

# Planning for our customers beyond COVID-19

**TTC Board** 

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# Our approach to understanding TTC customers:



This isn't business as usual. Recovering from COVID needs new initiatives, strong coordination



#### **No stone unturned approach.** We've gathered reliable data from

multiple partners & sources



**A Future of Scenarios.** We consider demand recovery as a range, not one inevitability.



Focus on our customer segments. Understand the unique behaviours of customers to drive recovery, growth

### Developed a segment-based model that considers these key drivers:





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## Recovery Forecast: End 2023

Trip Purpose : Pre-COVID

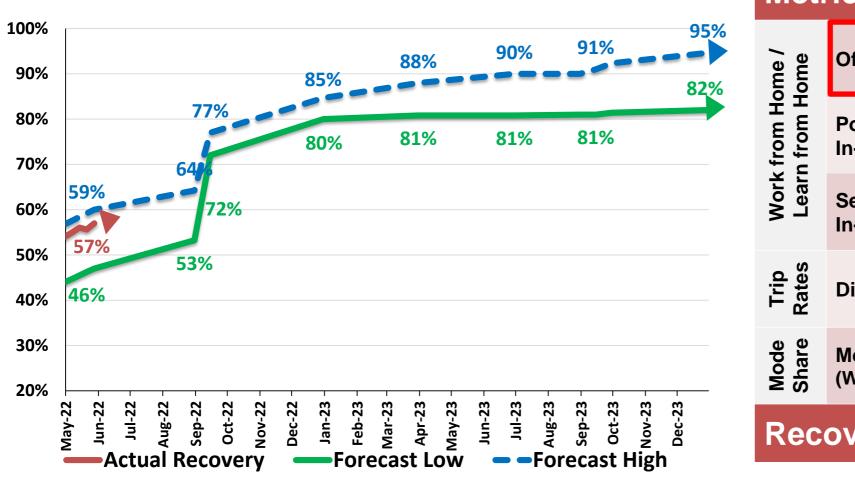
28%	16%	12%	8% Sec School
	Other	Work - Retail Sales and Service	
	14%	10%	7% Market/Shop
Work - Professional/Management/T echnical	Post-Sec	Work - General Office/Clerical	3% Work - Manufacturing/Co nstruction/Trades

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## A Broad & Deep Research Scan

**Cast a broad and wide net to find sources and stakeholders** for our forecasting efforts-- both internal to TTC and external. Focus is on flexibility and frequency of data sources.



#### **Consultation & Outreach :**

- City of Toronto population, land use, traffic levels, etc.
- School Boards
- Universities & Student Move
- Toronto Region Board of Trade
- Metrolinx
- North American Peer Agencies



#### **Third-Party Data Monitoring:**

- Labour Force Survey (StatsCan)
- Canadian Survey on Business
  Conditions (StatsCan)
- Google & Apple Mobility Data
- SRRA Downtown Office
  Occupancy Index
- New Vehicle Registrations
- Emerging: Anonymized Mobility
  Data

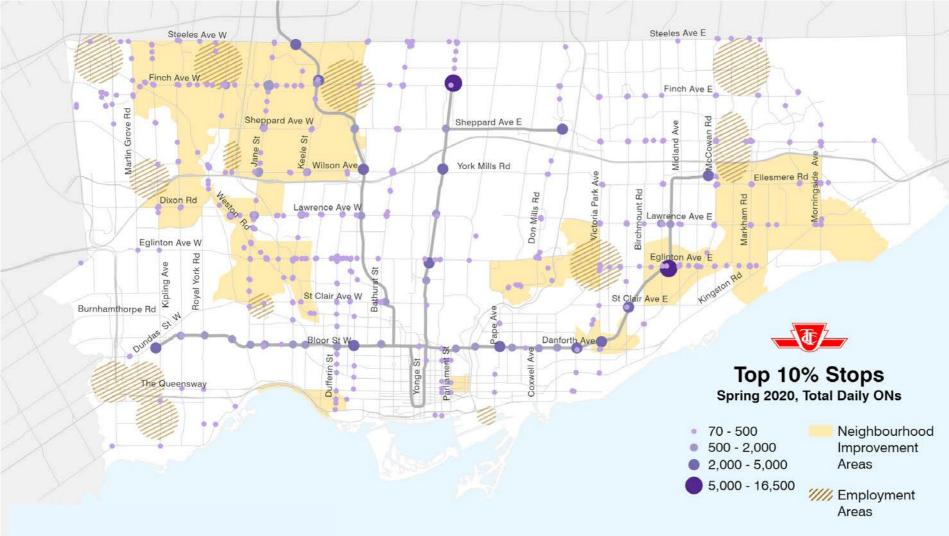


#### TTC Primary Research:

- Analytics of current customers
- Occupancy
- Access to Transit
- TTC Customer Panel
- TTC Toronto Employer Survey
- Customer Satisfaction & COVID-Surveys
- Transportation Tomorrow Survey, and COVID Household Interrupted Travel Survey



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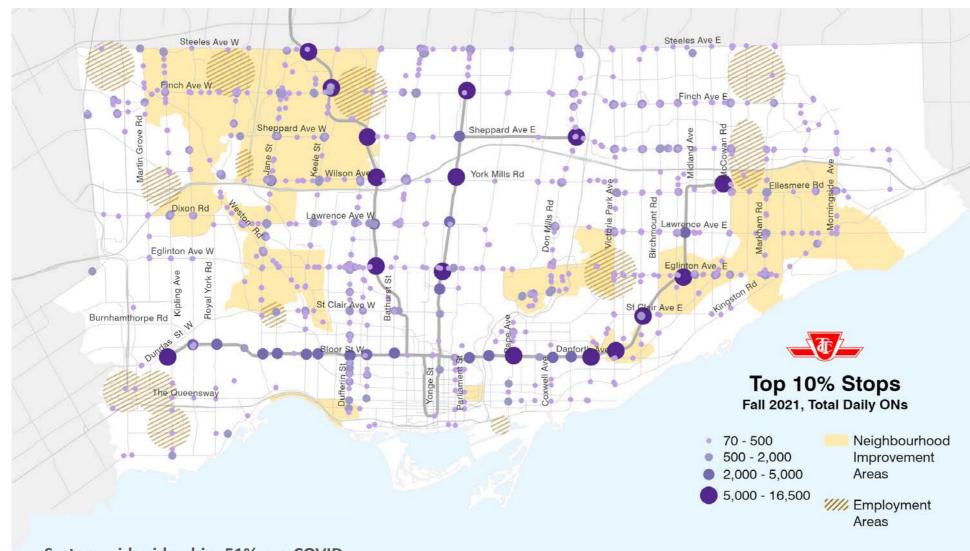


At the very start of the pandemic, there continues to be widespread use of the bus network across the City, demonstrating the essential role TTC plays in moving people

System wide ridership: 16% pre-COVID



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Fall 2021, the highest point of recovery during the pandemic prior to 2022, most of the key arterial bus corridors are strongly recovered

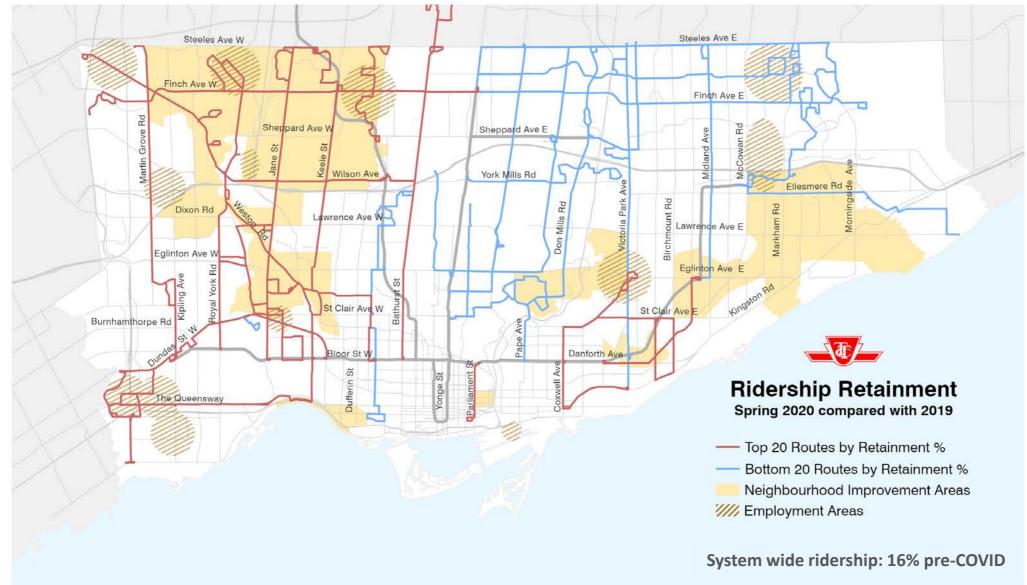
System wide ridership: 51% pre-COVID



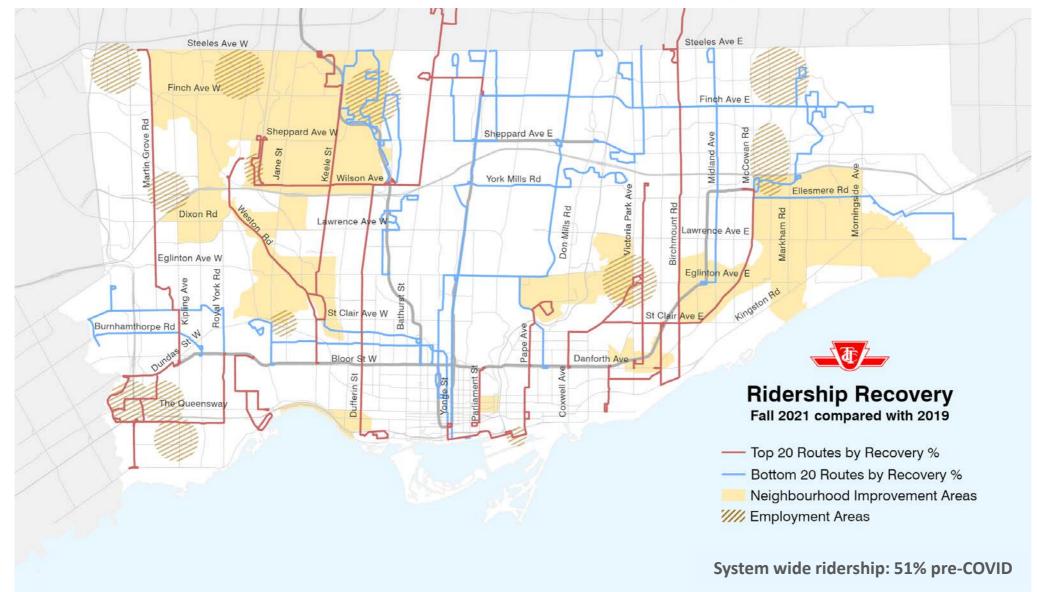
# **Customers who continued to rely on the TTC have different travel behaviours than 9 to 5 office worker**



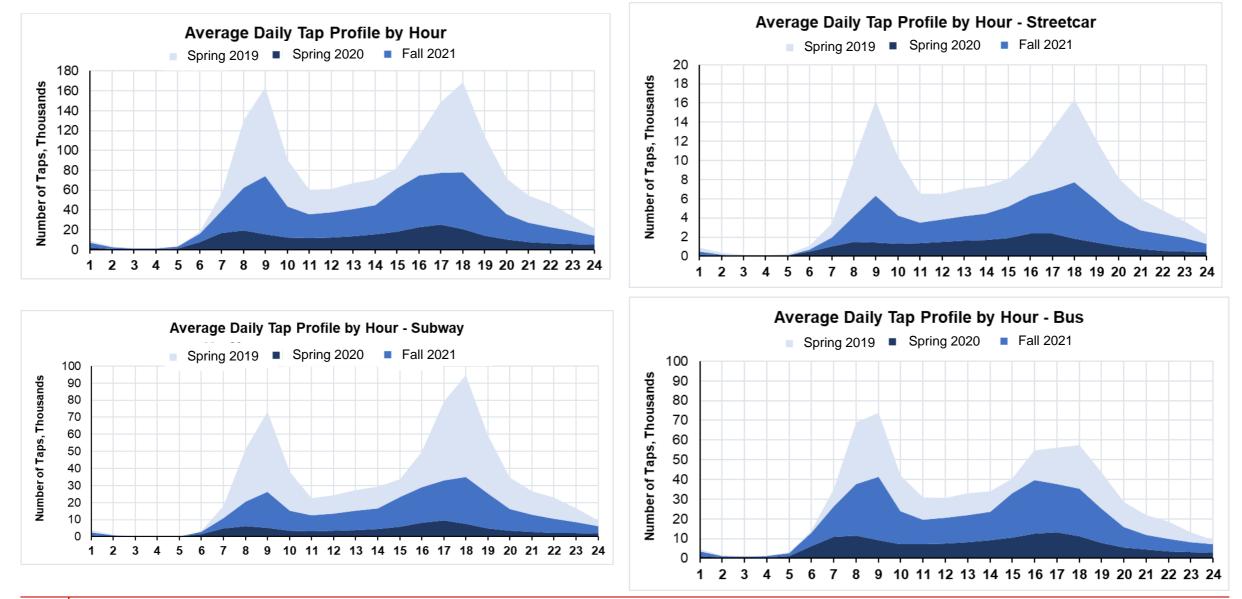
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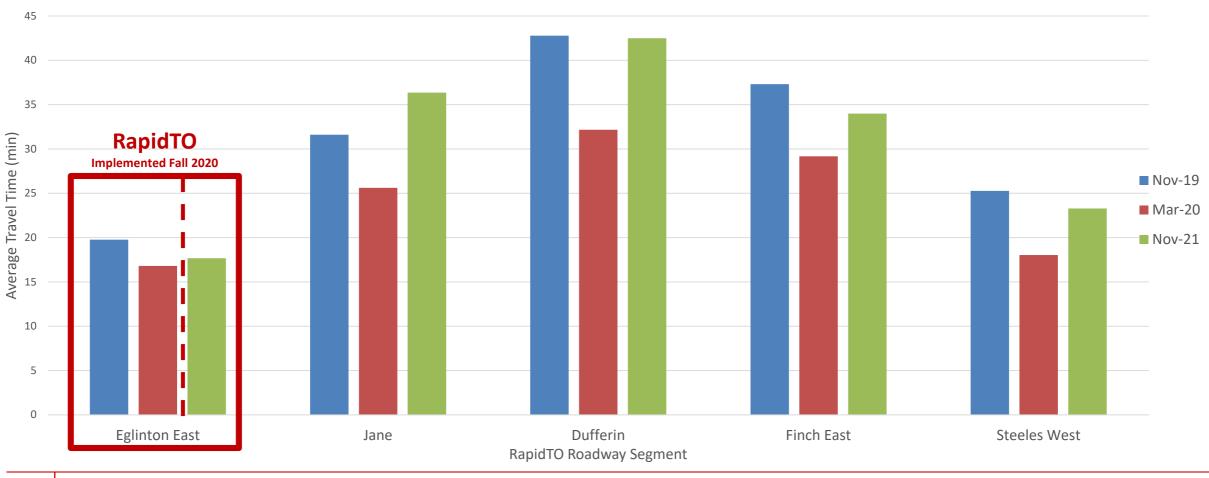
## **Off-peak periods are recovering faster**





# Priority bus lanes help our customers reach more opportunities in less time

Peak-Direction Travel Times in PM Peak





## Low ridership levels not only affect the TTCs financial health, but it also affects the economic vitality of the city and region as a whole



# Maintaining high-levels of service over the course of the pandemic benefited our customers who needed it the most

- All Day, Everyday Network
- Express Bus Network
- Blue Night Network
- 10-Minute Network
- Grid network design to facilitate transfers
- Off-peak crowding standard
- Two-Hour transfer
- Kids under 12 ride free
- Fair pass
- Request stop program
- Designated waiting areas
- Easier access
- Transit stop amenities
- Improved customer information
- Real-time crowding information for bus network



## **Opportunities for further consultation and study**

## 2023 Annual Service Plan

#### Focus areas:

- COVID-19 learnings: Better understand travel needs and priorities of people with low income, women and shift workers
- Share and seek feedback on Line 6 network changes
- Share and seek feedback on Line 3 network changes

### Round 1 activities:

- Stakeholder meetings (2)
- Focus groups (3)
- Online survey (3 topics)

To be presented to the Board in early 2023

## 5-Year Service Plan (2024-2028) & 10-Year Outlook

### **Opportunities for further study:**

- Continue to explore ways to support travel behaviours of customers who continue to rely on the TTC
- Further research on hybrid work model
- Explore innovative service delivery options

#### Additional public engagement planned

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