

# Islington Station Easier Access and Redevelopment Project

Community Update 2

April 2024



#### Status of Easier Access Phase III Program

- The Easier Access Phase III program will include new elevators, accessible doors, updated signage and wayfinding at all subway stations.
- 54 stations are now accessible. 15 stations are under construction:
  - Donlands, College, Greenwood, Castle Frank, Christie, Summerhill, Spadina, Lawrence, King, High Park, Rosedale, Glencairn, Museum, Warden and Islington.
- The redevelopment project for Islington Station is included in the Easier Access Phase III Program scope. Two major elements are projected for completion by Q1 2026 to achieve the TTC's barrier-free accessible mandate at the Station.
- Staff presented an update to the current Easier Access Phase III program schedule at the September 26, 2023 Board meeting, noting the acceleration efforts currently underway and progress made.



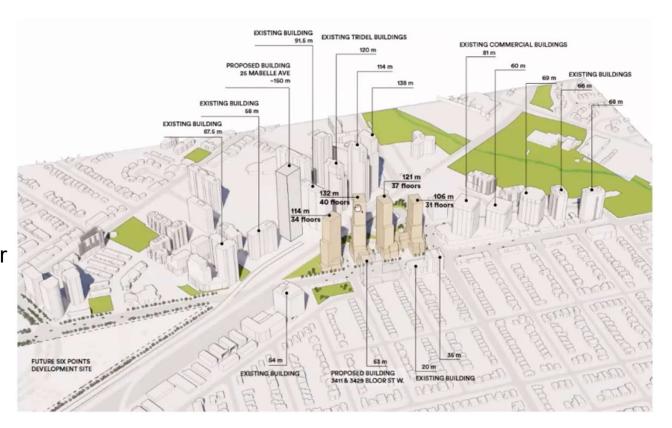
### Islington Station – Easier Access Phase III and Redevelopment Overview

- Redevelopment of Islington Station:
  - Construction of a new Bus Terminal to accommodate five bus bays. One bus bay designated as a Wheel-Trans stop.
  - New underground Bus Terminal Tunnel Link with public and non-public areas, and retail spaces, for connection between new Bus Terminal and existing subway concourse via one elevator, set of escalators and staircases.
  - New West Entrance at Islington Avenue/Aberfoyle Crescent with ramps for barrier-free accessibility to existing subway concourse level.
  - Improve streetscape in collaboration with the City of Toronto and CreateTO by integrating urban design elements and Public Art throughout the project.
- Improvements to the existing Station:
  - One (1) elevator will be installed providing a barrier free path from the existing subway concourse level to the platform level.
  - Selective repairs to finishes and wayfinding tiles throughout the Station.



#### Site Redevelopment – Engagement with CreateTO

- In 2021, MiWay relocated bus service from Islington Station to the new Kipling Station Transit Hub.
  - MiWay now operates one route via on-street stops outside of Islington Station.
- With Islington's vast space for buses unused, CreateTO has identified this land as an area for redevelopment, including for significant net-new affordable housing units.
- Technical review of CreateTO's development is ongoing.





## Islington Station – Redevelopment Impact and Mitigation

- Staging of material and equipment is centered around two specific areas beginning in Q3 2023.
  - Subway Station Concourse Level and electrical rooms.
  - Vacant lot south of West Commuter Lot.
- Station planned to be closed and bypassed for identified weekends 2024 and 2025.
  - Dates to be shared with community and Councillor in advance of closures, following contract tender.
  - Shuttle buses will be deployed during closure, and access to buses will not be disrupted.
- Majority of work occurring within the station between 2023 2026
  - Wayfinding signage to be posted throughout.

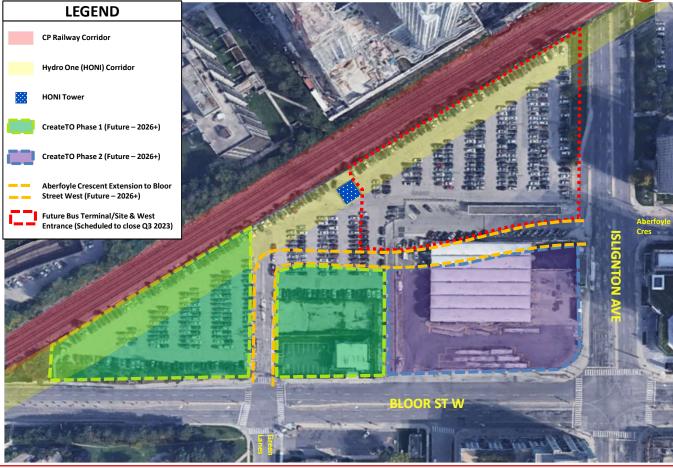


## Islington Station – Redevelopment Impact and Mitigation (Continued)

- West Commuter Lot will be partially shut down permanently beginning Q3 2023 for construction and associated staging activities of the new Bus Terminal.
- The 534 total parking spots will be permanently reduced to 316 spots for this construction.
  - Notice will be provided to surrounding community and parking users via signage and flyer drops in advance.
  - West Commuter Lot will be completely shut down in the future for the upcoming CreateTO residential development. Technical review of CreateTO's development is on-going. Work is unlikely to occur alongside TTC construction.

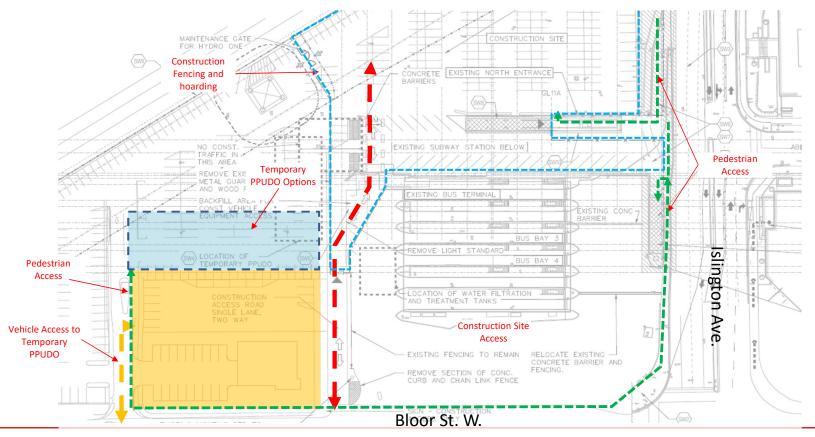


Islington Station: Future Site & Surroundings



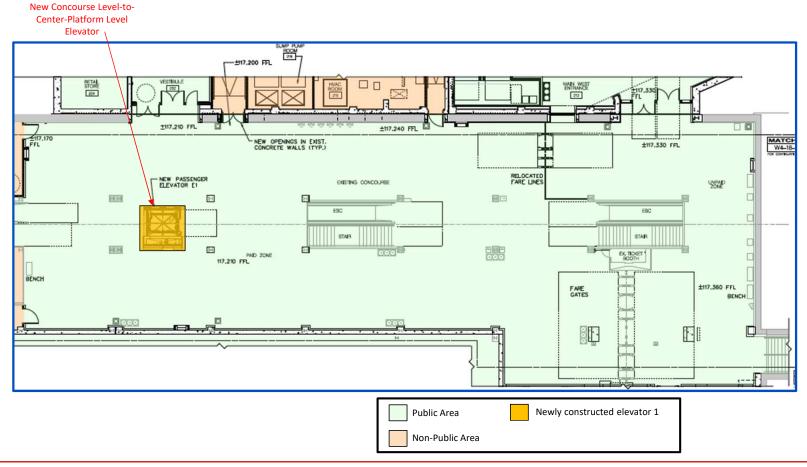


### **Islington Station: Temporary PPUDO and Construction Site Access**



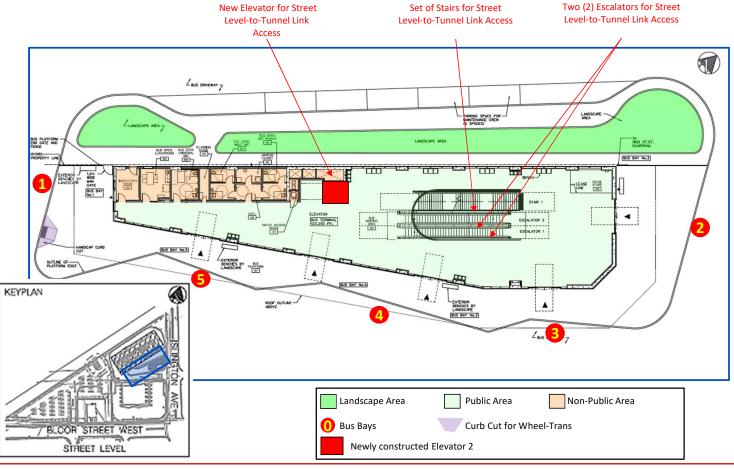


#### Islington Station – Subway Station Concourse Level





#### Islington Station - New bus Terminal - Ground Level





### Islington Station - Redevelopment Rendering

Exterior view of new Bus Terminal looking west

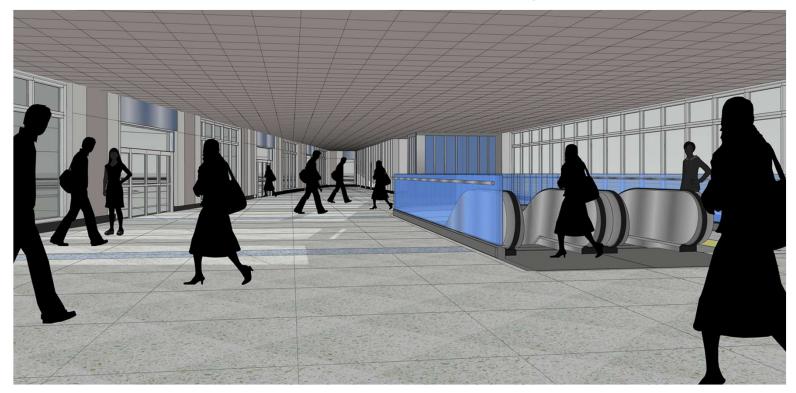


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### Islington Station - Redevelopment Rendering

Interior view of new Bus Terminal looking west

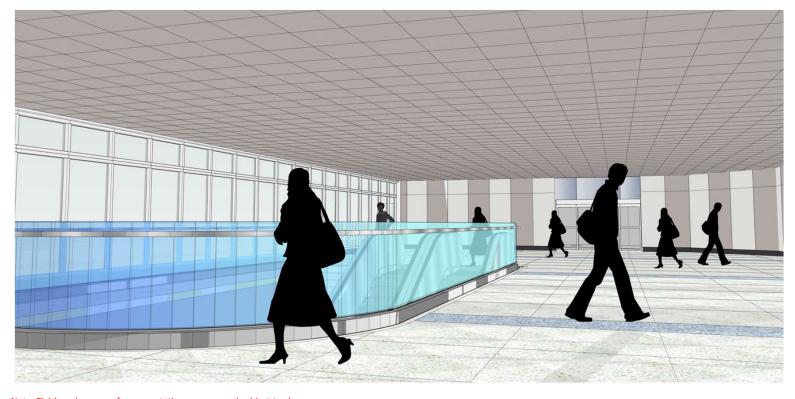


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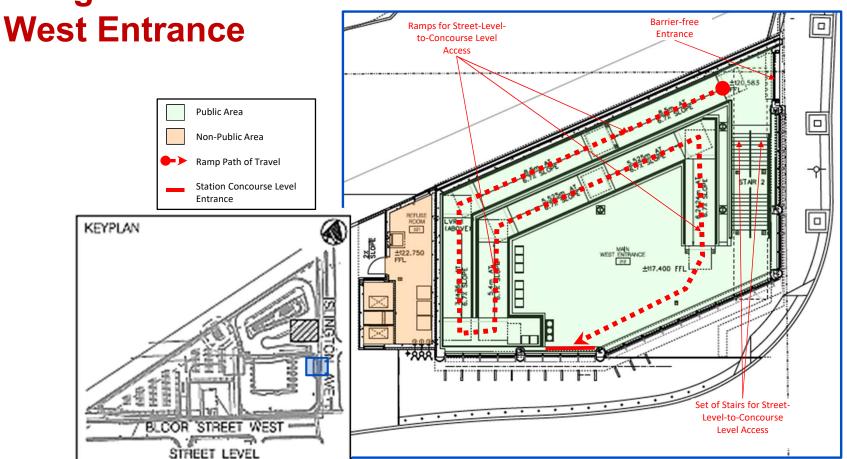
Interior view of new Bus Terminal looking east



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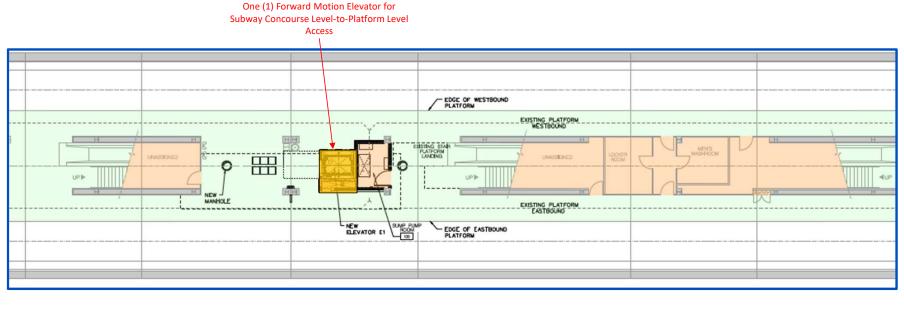


Islington Station – Barrier-Free Accessible Path – New





#### Islington Station – Accessible Path – Platform Level







#### **Project Schedule**

- Q2 2023 Contract awarded and construction begins to mobilize
- Q2 2023 Community mail-out and opportunity to coordinate a community meeting alongside local Council office
- Q3 2023 New Temporary Passenger Pick-up Drop-off opens at Islington Station
- Q1 2026 Scheduled completion of New West Entrance and existing subway Concourse
  Level-to-Platform Level elevator begins service to achieve barrier-free accessibility
  mandate for the Station).
- Q2 2027 Station Redevelopment complete with a new permanent accessible Bus Terminal in service



#### **Contact**

- Regular updates to Councillor Morley
- Email updates provided to all local subscribers

#### **Questions**:

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