

# TORONTO TRANSIT COMMISSION REPORT NO.

**MEETING DATE:** May 28, 2014

**SUBJECT:** DUPONT STATION  
EASIER ACCESS PHASE III - CONTRACT A45-13  
PROJECT UPDATE

## **INFORMATION ITEM**

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### **RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the Board receive this report for information.

### **FUNDING**

The recommendation of this report does not have any financial impact. Funding in the amount of \$21M is included in the approved Easier Access Phase III project for improvements at Dupont Station.

### **BACKGROUND**

The Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA) requires that the TTC be accessible to people with all levels of mobility by 2025. Through the TTC's Easier Access Program, all 69 stations along the TTC Subway and RT system should be made fully accessible by that time subject to full funding. To date, 32 have been completed and construction is ongoing or about to begin at: Dufferin, Lawrence West, St Clair West, Ossington, Coxwell and Woodbine Stations. Construction of the elevators at Dupont Station is scheduled to begin in 2015 and be completed by the end of 2017.

### **DISCUSSION**

TTC has completed the conceptual plan for Dupont Station elevators to access the northbound and southbound platforms, the concourse level and street level. The elevator from street level to concourse is located in front of the station entrance on the southeast corner of the Spadina and Dupont intersection beside a northbound bus stop. The key benefits of this location for the surface elevator include:

- good visibility and security at both street and concourse levels,
- endorsed by the Advisory Committee on Accessible Transit (ACAT), and
- supported by a Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) review.

Another location, at the northwest corner was also considered but was determined to be more difficult, longer duration to construct and more costly (estimated at more than \$2M more than the southeast corner).

### **PUBLIC CONSULTATION**

The Dupont Easier Access project was presented to the community at an Open House (presentation boards attached), held on April 1, 2014, at the City of Toronto Archives just north of the station. Approximately 21 people attended the Open House, including two ACAT representatives.

Attendees were able to discuss the project with TTC and City Planning staff. Both elevator locations were included in the Community Consultation Open House. The majority of attendees to the Open House indicated their preference for the street level to concourse level elevator on the southeast corner.

Staff also presented the project to residents at the Annex Retirement Residence. Residents indicated strong support for the Easier Access project.

### **JUSTIFICATION**

The Dupont Station Easier Access project, with the street level elevator on the southeast corner of Spadina Road and Dupont Street, will provide a barrier free access to the station.

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Attachments: 1 Dupont Station Easier Access Project – Public Open House Display Boards  
[http://www.ttc.ca/About\\_the\\_TTC/Projects/Station\\_Improvements/Dupont\\_Station/index.jsp](http://www.ttc.ca/About_the_TTC/Projects/Station_Improvements/Dupont_Station/index.jsp)

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# **Easier Access Project Dupont Station**

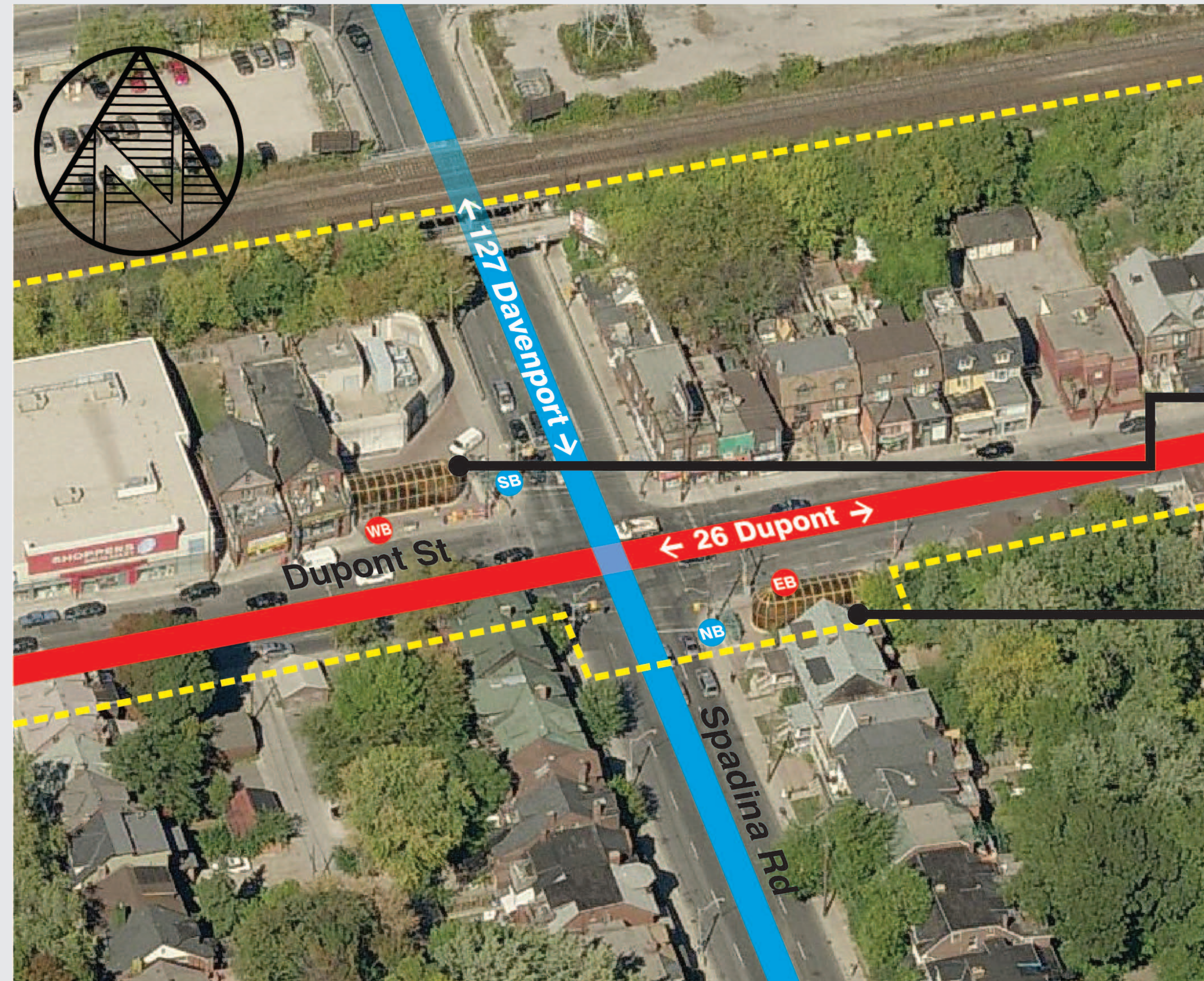
**Public Open House  
Tuesday April 1, 2014**



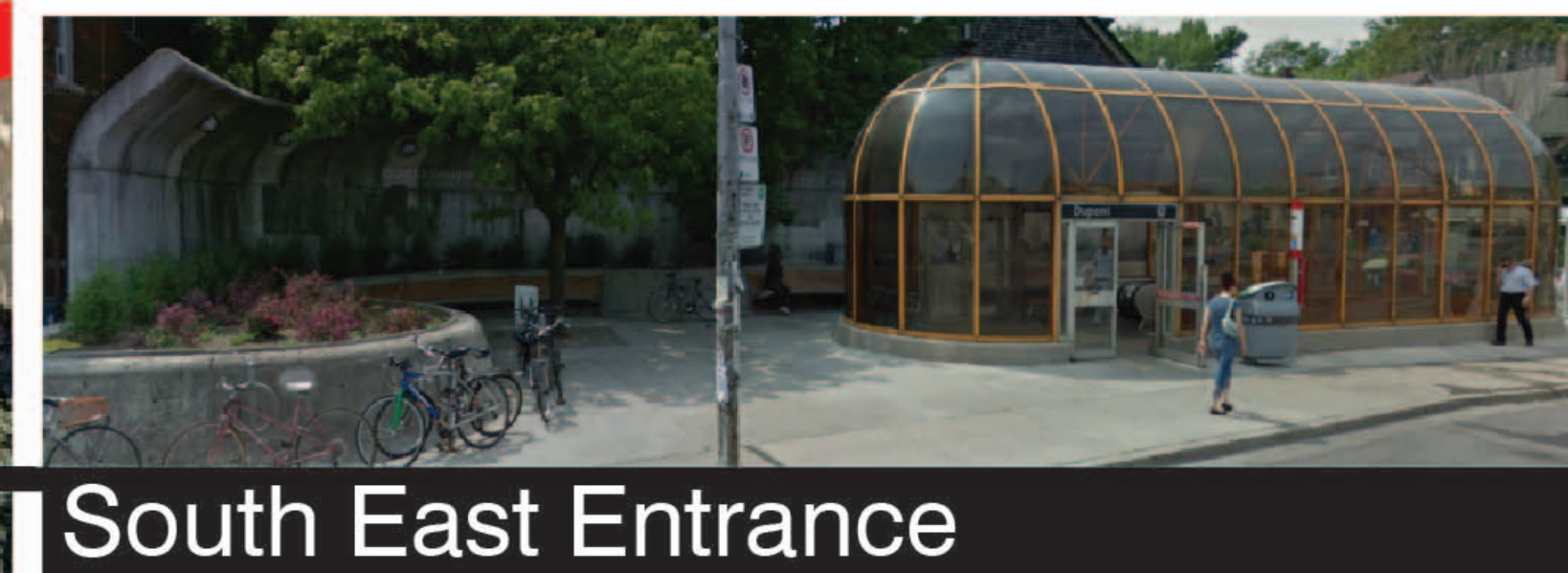


# Context Map

## Dupont Station



North West Entrance



South East Entrance

 Dupont by the Castle Business Improvement Area

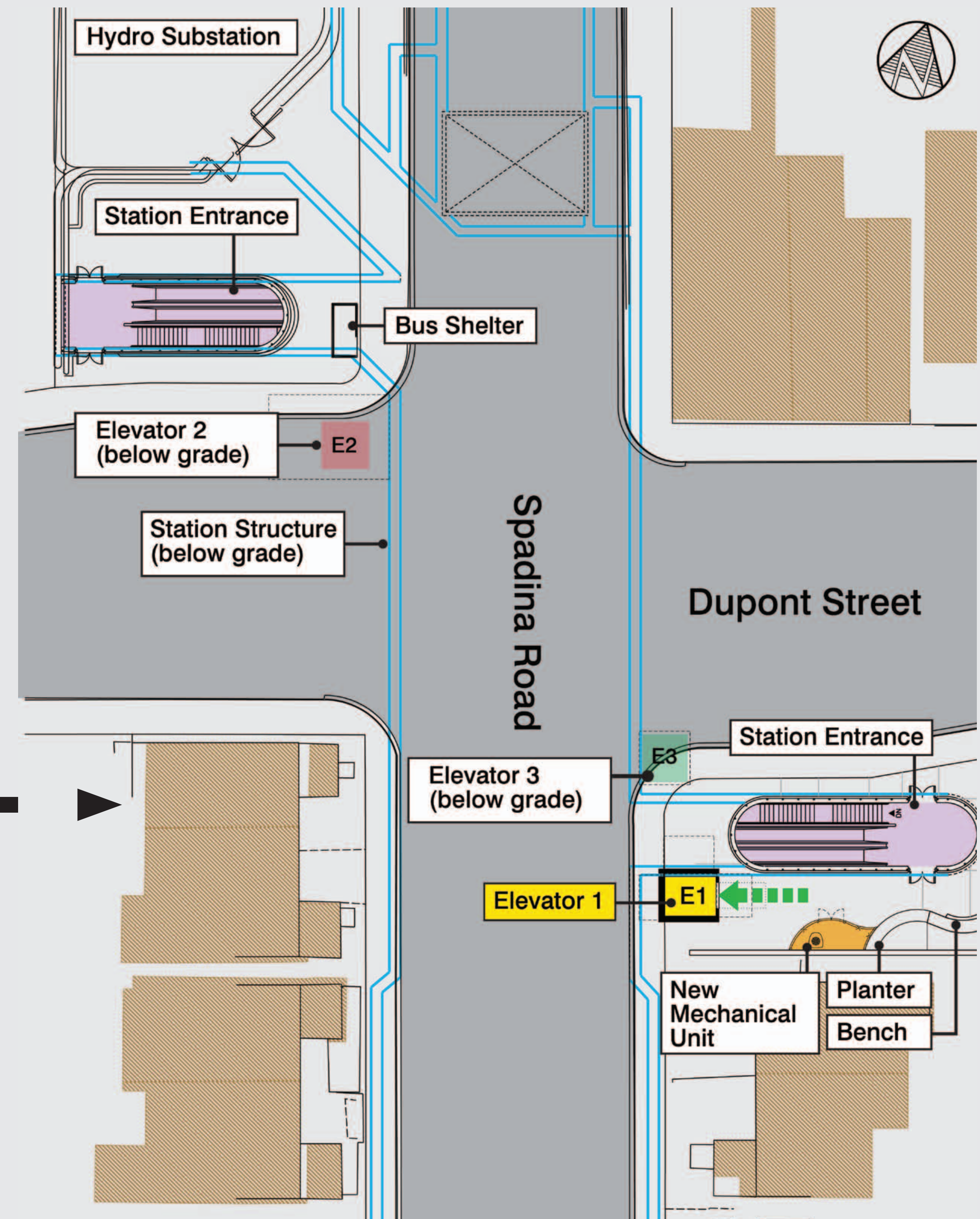
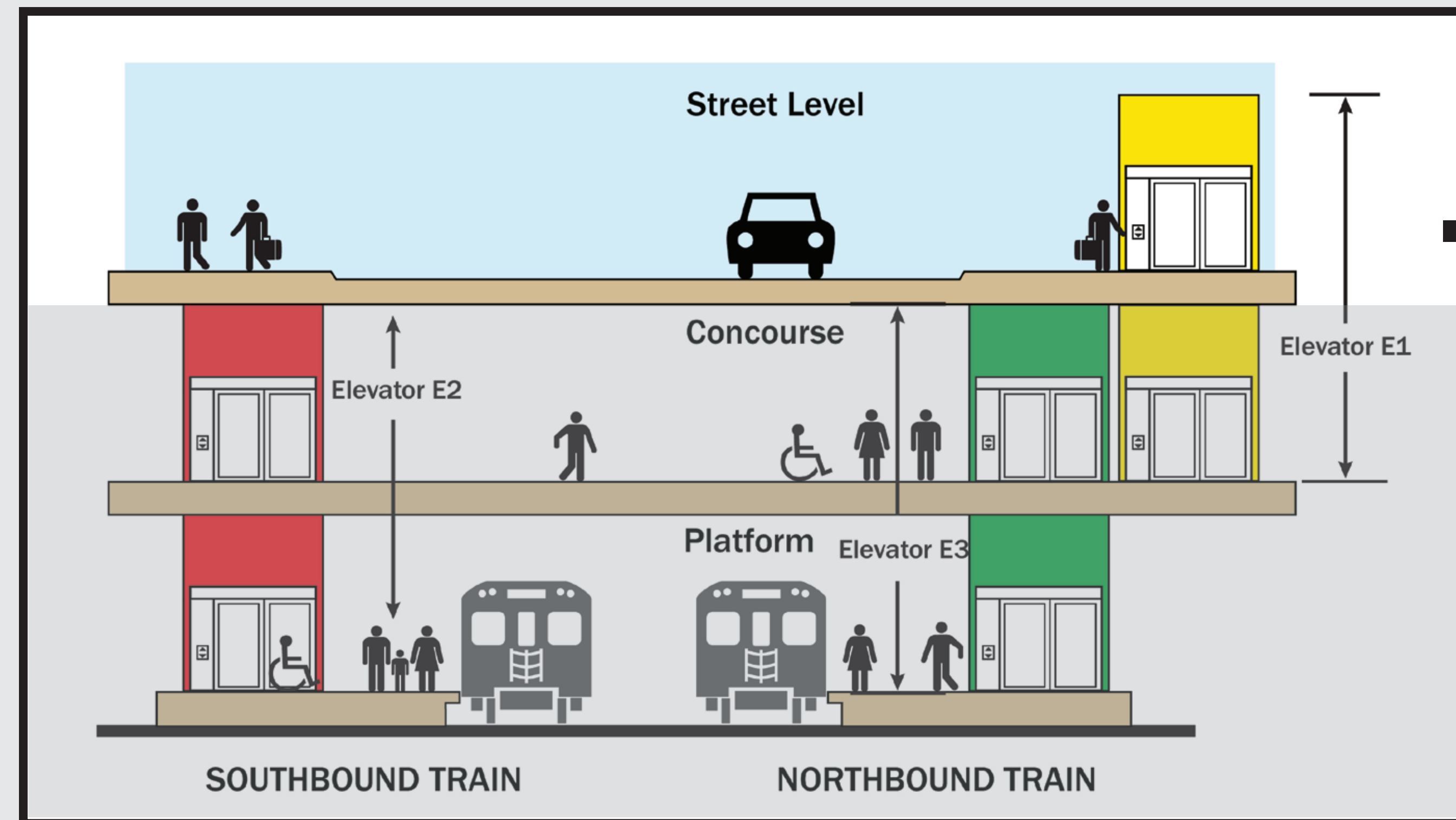




# Dupont Station Elevator Plan

## Street level – Southeast corner

- Good visibility
- Bus shelter incorporated into design
- Partial removal of planter for mechanical space
- ACAT endorsed
- Supported by Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) review



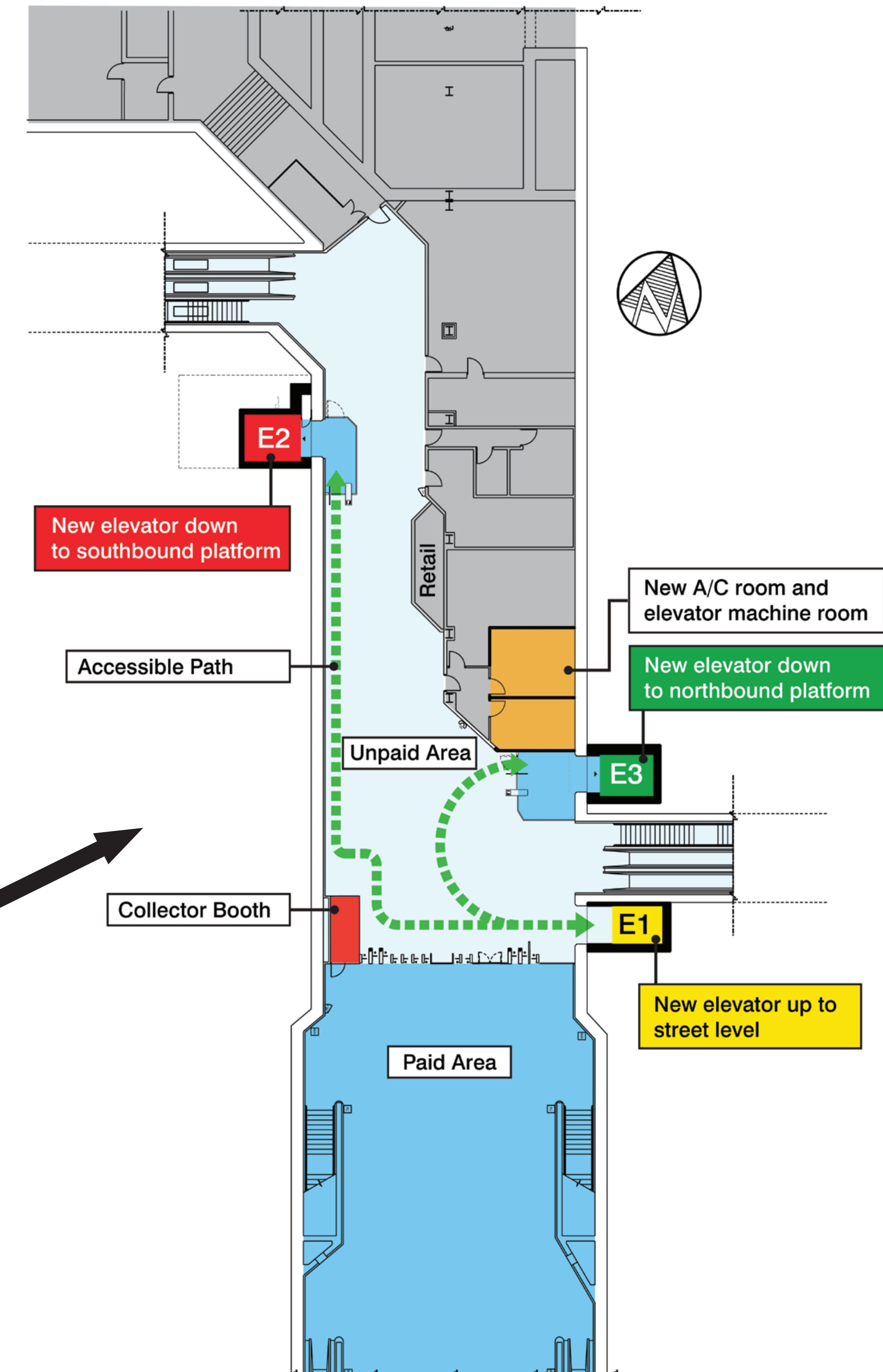
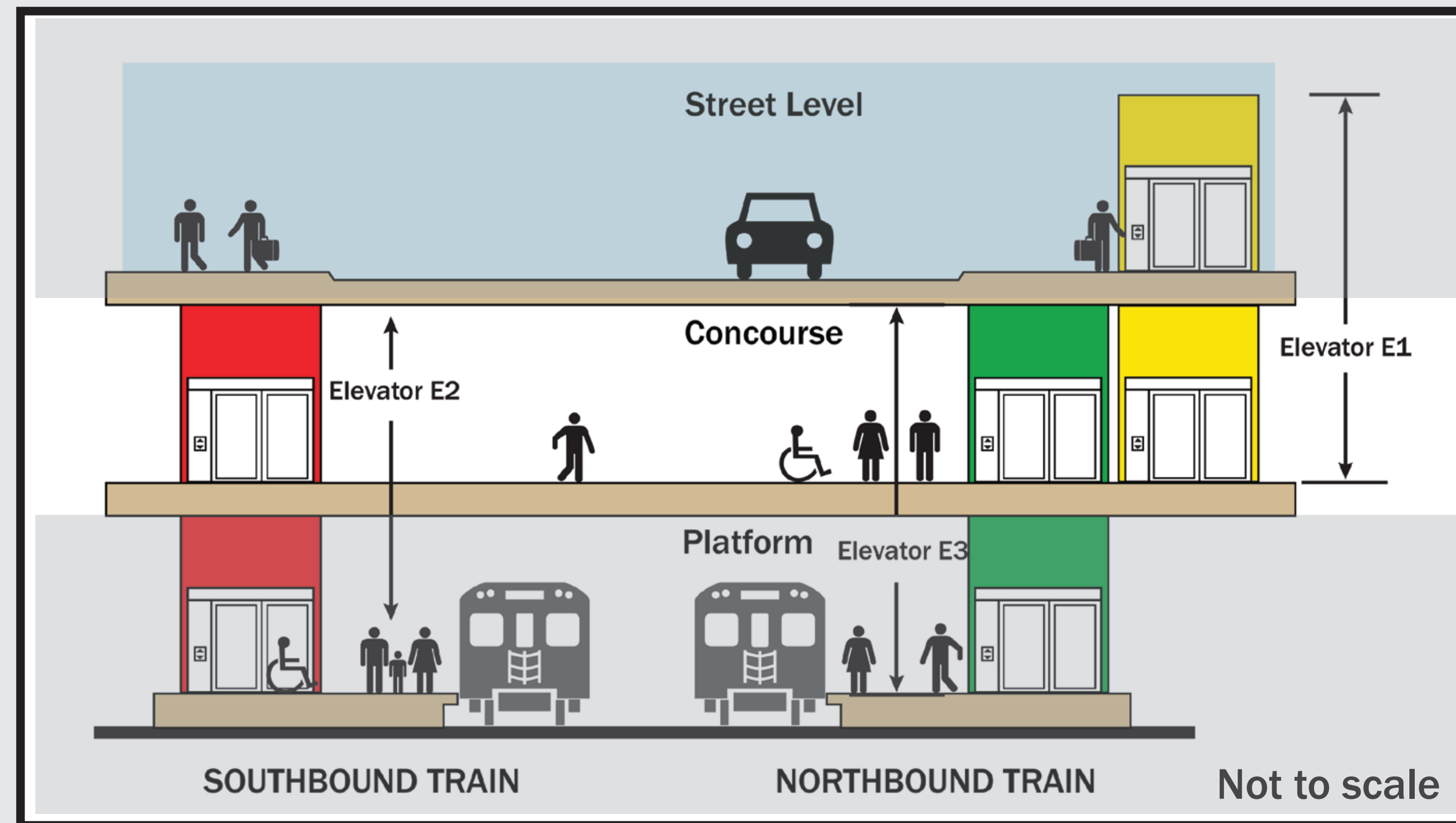




# Dupont Station Elevator Plan

## Concourse Level – Southeast Corner

- Good visibility from Collector Booth to all elevators
- Minor modification to Concourse layout
- Removal of unused Collector Booth
- ACAT endorsed
- Supported by Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) review

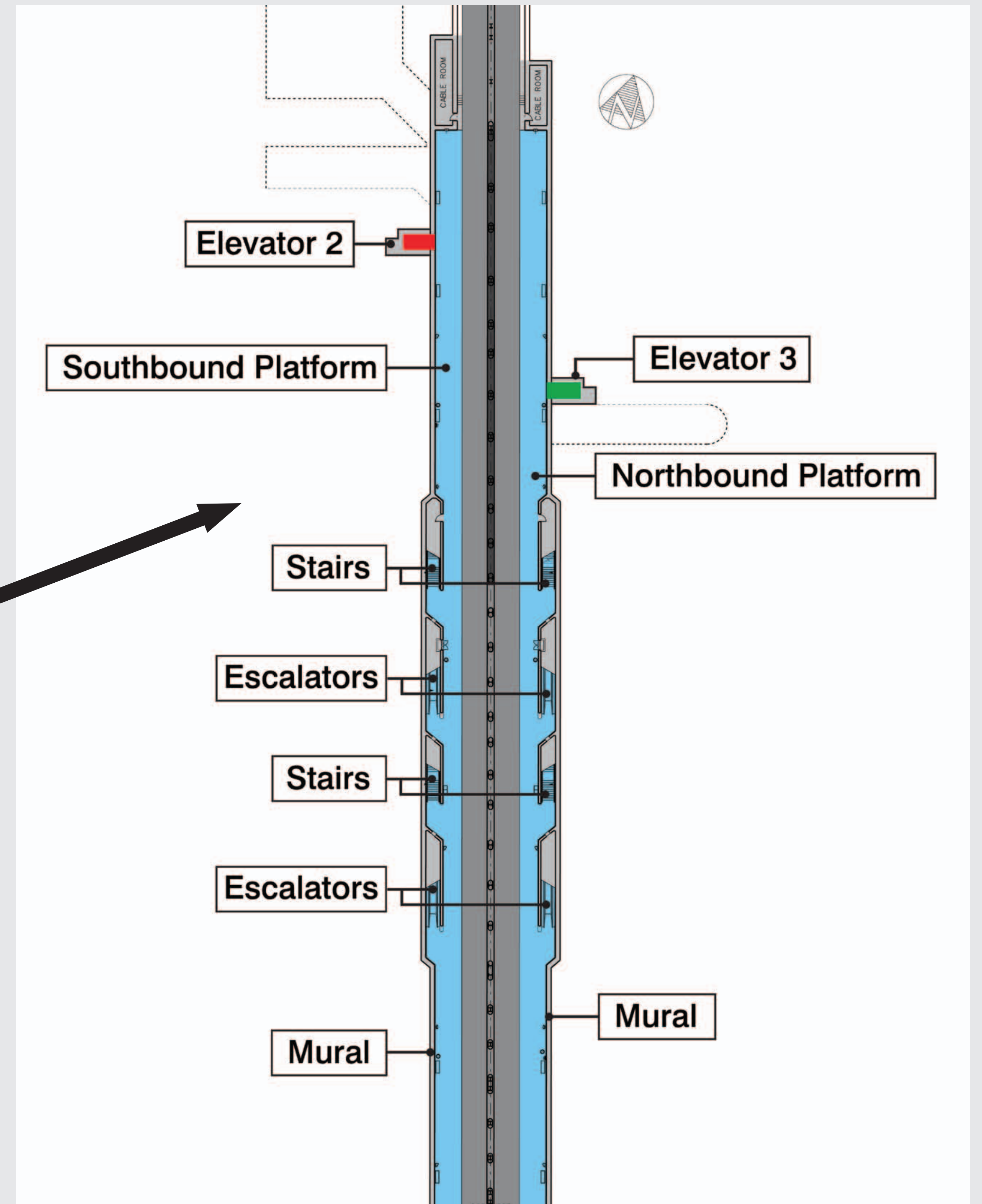
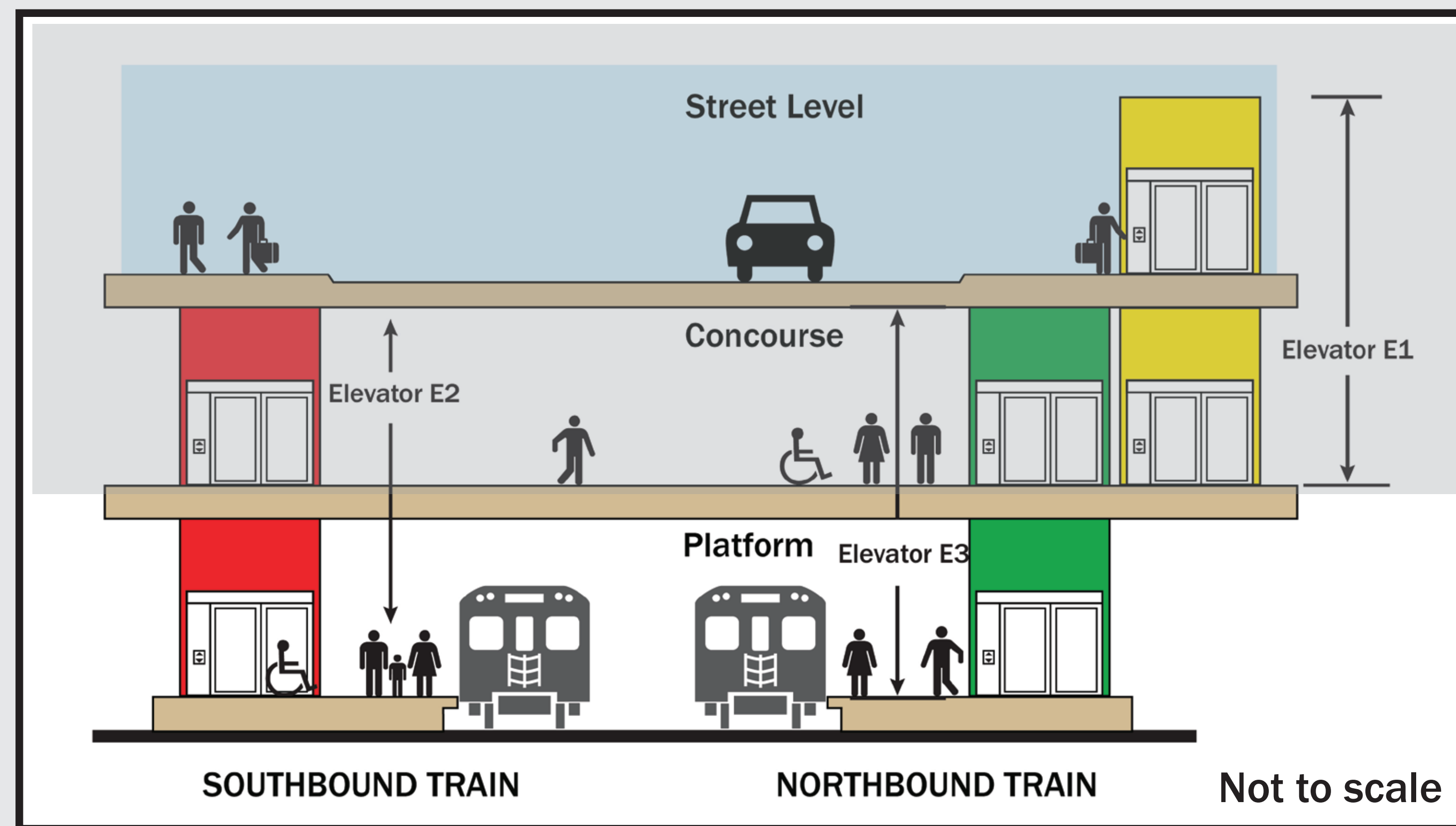




# Dupont Station Elevator Plan

## Platform level

- No impact to public art



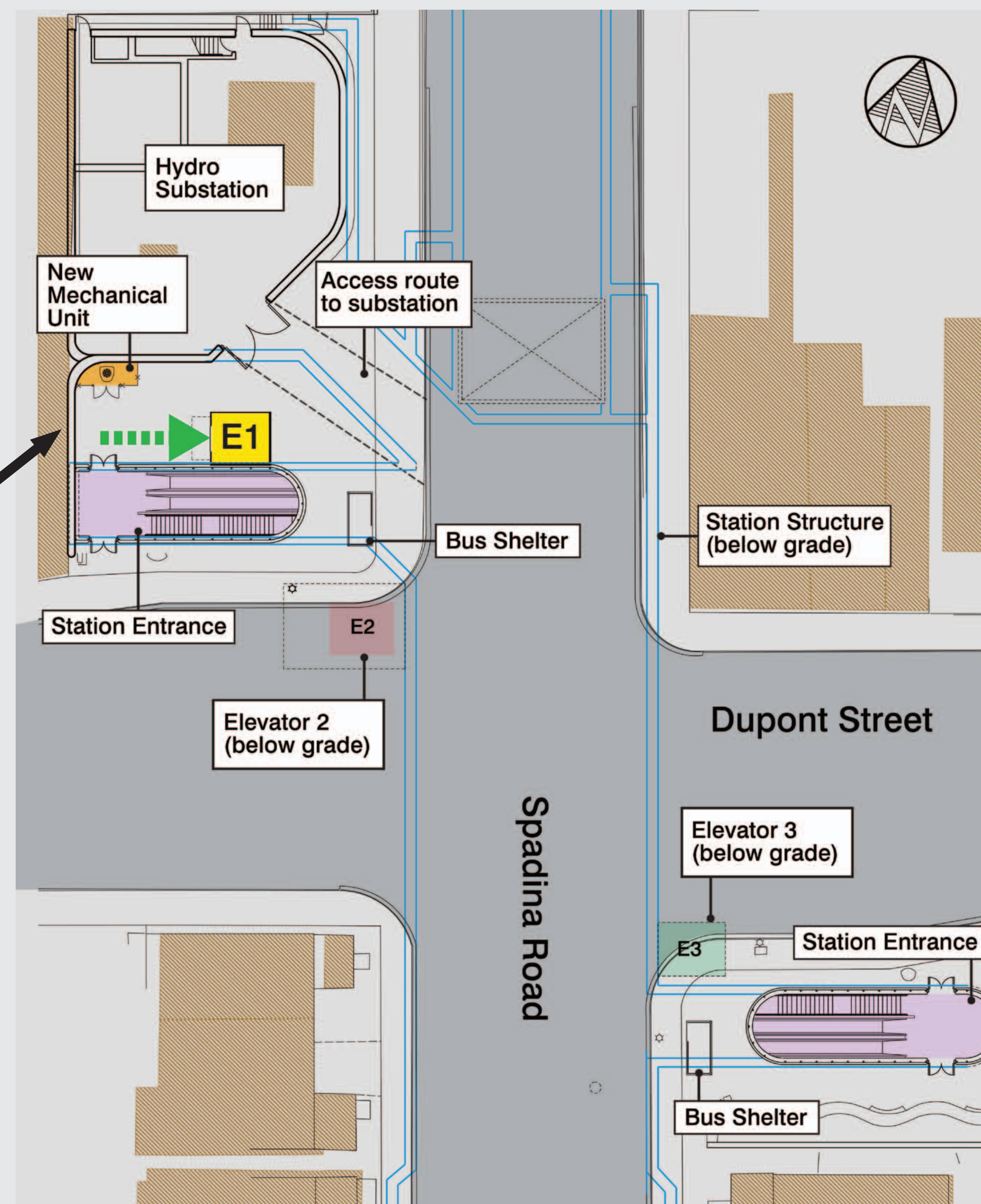
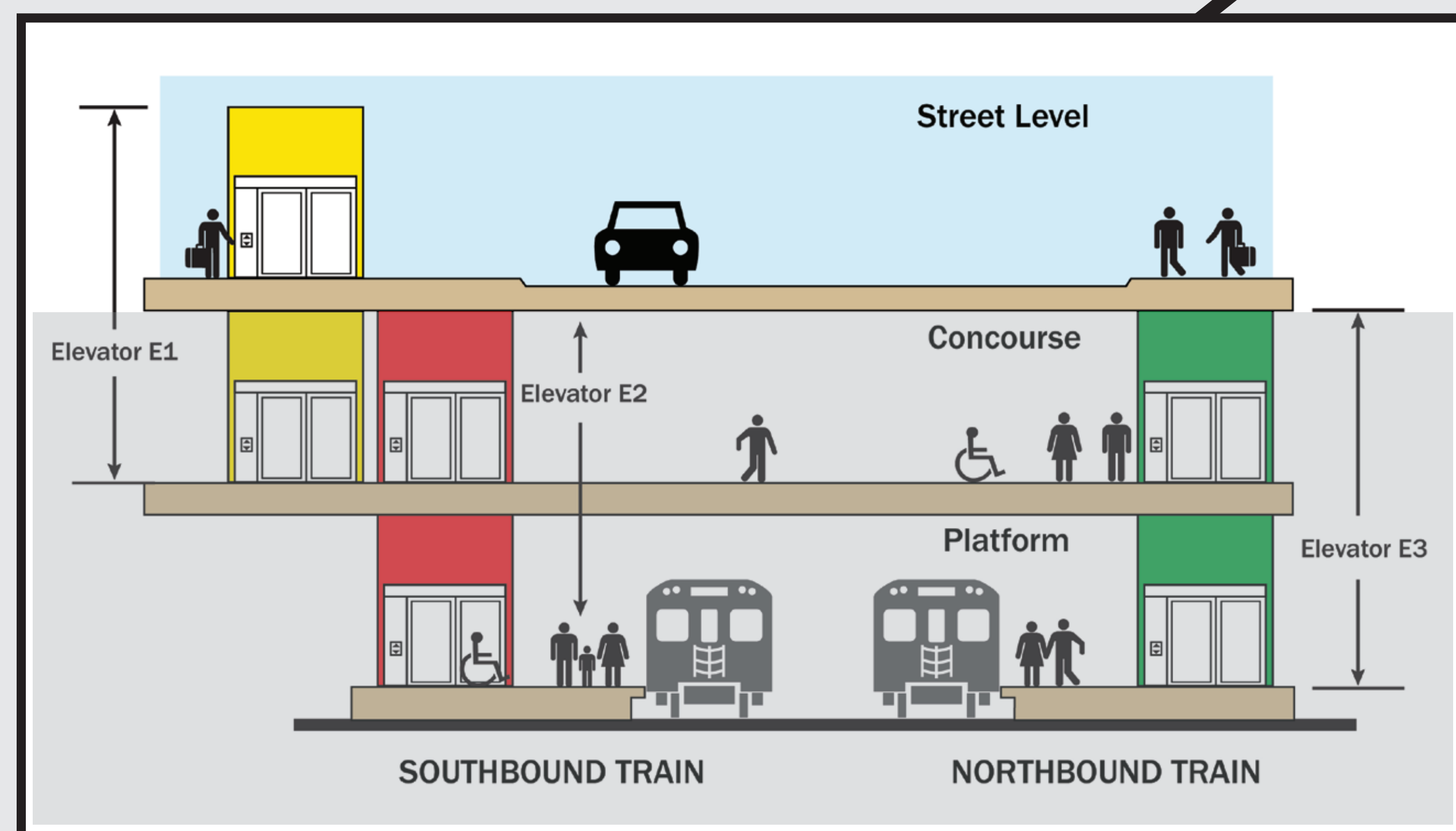




# Other Location Considered

## Street Level – Northwest Corner

- Reduced visibility
- Blocks access to TTC Hydro Substation during construction
- Increase in security features needed
- Higher construction costs
- Longer construction schedule
- Less visual impact to existing built form and architectural context



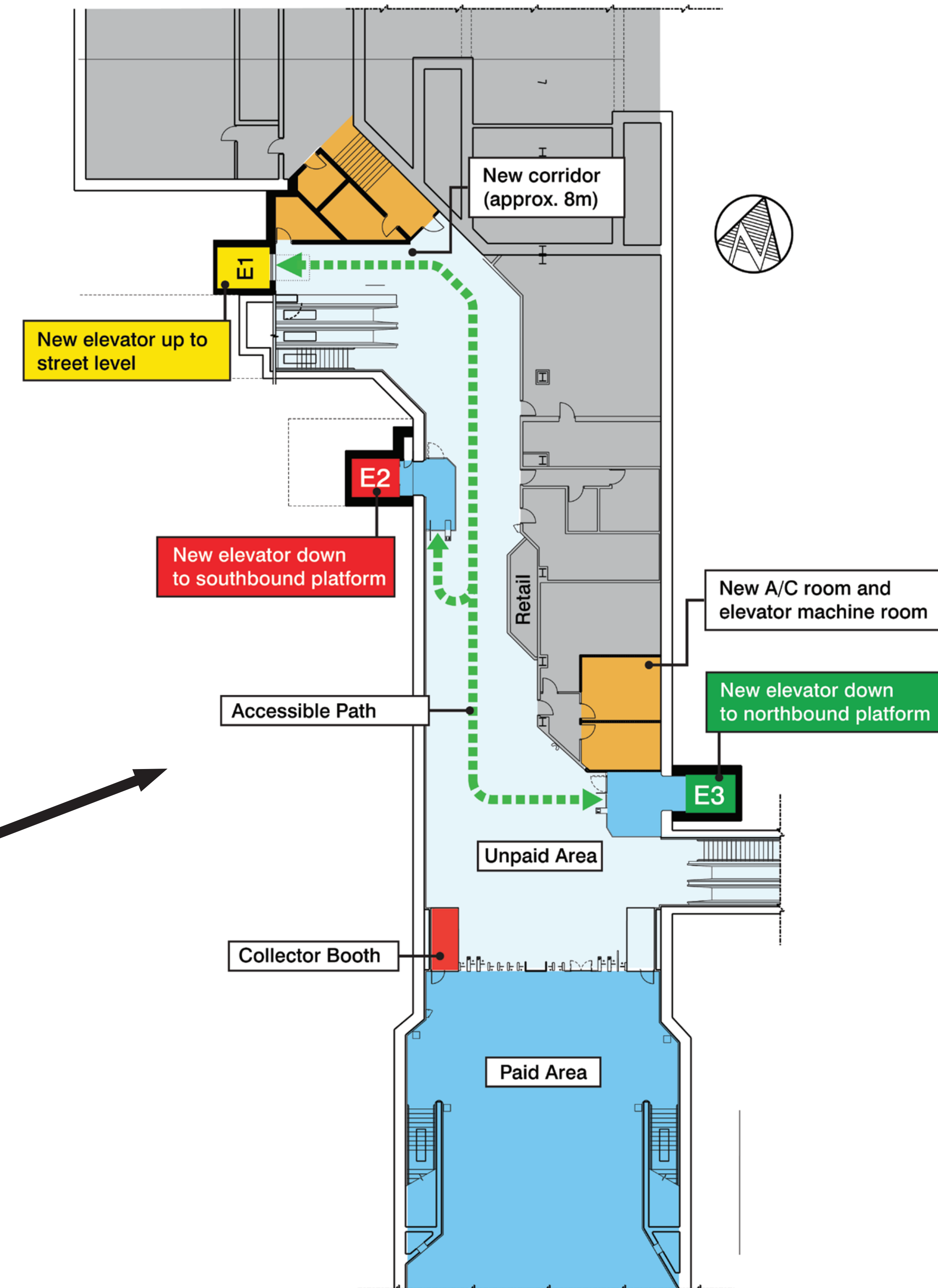
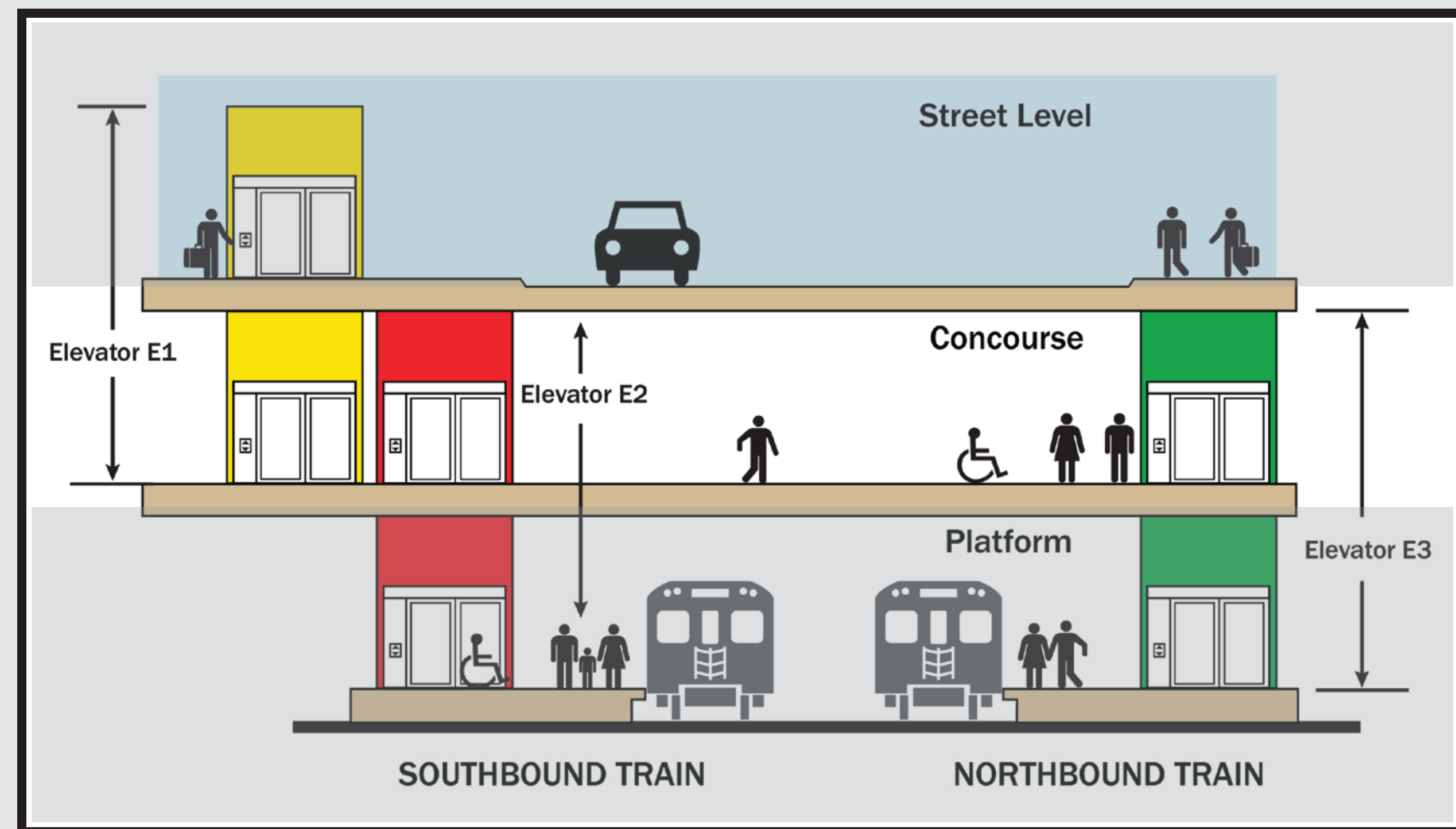




# Other Location Considered

## Concourse Level – Northwest Corner

- Reduced visibility from Collector Booth to E1 elevator
- Not preferred by ACAT
- Complex modifications to station structure
- Requires additional elevator service rooms
- Higher construction costs
- Longer construction schedule







Dupont Station  
Easier Access Project  
Public Open House  
**April 1, 2014**  
**Consultation Summary Report**

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# 1. Introduction

## 1.1 Background

Through the Easier Access Program, the TTC is working towards making all 69 stations accessible. The Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA) requires the TTC to make all stations accessible by 2025. To date, 32 have been completed and construction is ongoing or about to begin at: Dufferin, Lawrence West, St Clair West, Ossington, Coxwell and Woodbine. Construction of the elevators at Dupont Station is scheduled to begin in spring 2015 and be completed by the end of 2017.

The TTC is faced with a number of challenges in determining appropriate locations for new elevators within an existing station. At Dupont Station, the TTC must take into account the structural engineering of the station, its integration into the existing built form and architectural context of the neighbourhood, utility impacts, preservation of public art within the station and maintaining transit operations throughout the period of construction.

Two plans have been developed for locating an elevator (E1) that would allow customers to access the station from the street level. The TTC's plan puts the elevator on the southeast corner of Spadina Road and Dupont Street. Another location was considered on the northwest corner of Spadina Road and Dupont Street. The location of the two elevators (E2 and E3) within the station that enable customers to access the subway platforms from the concourse are already determined.

The benefits of the TTC's plan include: good visibility of the elevators at all levels (street, concourse and platform), endorsed by the Advisory Committee on Accessible Transit (ACAT), supported by a Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design review and there will be no impact to the station's public art.

Both the TTC Plan and the other location considered were presented to the community at an Open House held on April 1. No objections were received from the public regarding the TTC Plan to install an elevator on the southeast corner of Spadina Road and Dupont Street. As a result, the contract will be tendered with the TTC Plan

## 1.2 Event Promotion

The event was promoted as follows:

- Approximately 3300 notices were distributed via Canada Post to a 500m radius around the station. An area roughly bounded by Bloor St W, Davenport Rd, Bathurst St and St. George St
- Half page ad placed in City Centre Mirror - [http://issuu.com/thecitycentremirror/docs/ccm\\_ns\\_mar27](http://issuu.com/thecitycentremirror/docs/ccm_ns_mar27)
- Flyer posted on the TTC website - [www.ttc.ca/About the TTC/Projects/Station Improvements/Dupont Station/index.jsp](http://www.ttc.ca/About_the_TTC/Projects/Station_Improvements/Dupont_Station/index.jsp)
- Flyer posted on Councillor Vaughan's website - [http://ward20.ca/events\\_article.php?article=1400](http://ward20.ca/events_article.php?article=1400)

### Open House Dupont Station Easier Access Improvements Tuesday, April 1, 2014

Construction will begin in 2015 to make Dupont Station accessible to all customers. You are invited to an Open House to find out about these improvements, which will include:

- Three elevators to access all levels of the station
- Accessible fare gates
- Barrier free path to the subway platform
- Improved signage
- CCTV – Security cameras

#### Event Details

Date: Tuesday, April 1, 2014

Time: 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

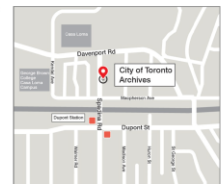
Location: The Atrium, City of Toronto Archives  
255 Spadina Road

Displays will be set up and TTC staff will be available throughout the evening to answer questions

For more information and to find out more about the project, please visit [projects.ttc.ca](http://projects.ttc.ca)

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- Flyer posted on Councillor Mihevc’s website and social media - [www.joemihevc.com/event/ttc-open-house-making-dupont-station-accessible/](http://www.joemihevc.com/event/ttc-open-house-making-dupont-station-accessible/)
- Large signs posted at Dupont Station
- Key stakeholders within the vicinity of the station were visited by the Sr. Community Liaison, including Dupont by the Castle BIA office and The Annex Retirement Residence.

### 1.3 Consultation Process

Mechanism	Audience	Date
Public Open House The Atrium City of Toronto Archives at 255 Spadina Road	Community Members	Tuesday, April 1, 2014 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
Presentation The Annex Retirement Residence 123 Spadina Road	Residents of The Annex Retirement Residence	Friday, April 4, 2014 2 p.m. to 3 p.m.

### 1.4 Participation Summary

Mechanism	Participants in Attendance	Feedback Forms Received
Public Open House	21	4
Presentation	22	0

## 2. Summary of all Feedback Received

The Dupont Station Easier Access project was presented to the community at an Open House held on April 1, 2014 in The Atrium, at the City of Toronto Archives just north of the station. Approximately 20 people attended the Open House, including two people using mobility aids.

Attendees were able to speak with members of the TTC Project Team, TTC Strategic Partnerships staff, City Planning staff, and the Duty Station Manager for the Osgoode to Downsview Stations.

The vast majority of those who attended the Open House expressed their preference for the TTC Plan to locate the street level to concourse level elevator on the southeast corner.

A presentation of the project was also given by the Sr. Community Liaison to residents at the Annex Retirement Residence.

### 2.1 Dupont Station Elevator Plan

- The majority of attendees commented on their preference for the southeast location due to its close proximity to the collector booth at the Concourse Level.
- A request was made for two elevators from Street Level to Concourse Level to be installed (both the TTC Plan on the southeast corner and the other location considered on the northwest corner).

### 2.2 Other Comments



- Attendees submitted other suggestions for Dupont Station, which included:
  - Ensure the exterior lighting at street level is in a state of good repair
  - Repair leaks in the station

## 2.3 Communication Preferences

- Attendees stated that they learned about the event from the flyer (12) and the poster (6). The Councillors’ websites and social media was also very helpful in informing residents of the event.
- The majority of respondents listed emails and phone as their preferred method of communication

## 3. Next Steps

### 3.1 Commission Meeting

- Report to the TTC Board in Spring 2014

### 3.2 Milestones

- Early 2015 – Pre-Construction Public Outreach
- Spring 2015 – Start Construction
- Late 2017 - Complete Construction

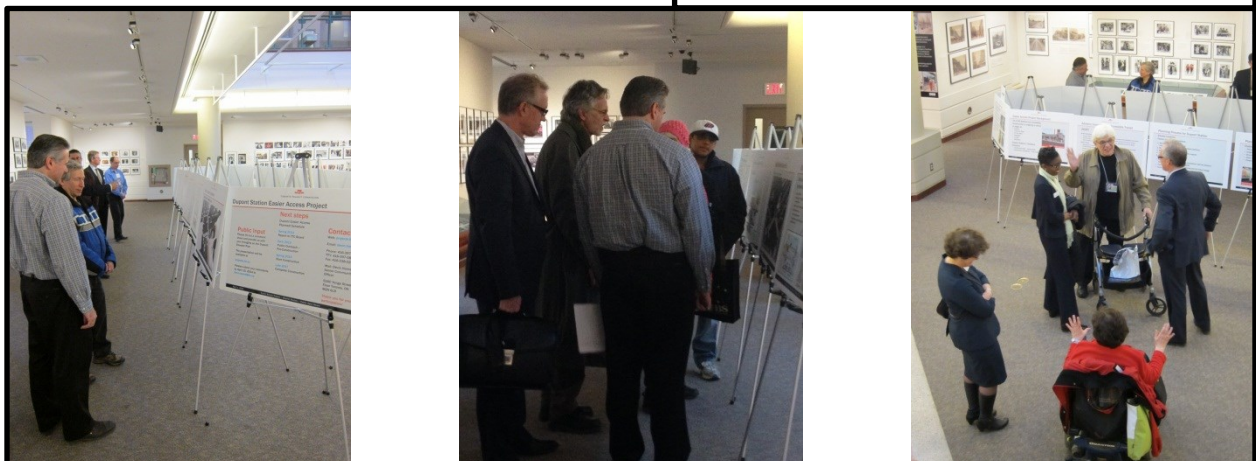
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Presentation – April 4, 2014 –  
 The Annex Retirement Residence

Open House – April 1, 2014 – City of Toronto Archives





## 4. APPENDIX

Do you have any comments on the Dupont Station Elevator Plan?	Do you have any comments on the other considered plan at the northwest corner?	Comments/Questions:
I am very happy to hear of these plans. My mother is a senior with arthritis and these elevators will be very helpful to her and I am sure for many other residents.	My preference is for the plan with elevator E1 located at the south-east corner of Dupont and Spadina. It seems to be balanced from a cost, project duration, and complexity perspective.	I would very much like to be kept informed about this project as it progresses, thank you.
		S/E corner
		3 elevators at Dupont, none planned for Spadina North (Kendal)
		Would like to see which option is more financially possible.
		There should be two elevators from street level. Both options – N/W and S/E corners. Redundancy should be mandatory
		Exterior lighting not working currently
		Wall leaks near proposed E1 location