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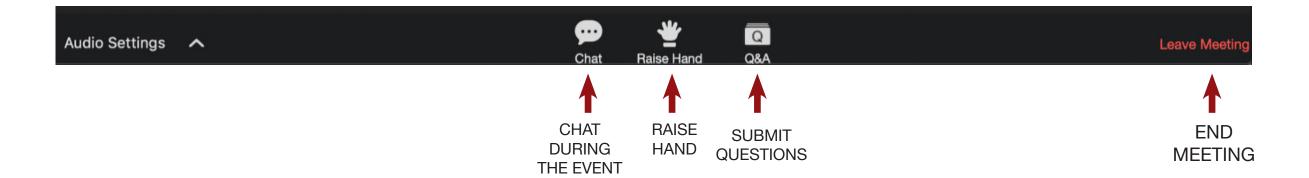


# **Land Acknowledgment**

"Now, although this meeting is being held virtually, we should each of us on the call take this opportunity to reflect, to consider the land upon which we are standing or seated, wherever we are, and to consider all of those who have lived from that land over the generations, and to consider especially the First Nations people whose ancestral home and hunting lands these are. On behalf of the majority of us who are here present in the City of Belleville, I would like to honour and thank the Mohawk people of Tyendinaga for welcoming us as neighbours to the lands upon which we live here on the Bay of Quinte."

## **ZOOM 101**

#### Chat, Q&A, Raise Hand



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## **ZOOM 101**

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- / Listen to and respect others opinions

# Agenda

#### **Presentation**

Project Team
Overview of the Study
Process and Timeline
Study Area and Context
Planning and Policy Context
Mobility and Servicing Context

Q&A Period
Discussion
Wrap Up

## **The Team**



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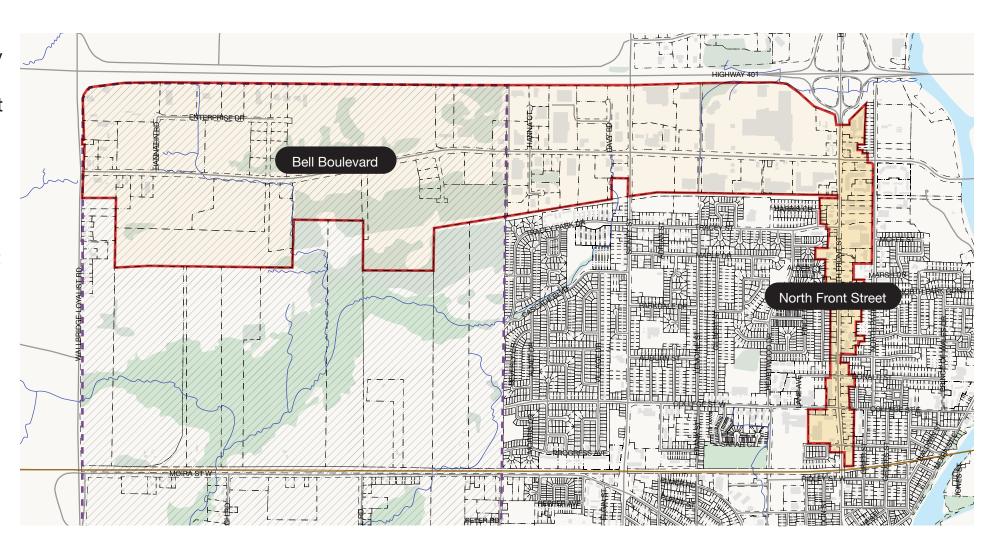


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## Purpose of the Study: Why this area?

- / The City of Belleville is undertaking a corridor study for Bell Boulevard and the portion of North Front Street between Bell Boulevard and the rail line.
- / Bell Boulevard is an important east-west connector in the City of Belleville and the focal point for large-format retail in the City.
- / North Front Street runs north-south and connects to Highway 401 to the core of the City, serving as a Gateway to downtown.
- / The Bell Boulevard/ North Front Street corridor is envisioned to become a mixed use corridor.



# **Study Overview**

#### What is a Corridor Study?

- / The purpose of this study is to understand the **specific needs and opportunities** in the study area and **establish a framework that gives the City direction** regarding its current and future development as a **mixed-use corridor**. The direction will contribute to the overall planning vision for the city.
- / The Corridor Study is an analysis that reviews and integrates planning, urban design, servicing and environmental considerations.



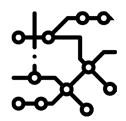
Land Use Planning



**Built Form and Urban Design** 



Water/ Stormwater



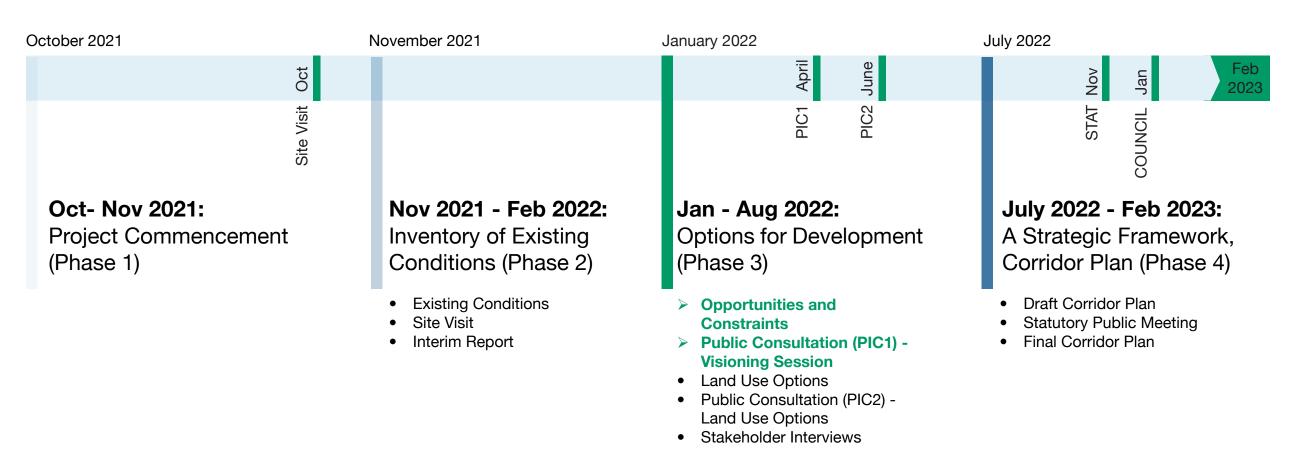
Transportation and Mobility



Parks and Open Spaces, Natural Areas

#### The Process and Timeline

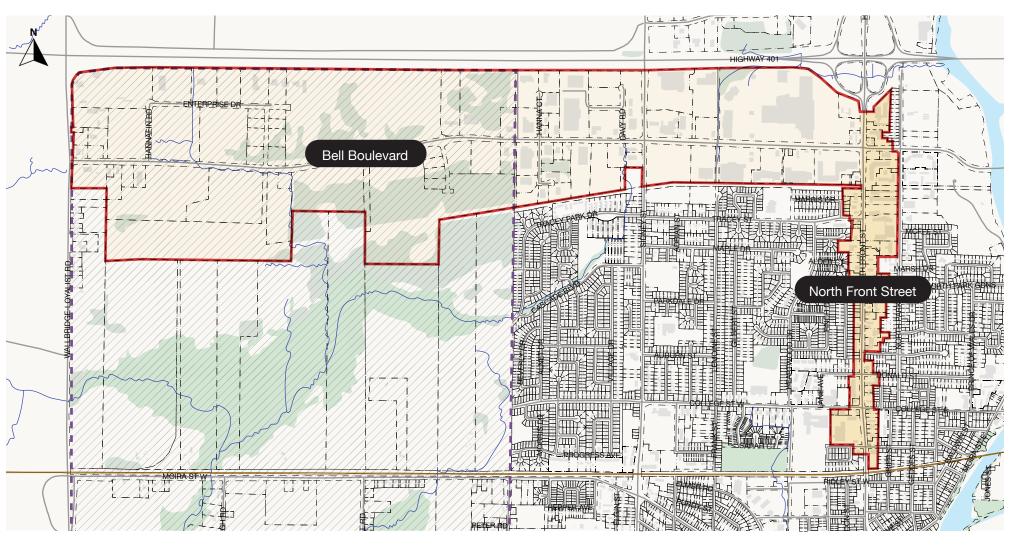




# **Study Overview**

#### **The Study Area and Context**

- Bell Boulevard from Wallbridge Loyalist Road to North Front Street
- / North Front Street from Bell Boulevard to the rail line



# **Study Overview**

#### **The Study Area and Context**

#### North

/ Highway 401, Agricultural lands, Commercial Land Use (large format retailers, e.g. Walmart, PetSmart)

#### West

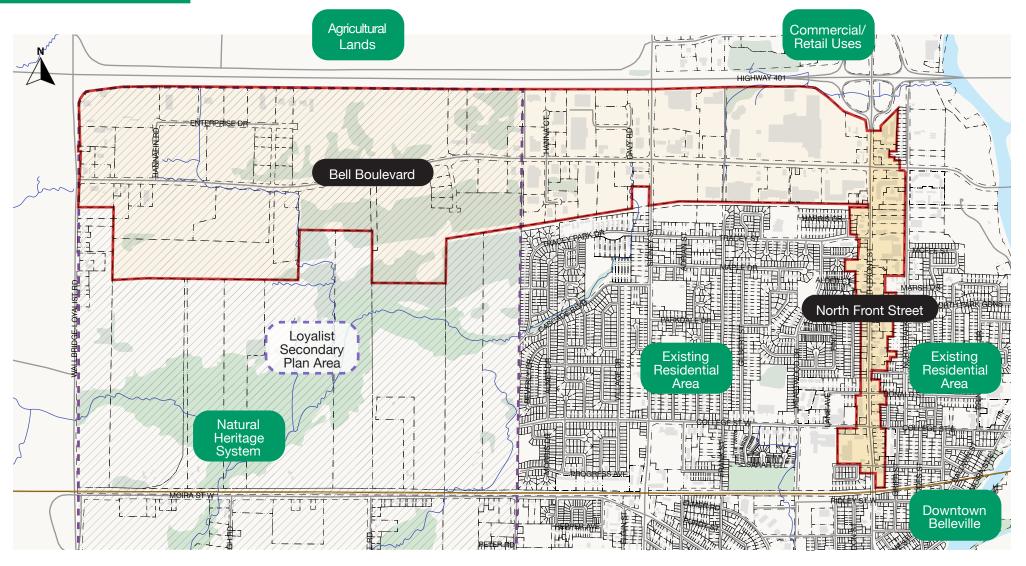
- Bell Blvd Agricultural lands, outside of Urban Boundary
- N. Front St Existing
   Residential, mainly single detached dwellings

#### South

- Bell Blvd Loyalist
   Secondary Plan, Agricultural lands, Natural Heritage
   System
- N. Front St Downtown Belleville, Existing Residential

#### East

/ N. Front St - Existing Residential

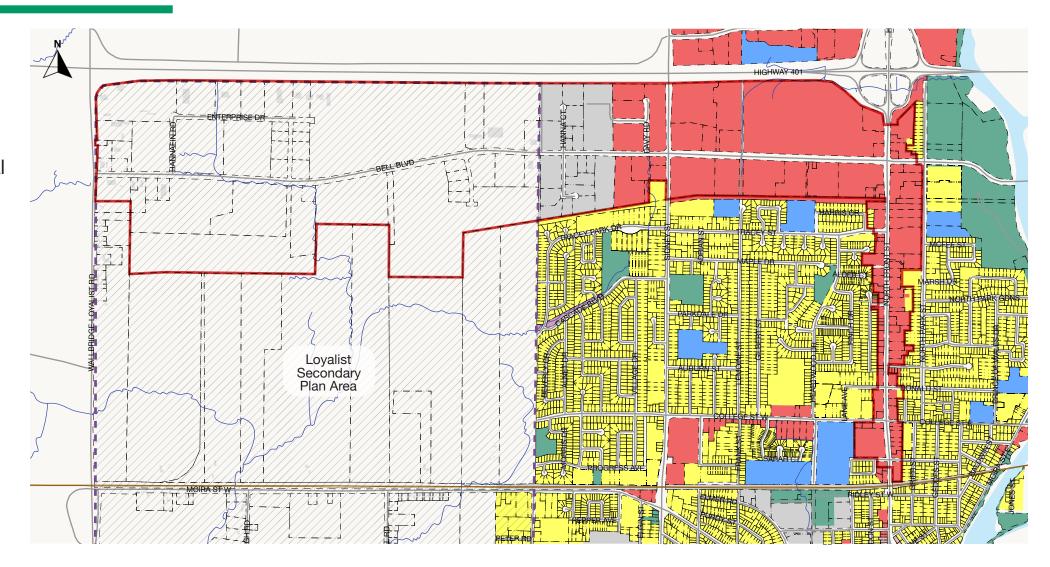


# **The Planning and Policy Context**

#### **Official Plan Designations**

- / North Front Street- CommercialDesignation
- Bell Boulevard Commercial, Industrial
   Designation
   Loyalist Secondary
   Plan Area





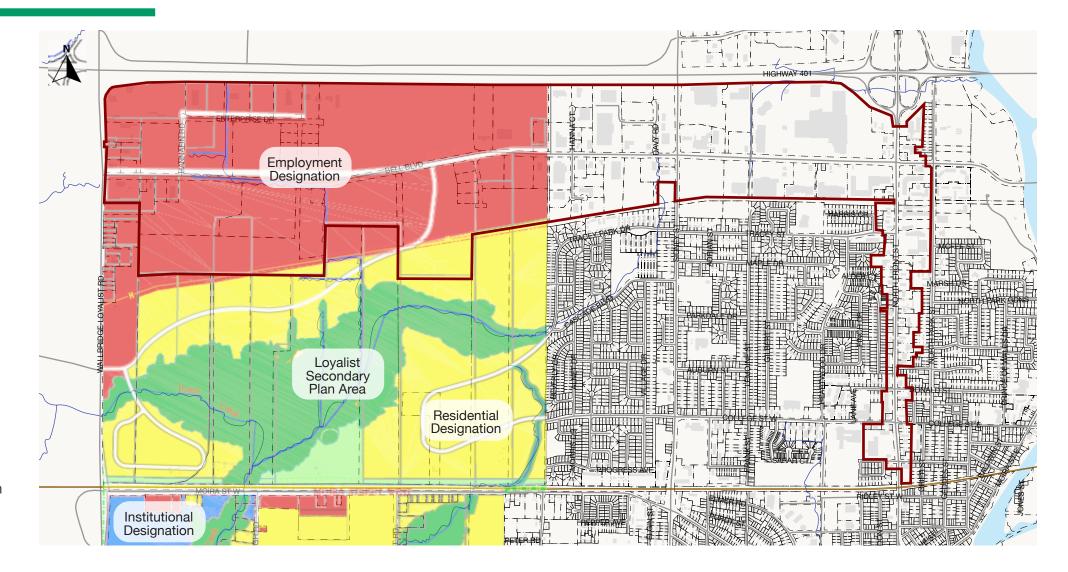
# **The Planning and Policy Context**

#### **Loyalist Secondary Plan**

- / Loyalist (West)
  Secondary Plan
  Update is being
  undertaken
  concurrently
- Bell BoulevardEmploymentDesignation

Corridor Study Boundary

Employment
Residential
Environmental Protection
Open Space
Community Facility



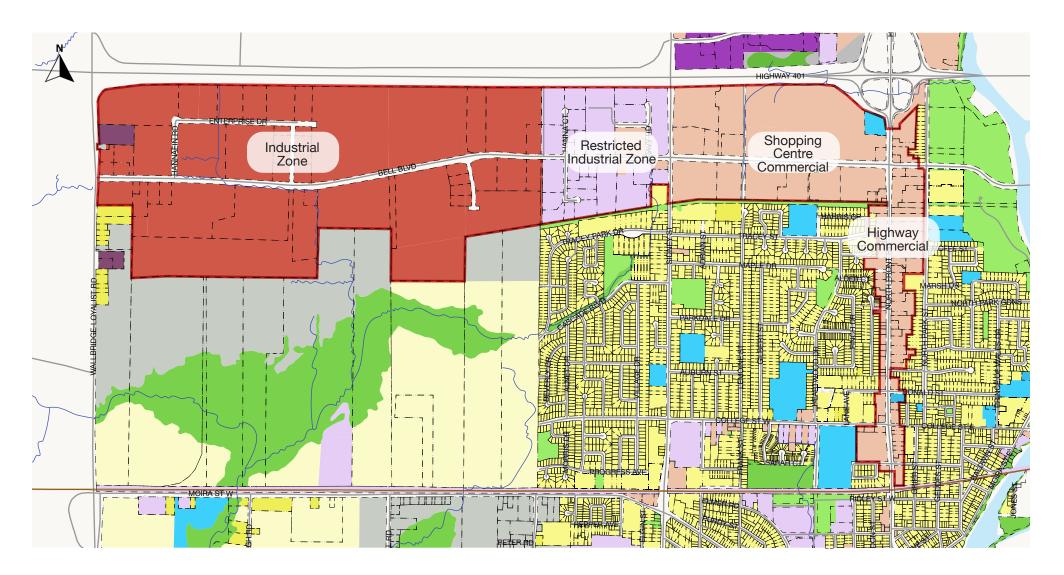
# **The Planning and Policy Context**

#### Zoning

- North Front Street -Highway Commercial and Shopping Centre Commercial Zone
- / Bell Boulevard Restricted Industrial,
  Highway Commercial,
  Shopping Centre
  Commercial, and
  Special Industrial
  Zone
- Corridor Study Boundary
  Highway Commercial and
  Special Industrial Zone
  Restricted Industrial Zone
  Highway Commercial Zone
  and Shopping Centre
  Commercial
  Residential Zone

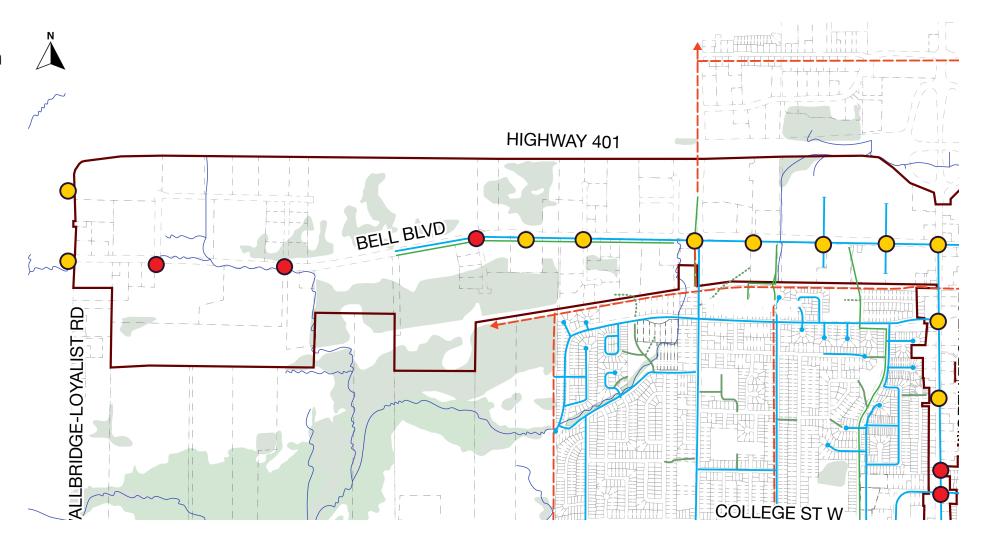
Urban Holding Zone

**Environmental Control Zone** 



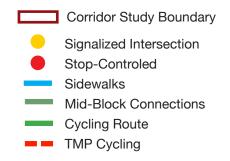
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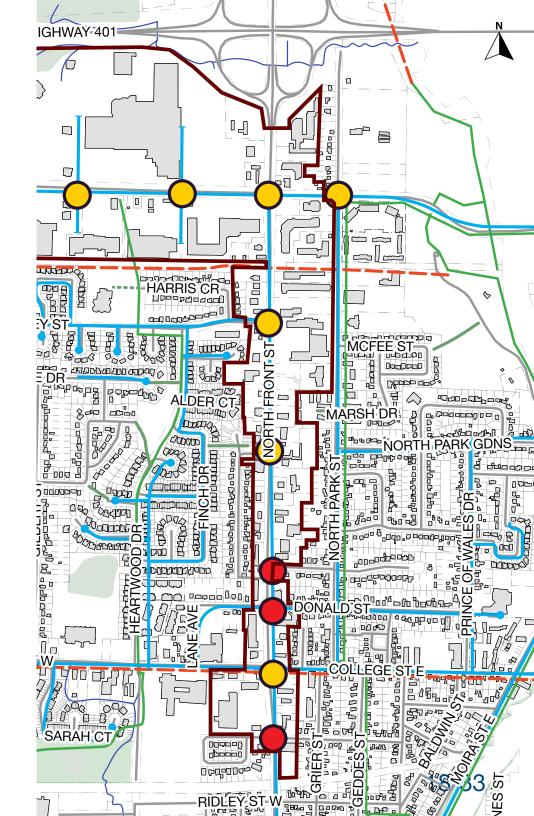
- / Bell Boulevard is a designated Major Arterial with a posted speed limit of 50-60 km/h
- / Large blocks add time to pedestrian travel
- / No active mobility infrastructure in the western portion of the corridor, adjacent to the future Loyalist Secondary Plan Area
- / Disconnected network of cycling facilities on and surrounding Bell Boulevard
- Corridor Study Boundary
- Signalized Intersection
- Stop-Controled
- Sidewalks
- Mid-Block Connections
- Cycling Route
- ■ TMP Cycling Route



#### **Corridor Context (North Front Street)**

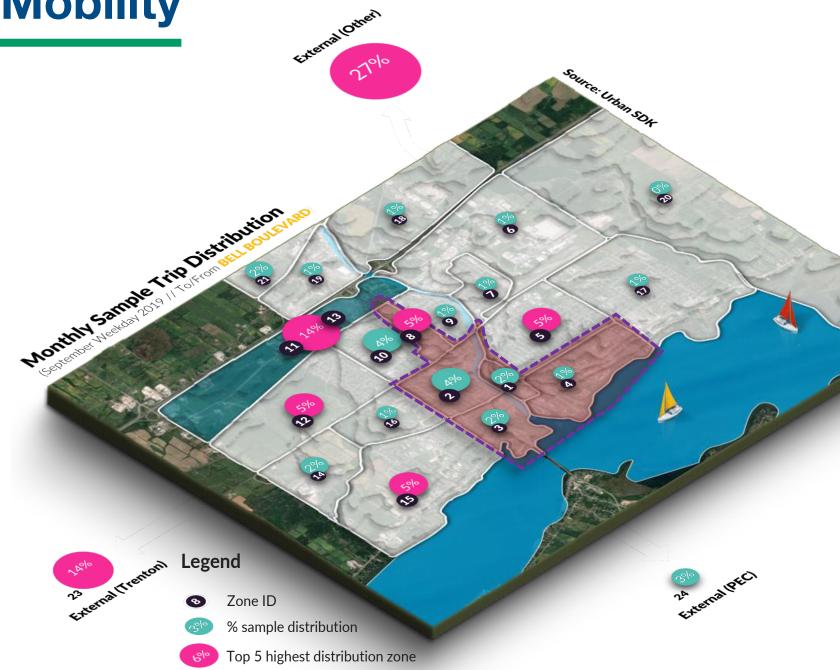
- / North Front Street is a designated Major Arterial with a statutory speed limit of 50 Km/h and a four-lane crosssection
- Few vehicular and pedestrian connections into the adjacent residential neighbourhoods
- Disconnected cycling network with no direct connections to the corridor





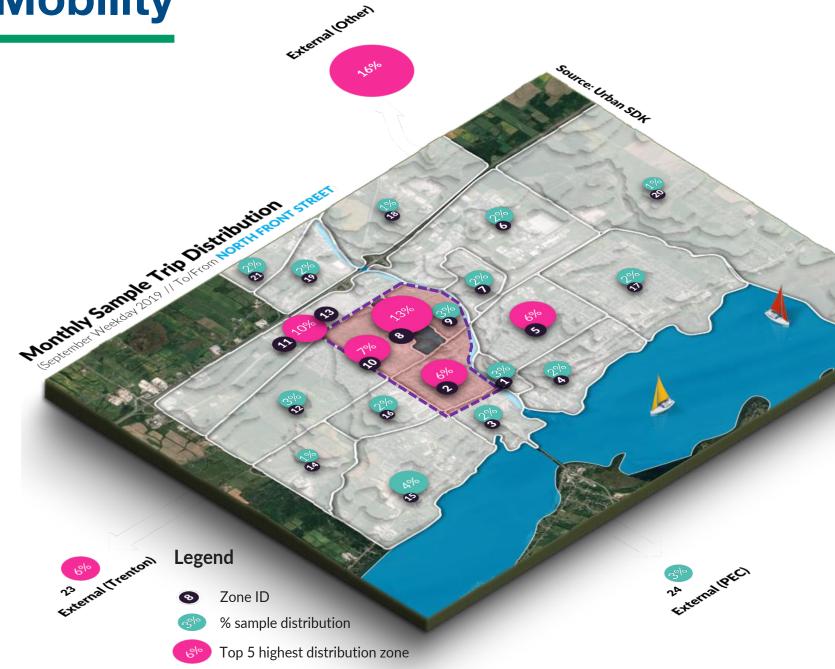
#### **Trip Distribution (Bell Blvd)**

- / 14% of daily weekday sample trips associated with the Bell Blvd corridor are made internally within the corridor,
- / 44% of trips to the Bell Blvd corridor are external trips, with trips from the west comprising the largest portion (13%).
- / ~14% of trips associated with Bell Blvd are within zones that would likely see trips using North Front Street to access the corridor (Zone 1, 2, 3, 4, and 8)



#### **Trip Distribution (N. Front St)**

- / 13% of daily weekday sample trips associated with the N Front St corridor are made internally within the corridor
- / North Front Street serves more of a local function as the bulk of trips are internal to Bellville, with 29% of trips associated with zones directly on or surrounding the corridor (Zone 2, 8, 9, 10)
- / 24% of demand is associated with trips that go beyond the City's borders (external).



#### **Level of Service (LOS)**

Level of Service (LOS) is a standard from the Highway Capacity Manual (HCM) that describes the operating conditions of the roadway based on intersection delay experienced by vehicles. LOS A to C suggest traffic is stable or free flowing. LOS D suggests traffic is approaching unstable flow. LOS E suggests unstable flow or operating capacity, and LOS F suggests a breakdown in flow. Level-of-Service (LOS) for Pedestrian and Cycling based on level of infrastructure at intersections.



Vehicular - Good

Only 3 intersections experiencing a LOS worse than "B" (20 - 35 second delay at intersection)



**Pedestrian** - Poor

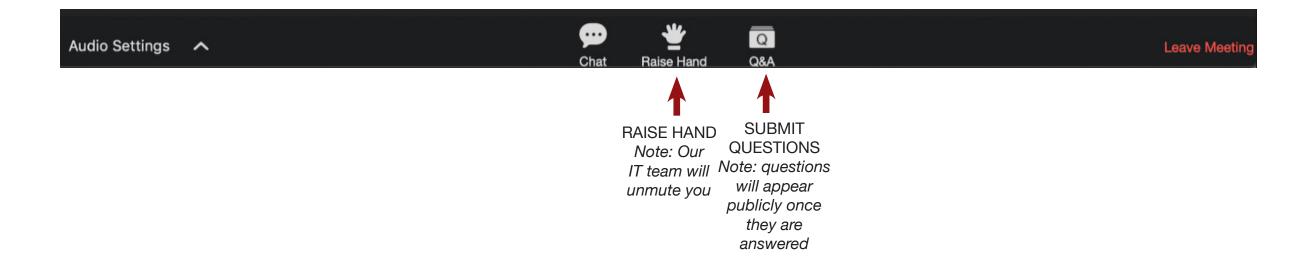
Majority of intersections experiencing LOS worse than "C" (Poor pedestrian treatments at intersection)



**Cycling** - Poor

Most intersections operating at an "F" (No bicycle provisions at intersection)

# **Q & A**



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# **Q & A**

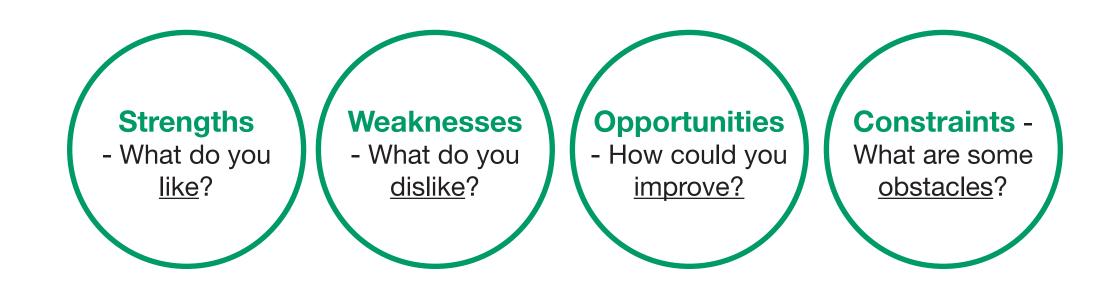
#### **Questions Received**

- / Public Transportation: As the western end of Bell Boulevard continues to develop, employers require reliable public transit service for their employees. Is there a plan to address this need?
- / Water Pressure: Our property sits at the western edge of this corridor. Our water service is not adequate to meet the needs of our guests it delivers to the property at 40 psi. This necessitates supplemental private pumps for even our most basic water needs, and a very costly diesel generator pump to supply our fire sprinkler system. As development continues along the corridor and the water draw inevitably rises, what plans are there to address this low water pressure?
- / What is the timeline for the City to widen Bell Boulevard going east from Loyalist?
- / Will the City consider accessing the southern part of Bell Boulevard developments, south of our 30 meter strip (hydro corridor), by making it a public road?

### **Discussion Session**

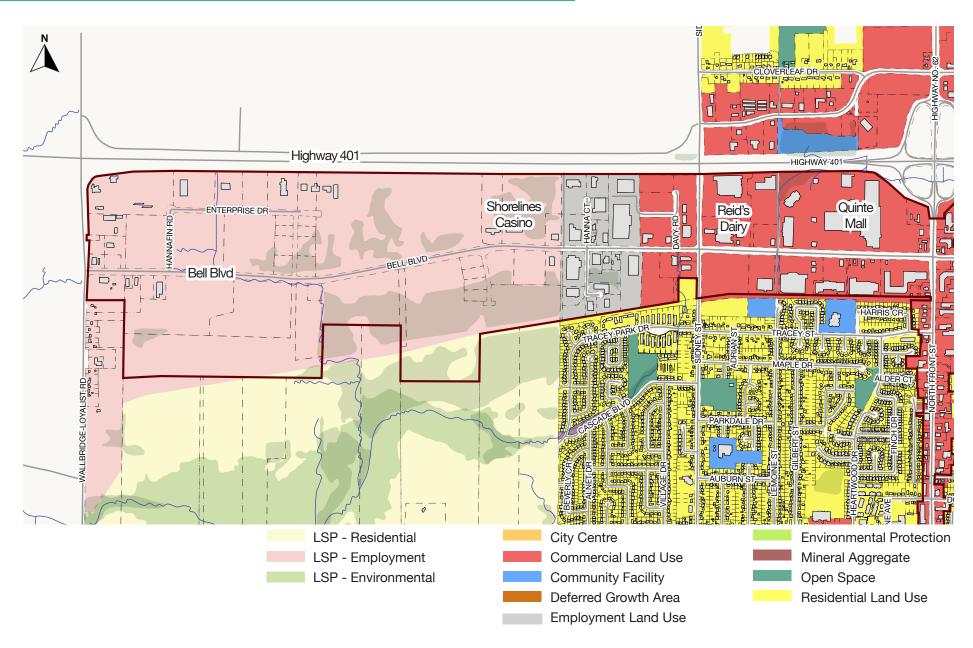
#### **Opportunities and Constraints**

This discussion is set up to obtain input on the public realm, built form and land use along Bell Boulevard and North Front Street



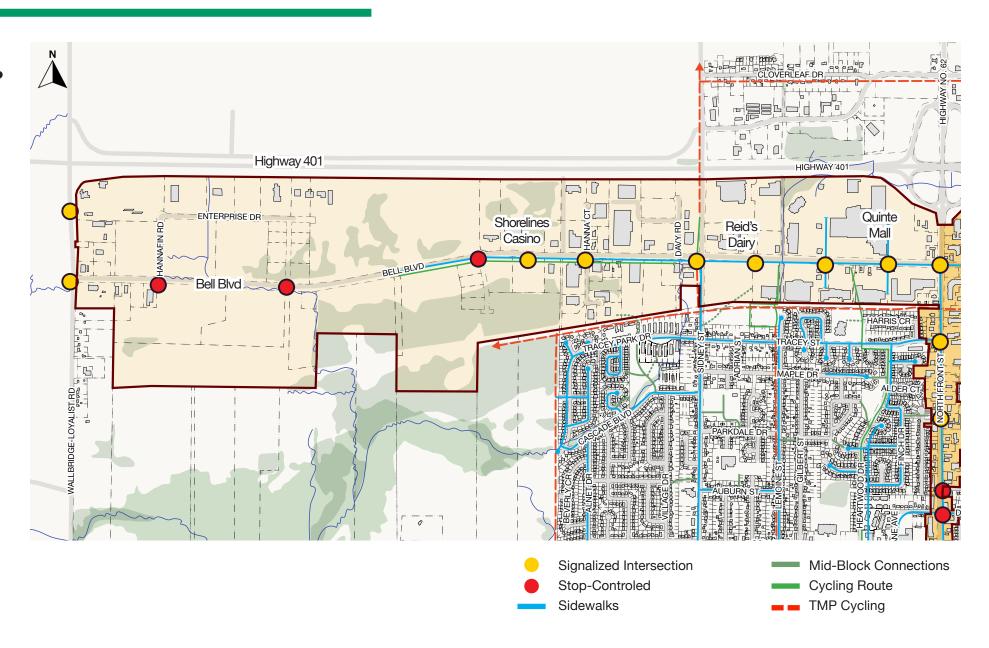
## **Bell Boulevard: Land Use & Built Form**

- / What are your favourite thing(s) in or about this area?
- / What are the things you would like to see changed?
- / Are there certain types of businesses, industries or mix of uses you would like to see here?
- / Are there any landmarks that you would identify along Bell Boulevard?
- / Do you have priorities or ideas specific to this area?



### **Bell Boulevard: Public Realm**

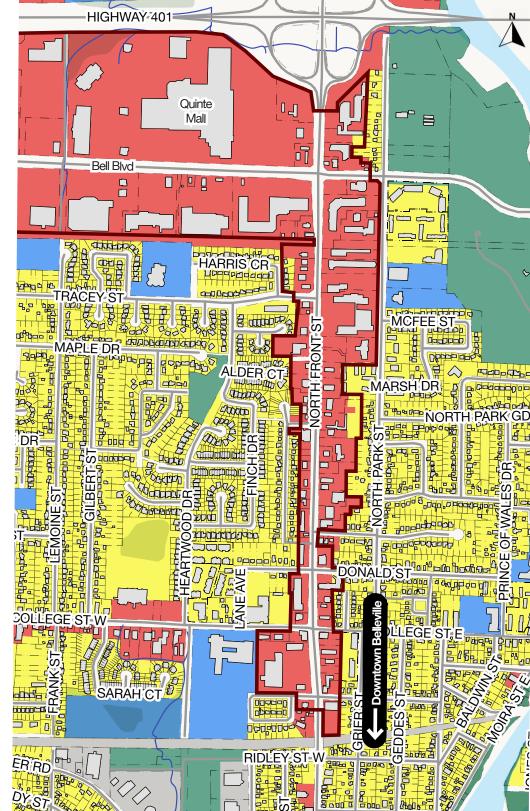
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- / What are the things you would like to see changed?
- / Do you think there are enough public outdoor amenities in this area? E.g. parks, rinks, playgrounds, gathering spaces, trails
- / Are there any areas for improved safety?
- / Do you have any thoughts regarding active transportation (walking, cycling)?
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# North Front Street: Land Use & Built Form

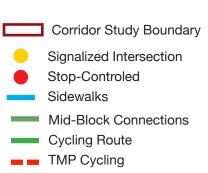
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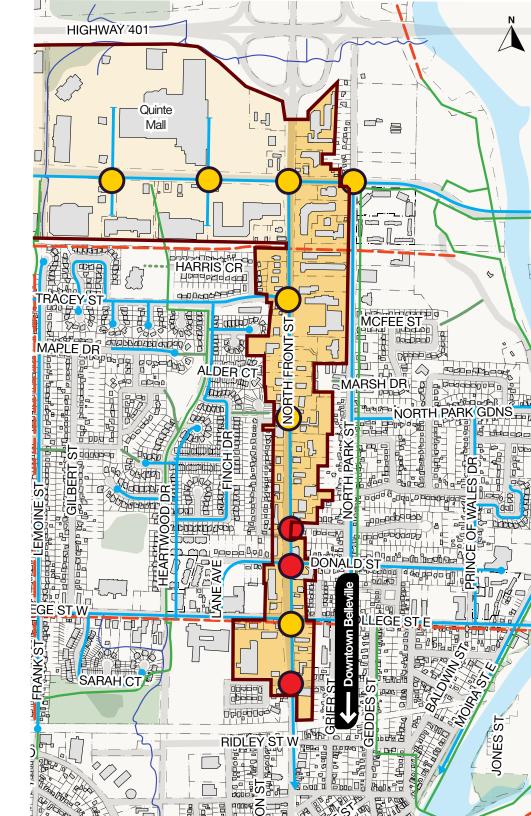




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# **Visioning Exercise**

#### What do you envision for Bell Boulevard and North Front Street?

- / Using 3-5 words or sentences, complete the following statement:
- / Your response will help us to develop a vision statement for the area.

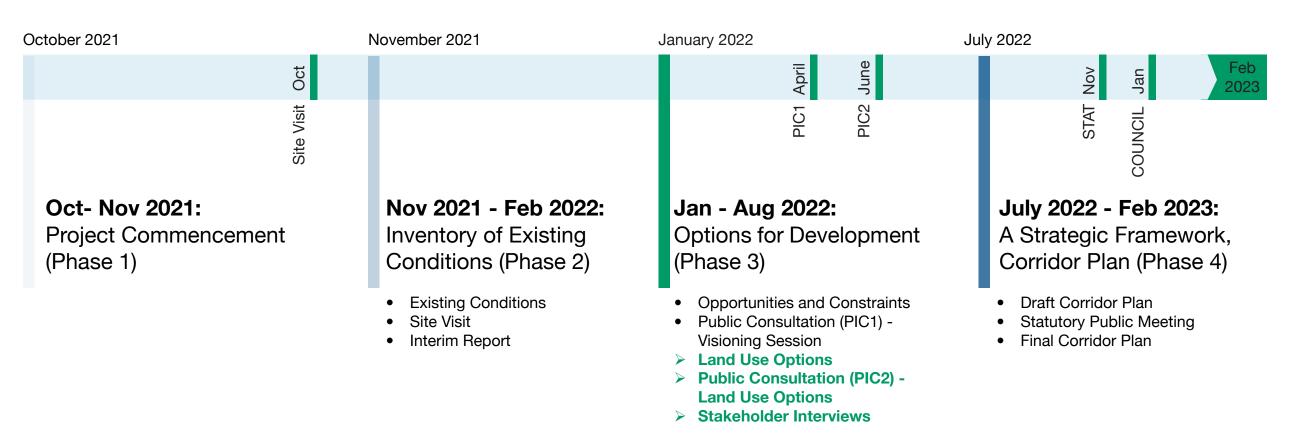
# Bell Blvd and North Front Street will be...

# **Reporting Back**

What we've heard...

# **Next Steps**





# Spread the word!

- / Are there others that should be part of this conversation? Share the project website and survey (next slide)!
- / If additional ideas/ questions come to mind, follow up with the survey or e-mail staff
- / Stay tuned for the next Public Information Centre, expected in June 2022!

## **Comments and Feedback**

Please visit the project's website at belleville.ca/corridorstudy to complete an online survey and provide any additional comments or questions.

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