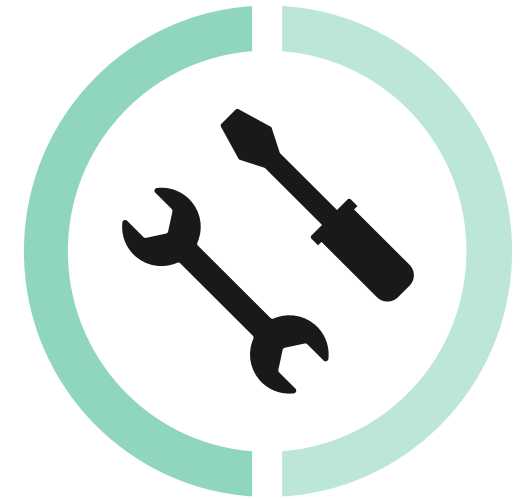How does the investment achieve strategic goals and objectives?

Economic Case
What is the investment's overall value to society?

Financial Case
What are the financial implications of delivering the investment?

Deliverability and Operations Case
What risks and requirements must be considered for delivering and operating the investment?

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