

# Downtown Infrastructure Revitalization Program

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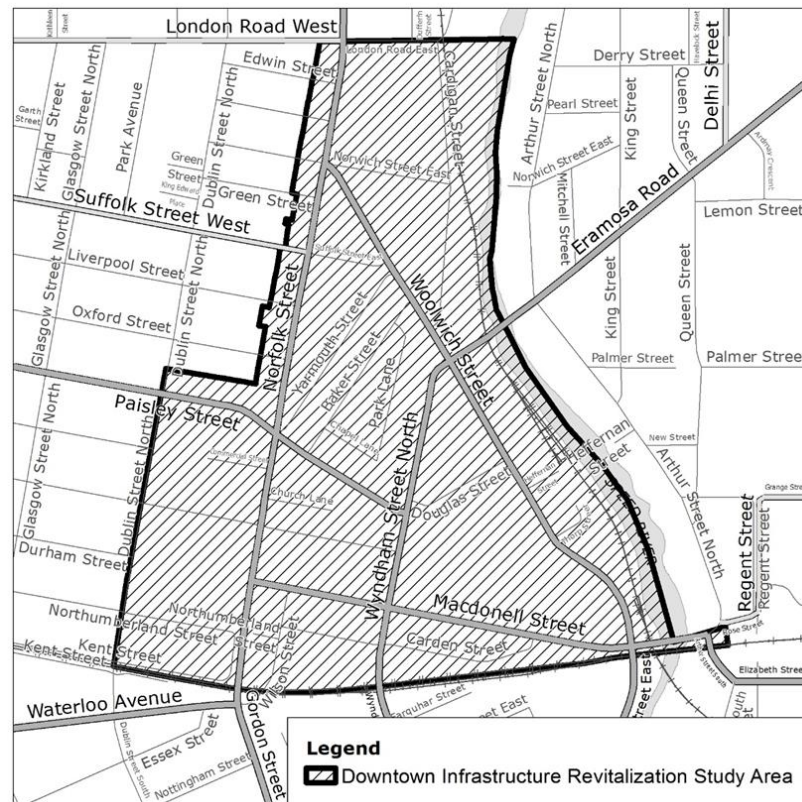
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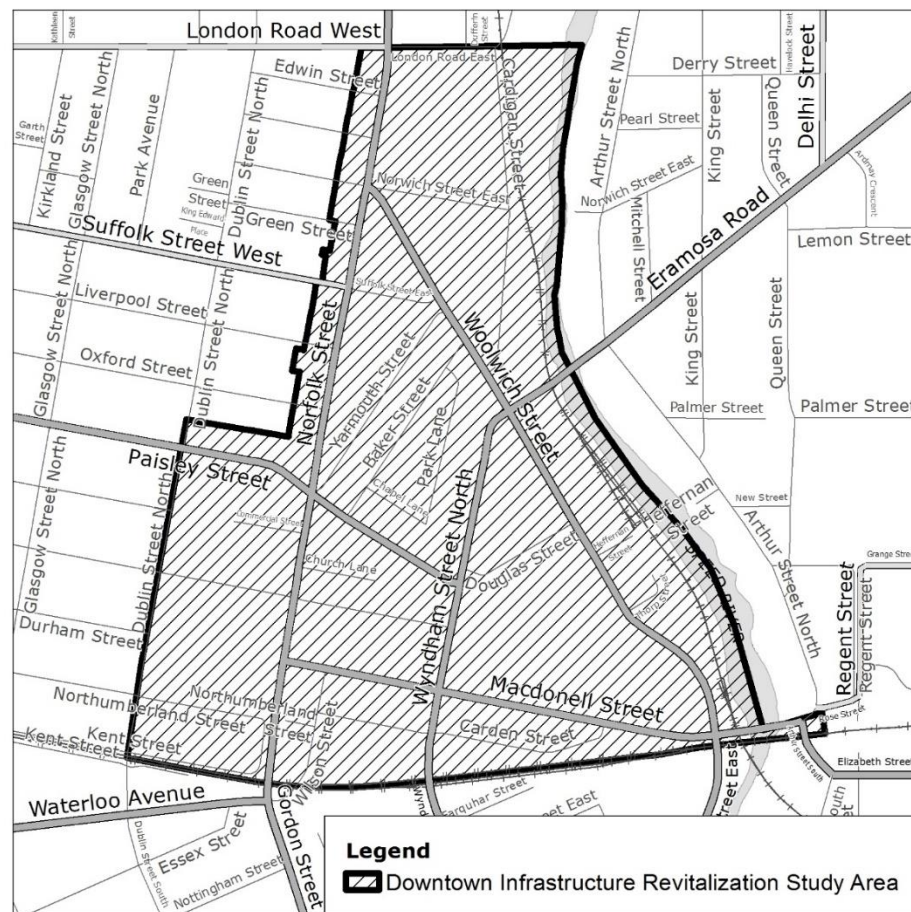
# Program Study Area and Goals

1. Improve critical road and underground infrastructure in Downtown Guelph to provide quality service and support the economic vitality of our city's core.
2. Engage and consult with the community on the scope, pace and look of the finished works.
3. Mitigate construction disturbance through proactive communication and best practice approaches.



# Primary Streets

- Quebec Street
- Wyndham Street
- Macdonell Street
- Woolwich Street
- Macdonell Bridge & Allan's Dam Structures
- Baker Street (started)



# Program Approach and Timeline

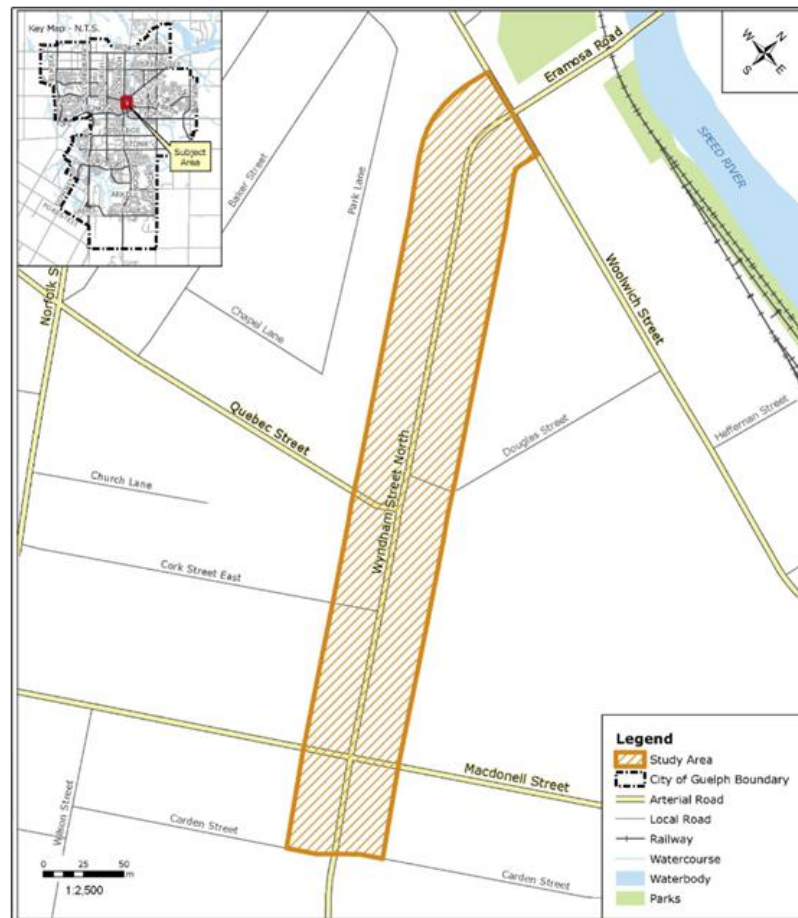
1. Preparation → 2020 (done)
2. Ongoing communications and community engagement → now until end of construction
3. Planning and research → started in 2021
4. Complete Capital Implementation Plan → 2024
5. Design → starting as soon as 2025
6. Construction → starting as soon as 2026 with utilities (gas, telecoms) likely beforehand

# Environmental Assessments

- Two EA's required and are underway
- Formalised provincial process for community consultation and evaluation of solutions for municipal projects
- Wyndham Street EA
  - Consideration of lane reduction along corridor and configuration of St. Georges Square
- Macdonell and Allan Structures EA
  - Two bridges and spillway structural needs
- Long list of options presented Nov 2022

# Wyndham Street Corridor – Options

1. Do Nothing
2. 2-Lanes
  - a. Shared Use
  - b. Buffered Bike Lanes
  - c. Cycle Track
3. 4-Lanes
4. Car-Free District





# Macdonell Bridge and Allan Structures EA – Study Area and Goals



# Streetscape

- 2014 Streetscape Manual adopted by Council outlined a vision
- Fall 2019 Council asked for Good, Better and Best costed Options
  - Good: current look and feel
  - Better: solution to improve look and feel but at lower cost
  - Best: 2014 Streetscape updated to current materials available and regulations



# Construction

- Noise, dust and traffic disruption is inevitable
- Mitigation measures
  - Specify limits on contractors work area, hours and strict noise and dust controls
  - Store access for pedestrians
  - Coordinate deliveries, etc.
- Enhanced communications and engagement
  - Regular updates
  - Webcam
  - Dedicated contact point (ambassador), etc.

# Next Steps

- Review the comments on the long list of EA options
- Consult with additional stakeholders and technical agencies.
- Develop short list of options for public comment in Q2/Q3 2023
- Continue to gather background information and develop technical information for the Capital Implementation Plan
- Continue community consultation and engagement

# Questions and Discussion

