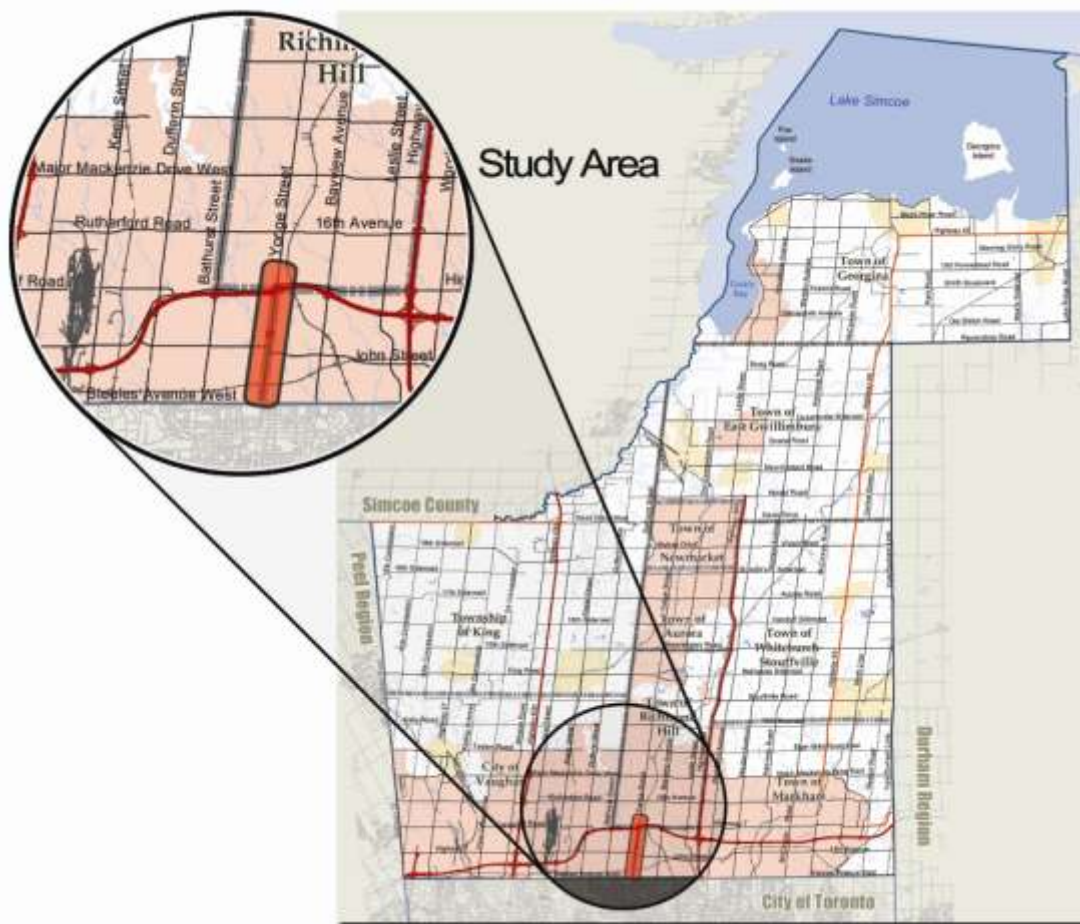


# **South Yonge Street Corridor Streetscape Master Plan**

Presentation to  
Town of Markham  
Development Services Committee

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March 22, 2011

# Regional Context



# Policy Context



- ❑ 3 Municipalities
- ❑ 6 Planning Policy and Infrastructure plans
- ❑ 17 Urban Design and Special Studies
- ❑ 7 Transportation Studies

# Collaborative Approach

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*“A **comprehensive and coordinated** streetscape plan for the Yonge St. corridor will play a key role in realizing the full potential of the proposed transit improvements and the enhancements to the quality of the urban context that will result. York Region, which has jurisdiction over the Yonge St. corridor... will play a key role in coordinating, directing and implementing a future **vision** for the Yonge St. streetscape.”*

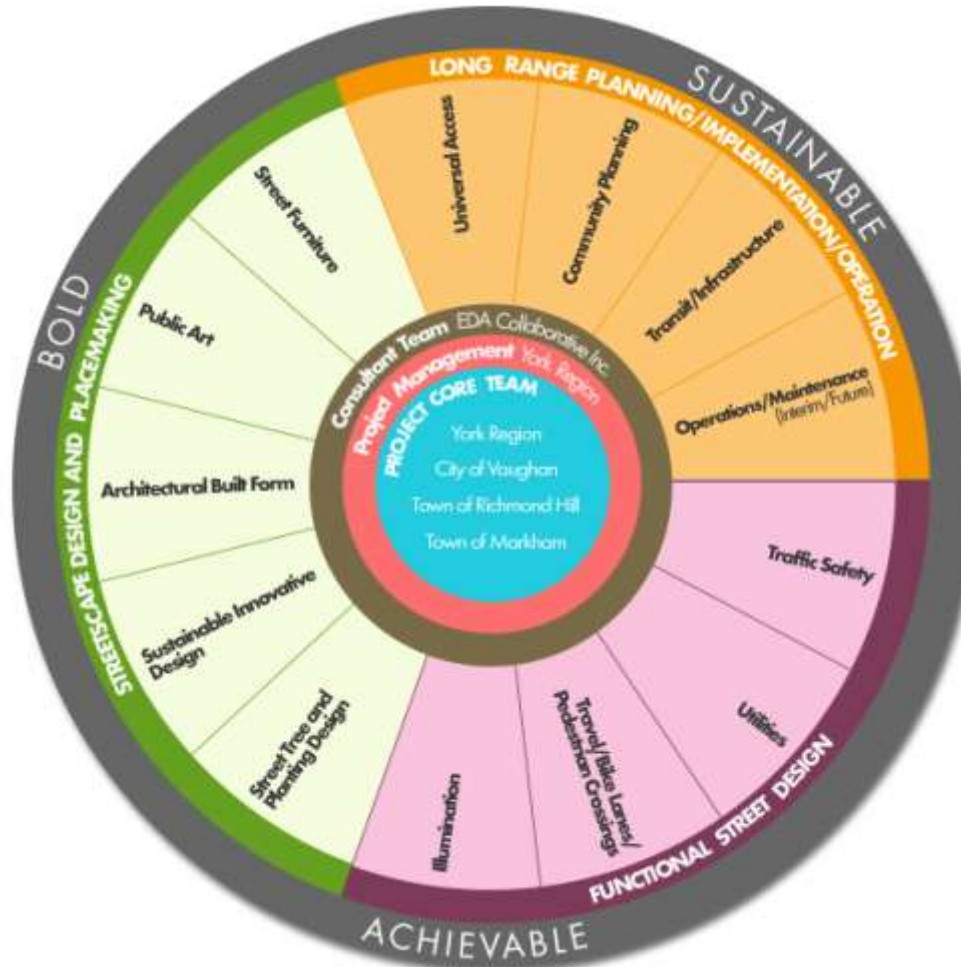
– Markham Council Resolution, Feb 2009

# Key Study Objectives

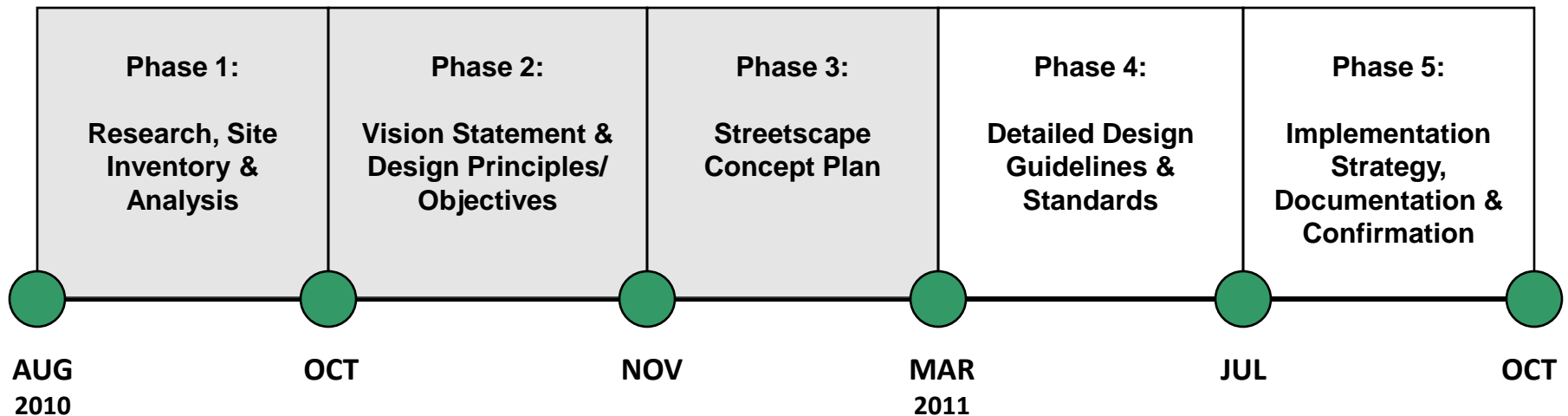
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- ❑ Establish a bold **Vision** for a pedestrian-friendly streetscape master plan to complement planned transit initiatives and inform future development along Yonge Street.
- ❑ Develop **Detailed Design Guidelines and Standards** that are sustainable and achievable.
- ❑ Develop an **Implementation and Phasing Strategy**.
- ❑ Provide a framework and **design direction** for Regional and local planning staff, and the development community.

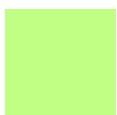
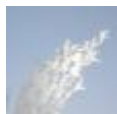
# Study Components



# Work Plan

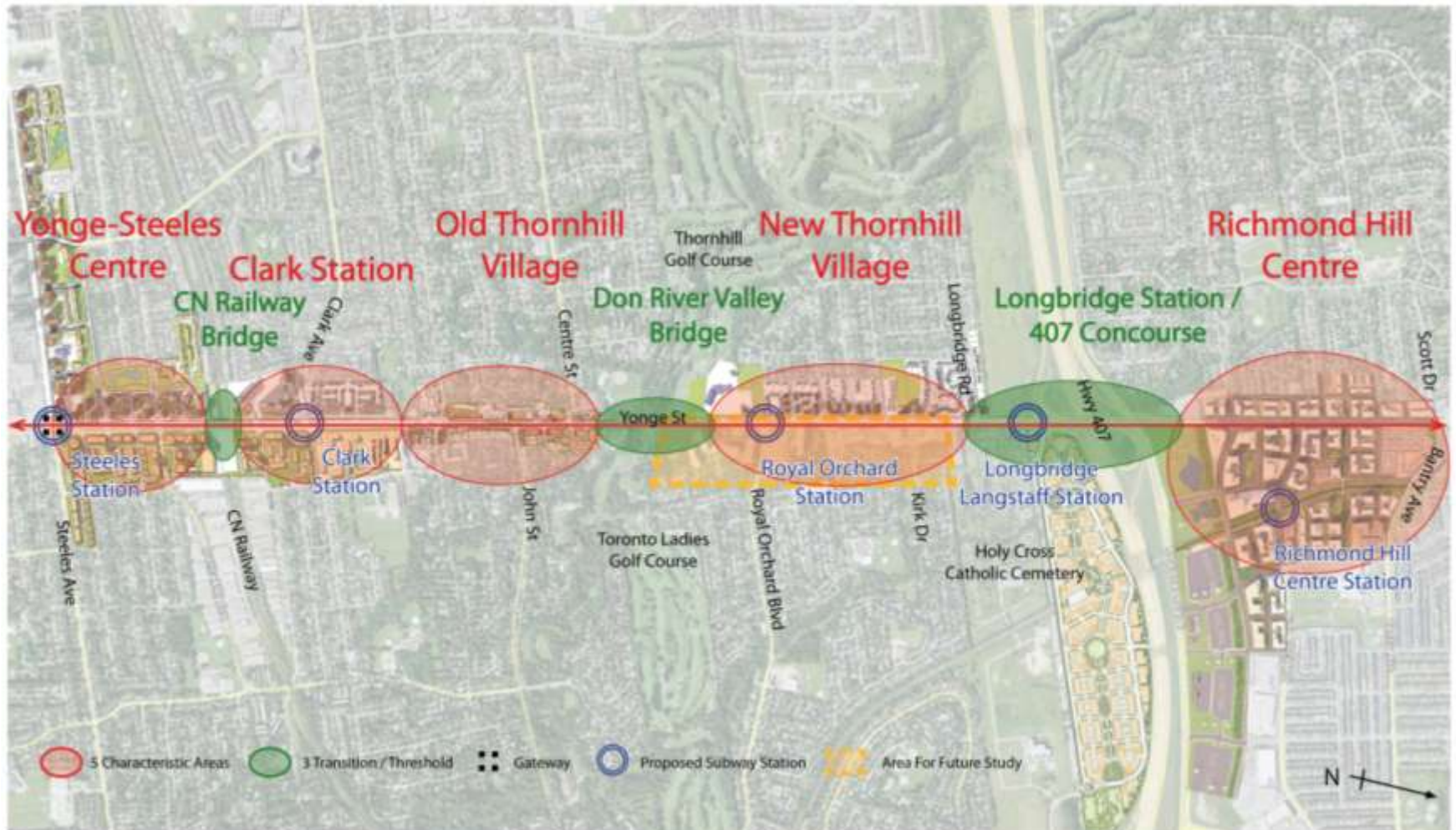


# Phase 1





# Overall Site Conditions





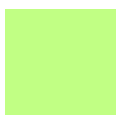
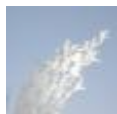
## Opportunities

- Bold, sustainable and achievable streetscape plan
- Advance implementation of planning / urban design visions
- Integrate TOD with multi-purpose streets
- Powerful and iconic gateway
- Consistent streetscape treatment
- Partnership opportunities

## Challenges

- Integration of subway development
- Transit development / interim streetscape condition
- Multi-jurisdictional study area

# Phase 2



- York Region
- City of Vaughan
- Town of Markham
- Town of Richmond Hill





## **Bold**

*Vibrant and Engaging*



## **Sustainable**

*Natural, Social and  
Economic Environment*



## **Achievable**

*Partnerships, Consistency,  
Supports Local Character*









# Fundamentals of Street Design

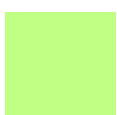
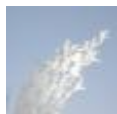








# Phase 3





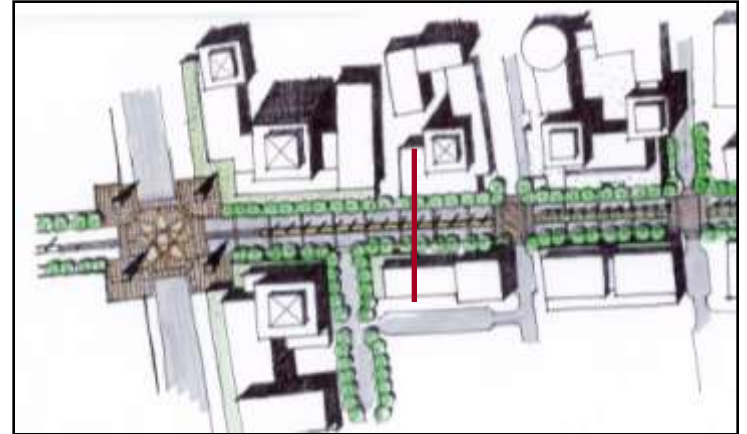
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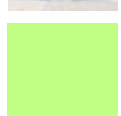
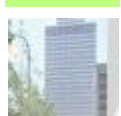
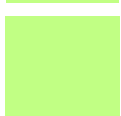
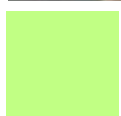
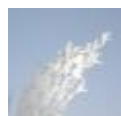
- York Region
- City of Vaughan
- Town of Markham
- Town of Richmond Hill
- City of Toronto, MTO, 407/ETR



## Yonge / Steeles District

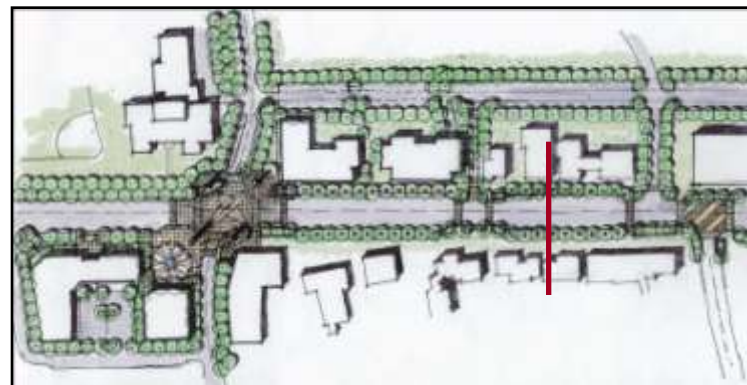
- Distinctive Urban Character
- 4 Corner Treatment
- Vibrant Streetscape and People Friendly Spaces





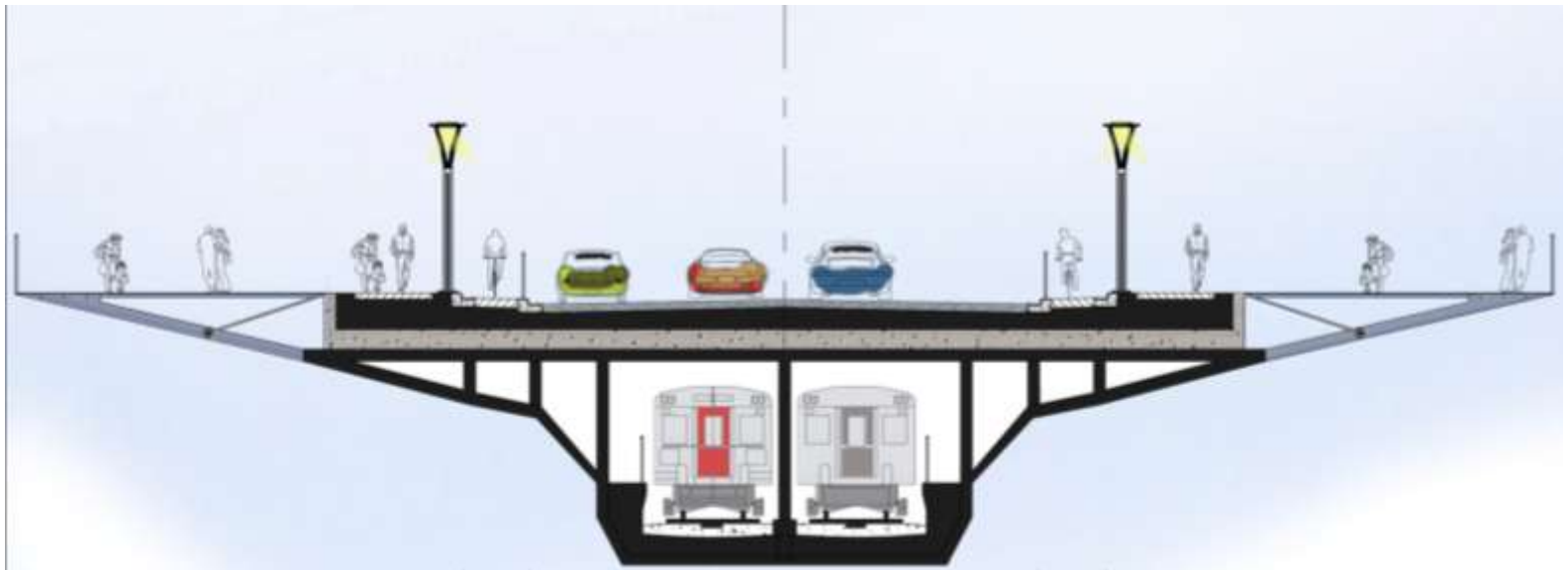
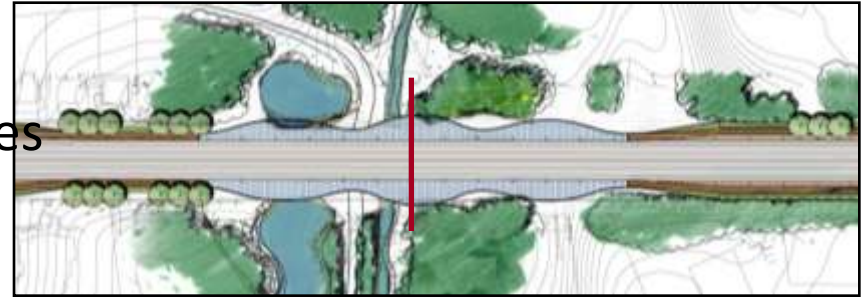
## Thornhill Village

- Heritage Community Character
- Streetscape as Integrator
- Old and New



## Don River Bridge

- Enhance Natural Valley Features
- Public Art as Infrastructure
- Pedestrian Connection and Viewing





## Highway 407 to Bantry

- Richmond Hill Centre/  
Langstaff UGC
- Transit Integration
- 407 - Hydro Art Park (Potential)
- Pedestrian and Open Space Connections





# Next Steps



## Phase 4:

### **Detailed Design Guidelines & Standards**

- Urban design guidelines – detailed level
- Urban design checklist – design criteria

## Phase 5:

### **Implementation Strategy, Documentation & Confirmation**

- Policy recommendations
- Implementation strategy
  - Options for project delivery
  - Capital and maintenance cost matrix
- Final draft
- **Public information session (Fall 2011)**
- Final presentation to Regional and Municipal Councils

# Questions?