



Community Improvement Plan

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Transit-Oriented Development

September 27, 2022
Statutory Public Meeting

Transit-Oriented Development CIP

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Purpose of Meeting

- Formally introduce the proposed Community Improvement Plan to Council and the public
- Notice was mailed to a mailing list (email) on August 26, 2022
- Notice was provided in the Cambridge Times on September 1, 2022

What is a CIP and TOD

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Community Improvement Plan (CIP)

- A tool that allows municipalities to provide focus and direction to revitalize areas of a city through programs, grants and incentives.
 - Affordable Housing CIP (2016), Core Areas CIP (2021)

Transit-Oriented Development (TOD)

- Compact, mixed use development near transit facilities with high-quality walking environments, activity and amenities. The intent is to design and develop in a way that allows people to drive less and walk, cycle and take transit more.

Why do we need a CIP?

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COMMUNITY NEED

- The City is growing
- Growth pressures call for us to shift our auto-dependency to more active forms and transit
- Roadways can only be expanded so much
- Development near transit has the potential to shift travel patterns for the community

The product of transit oriented development is **vibrant, liveable, sustainable** communities where is it possible to live, work and play without complete dependence on a car for daily use.

Benefits of TOD

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COMMUNITY

- Reduces dependence on driving
- Access to more jobs
- Reduces carbon footprint
- Reduces sprawl
- Locates more people and jobs near stations = increasing ridership
- Makes active transportation and transit an easy choice
- Creates places for people to live, work and play all in one spot
- Revitalizes urban areas

DEVELOPER

- Reduces the cost of providing parking
- More homes in less space with less parking
- Makes buildings more attractive to potential buyers, renters etc.
- Can save money
- Helps with marketing
- Meets future demands

Background to CIP study

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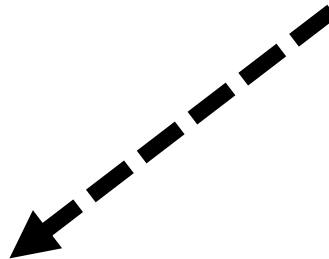
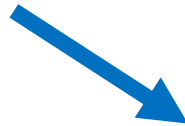
Identified a need through
the Transit Supportive
Strategy (TSS)

Secured \$250k in funding
from Regional council through
the TSS

City of Cambridge Council
approval to begin CIP
(June 2020)

Draft CIP presented at
Statutory Public Meeting

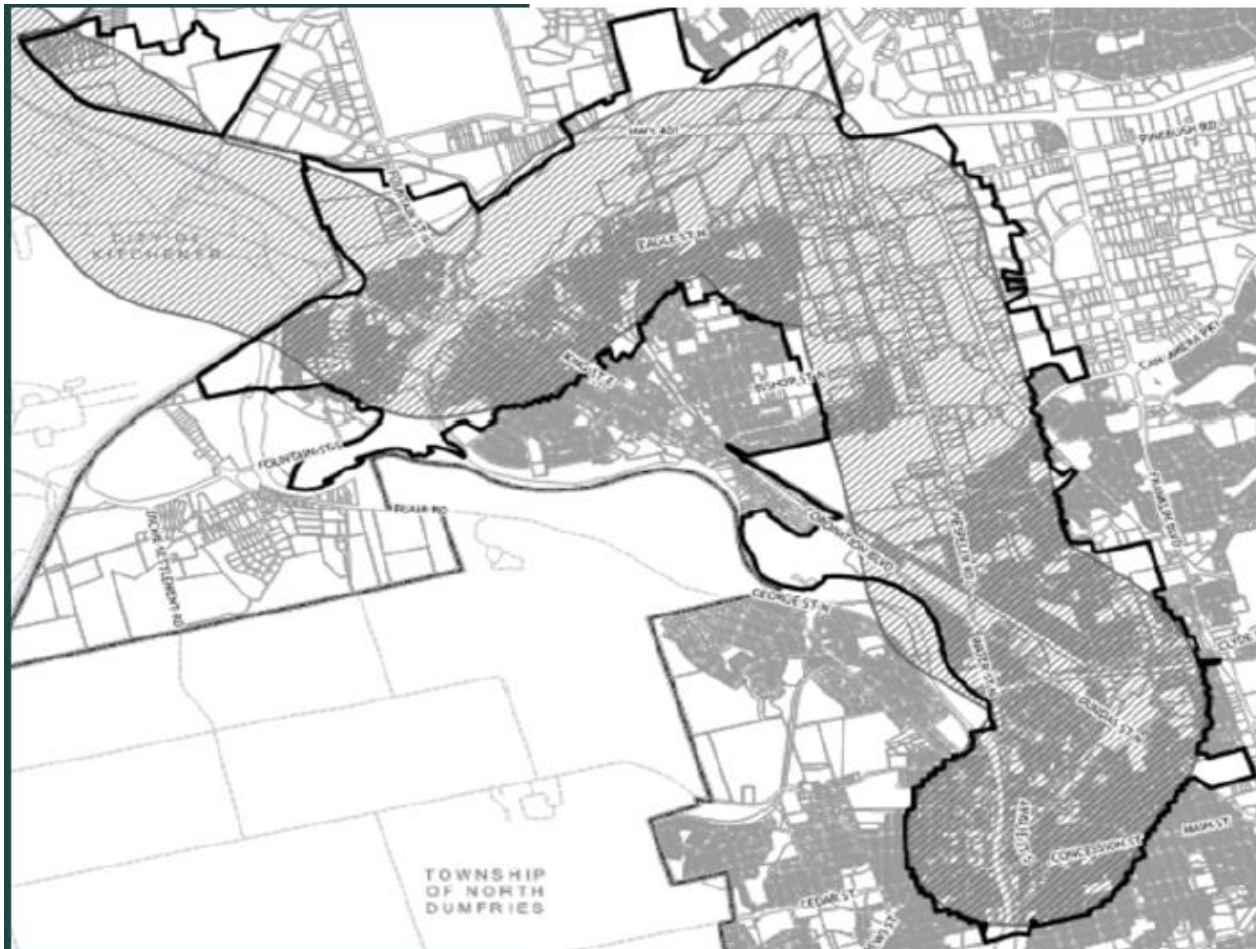
Recommendation
report for the final CIP



The Project Area

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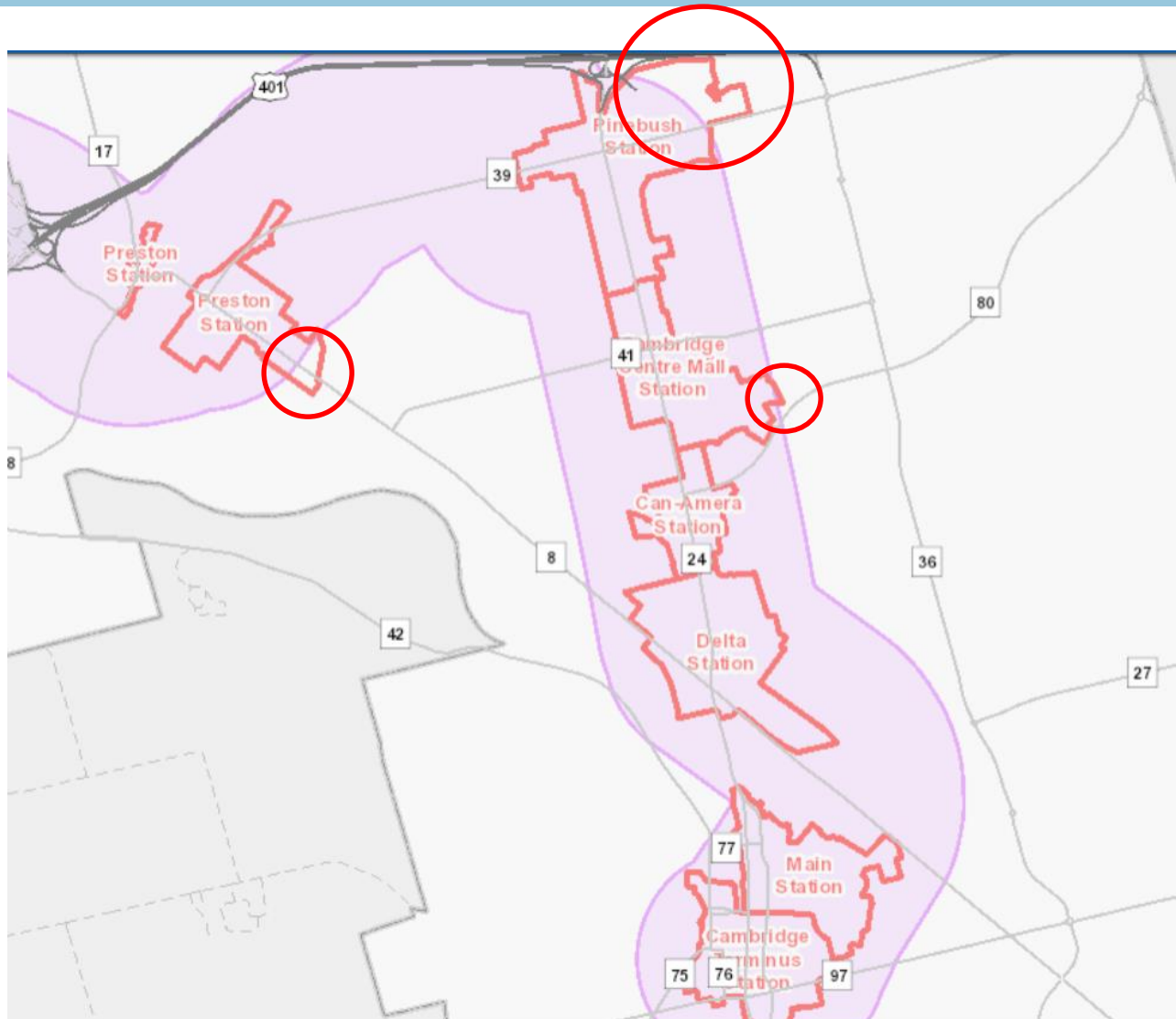
**Lands within 800 meters of the LRT
Route/Central Transit Corridor within
the City of Cambridge**



The Project Area – MTSA's

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**MTSA = Major
Transit Station
Areas**

Goals of the CIP

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The goals of the TOD CIP are intended to support the overall environmental, community, and economic vitality of the area, and are as follows:

- Encourage private and public sector development
- Reduce the dependence of vehicles by reducing parking rates and encouraging TOD infrastructure and amenities;
- Make destinations and amenities easily accessible, convenient, and comfortable for walking, cycling, micromobility and transit.
- Increase community and developer awareness of the economic, environmental, and social benefits of TOD;
- Utilize municipal resources to demonstrate leadership in the overall encouragement of sustainable transportation throughout the municipality.

TODG Program

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Transit-Oriented Development Grant Program

The TODG Program is designed to encourage transit supportive amenities and designs in developments within the Project Area, to improve and support the walking, cycling and transit environments.

Eligibility Criteria

- Located within the Project Area
- Open to new and existing developments
- Zoned as multi-unit residential, commercial, mixed-use, or institutional

Available Funding

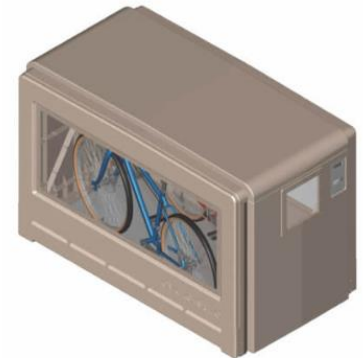
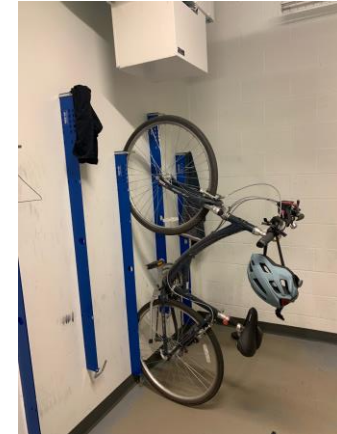
- \$250,000 available (2 streams-\$125k per stream)
- Applicants can apply to receive a one-time grant up to \$30,000
 - Applicants can apply for multiple improvements.

Enhancement Examples

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Enhancement Examples

- Shower and change facilities for employees provided on-site.
- Secure bicycle storage provided on-site (above current requirements)
- Digital screen displays regarding public transit times
- Bicycle repair station
- Wayfinding signs
- Parking Reductions
- Enhanced Transit Stops
- Pedestrian Amenities
- Other creative ideas, case by case



Source: Greenspoke, Uline, Cyclesafe,

Next Steps

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- Staff will incorporate any feedback received from this meeting into the CIP
- Staff will then return to Council with a final CIP recommendation report including an amended project boundary
- Subject to a 30 day appeal period, applications for the grant program would open shortly thereafter

Questions

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Thank you!

QUESTIONS?

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