

# St. Catharines GO Station Precinct

Niagara Region & City of St. Catharines

**Neighbourhood Update**

**March 30, 2023**



# Agenda

- Welcome and Introductions
- 6:30 p.m. – Presentation (30 minutes)
- 7 p.m. – Questions to the Presentation (30 minutes)
- 7:30-8:30 p.m. – Open House

# Tonight's Expectations

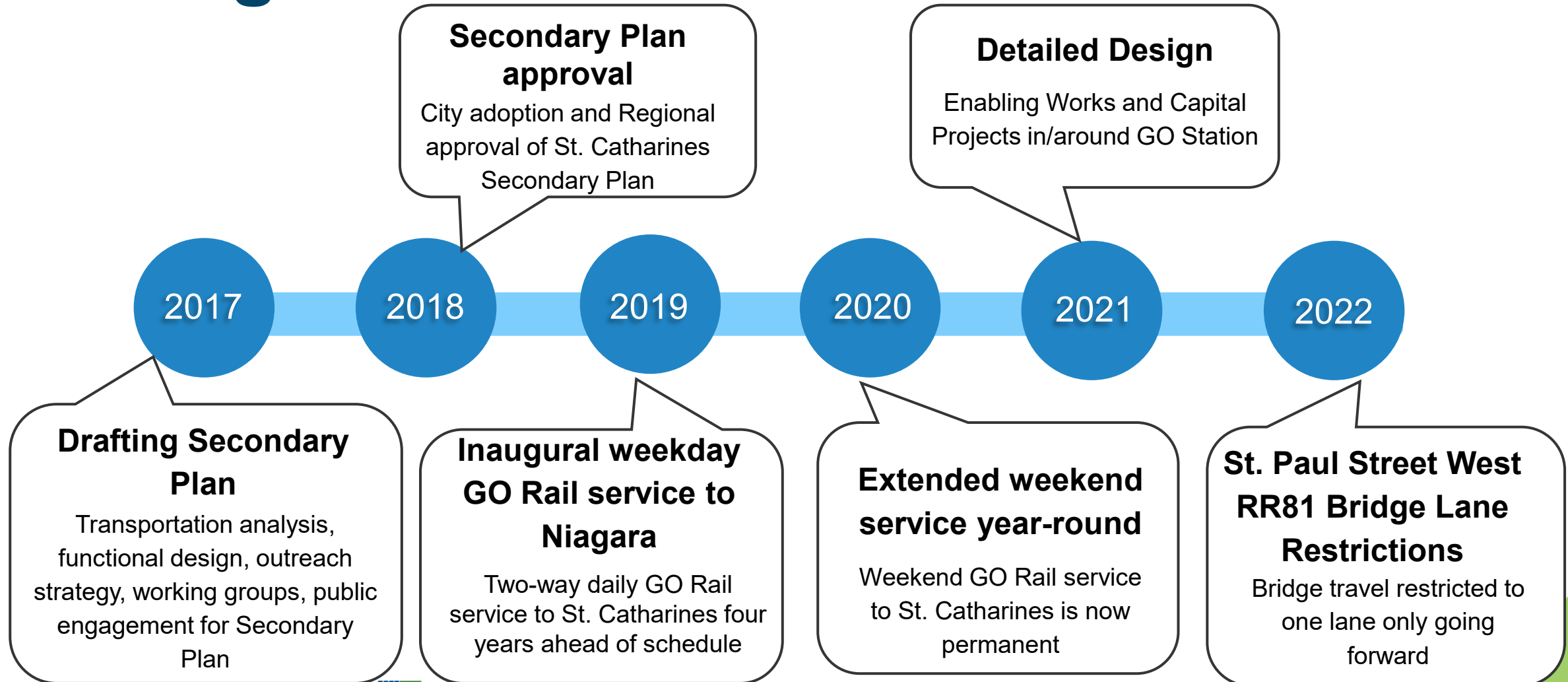
## Why are we meeting tonight?

- To provide the neighbourhood around the train station (referred to as the GO Station Precinct Area) an update on City and Region-led projects currently in detailed design, about to begin construction, or are affecting the area

## Tonight is an Open House, not a Public Information Centre (PIC)

- For any of the specific projects
- For a review of previous infrastructure or policy decisions
- Will not examine neighbourhood development(s)
- Not intended to address specific residential property issues
- Will not be addressing any GO Transit services (bus or train)

# Background



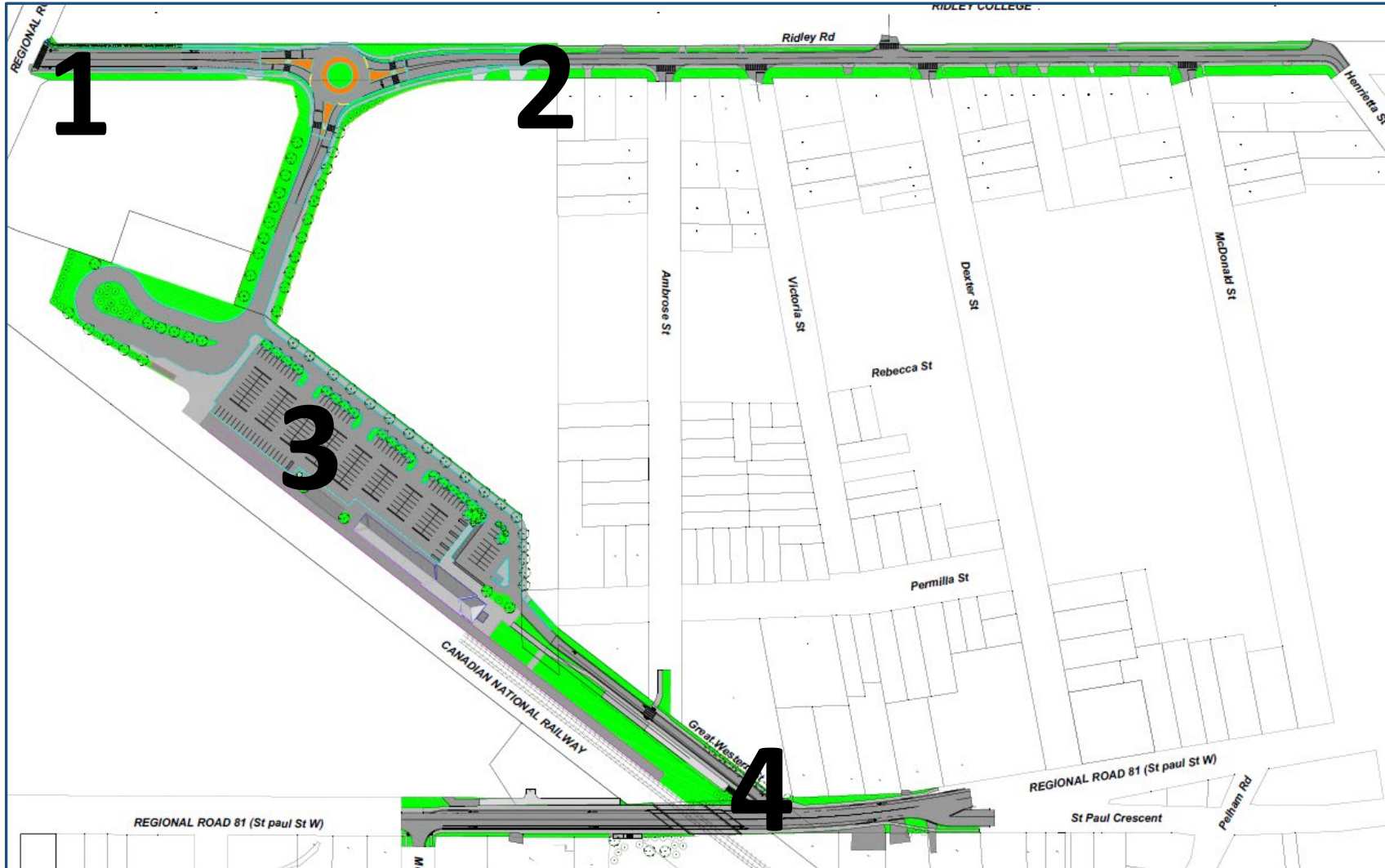
# Enabling Works

Area projects include:

1. Louth Street widening
2. Reconstructions of St. Paul Street Bridge
3. Reconfiguration for road accesses at Great Western St., Permilla St. Ambrose St. and Cameron Park
4. Traffic Management Study Area
5. New street from Ridley Road to station site.
6. Geometric improvements at Pelham Rd.
7. Potential realignment of Ridley Rd.

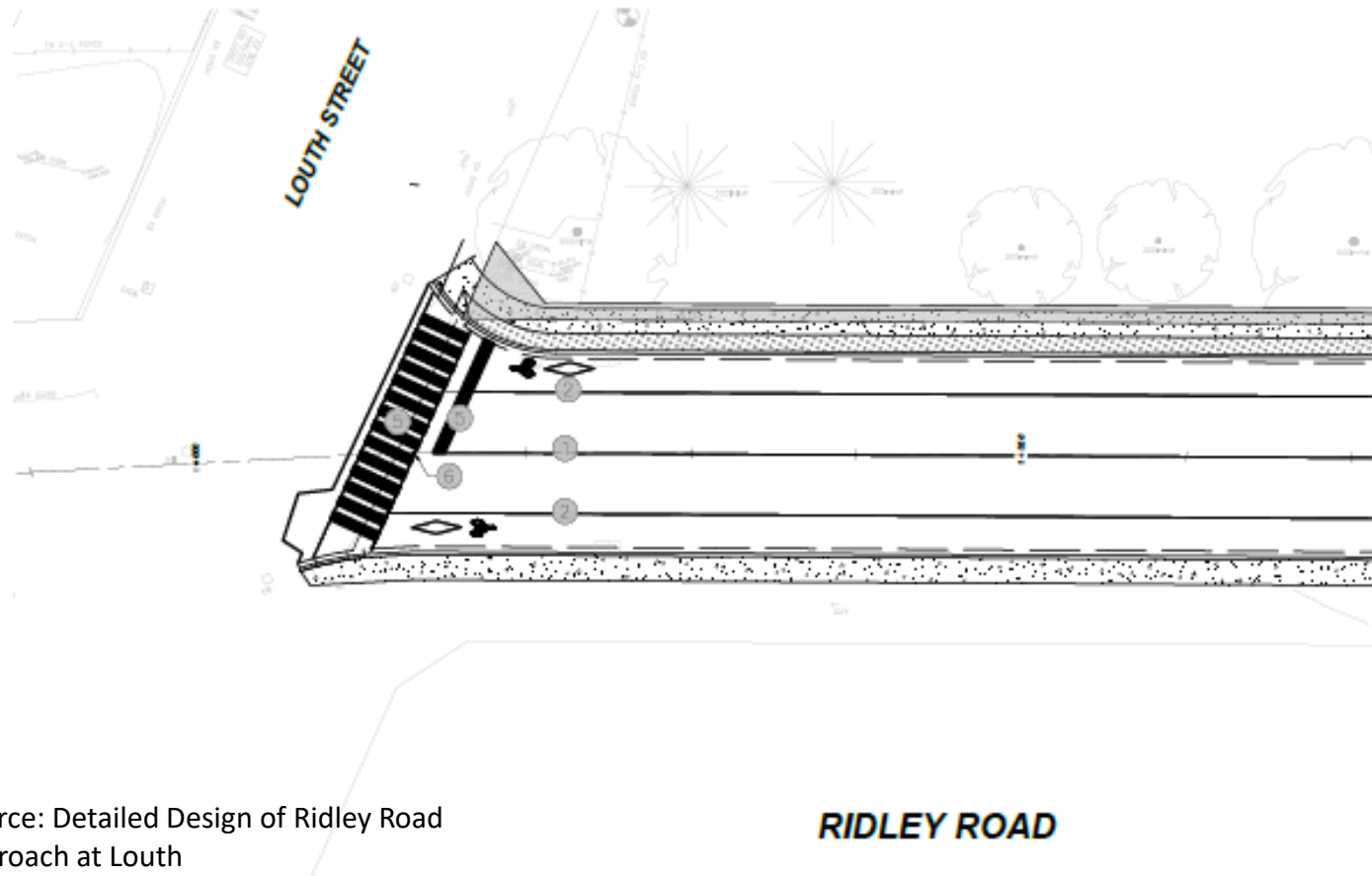
Source: Extract from West Planning District - GO Transit Station Secondary Plan (GTSSP) ScheduleE6/ 7- B

# Current Projects



1. Louth Street Environmental Assessment (EA) / Grade Separation Study
2. Ridley Road Reconstruction (Henrietta to Louth)
3. VIA/GO Station Site Redevelopment
4. St. Paul Street West (RR81) CN Rail Bridge Replacement

# 1. Future State— Louth Street

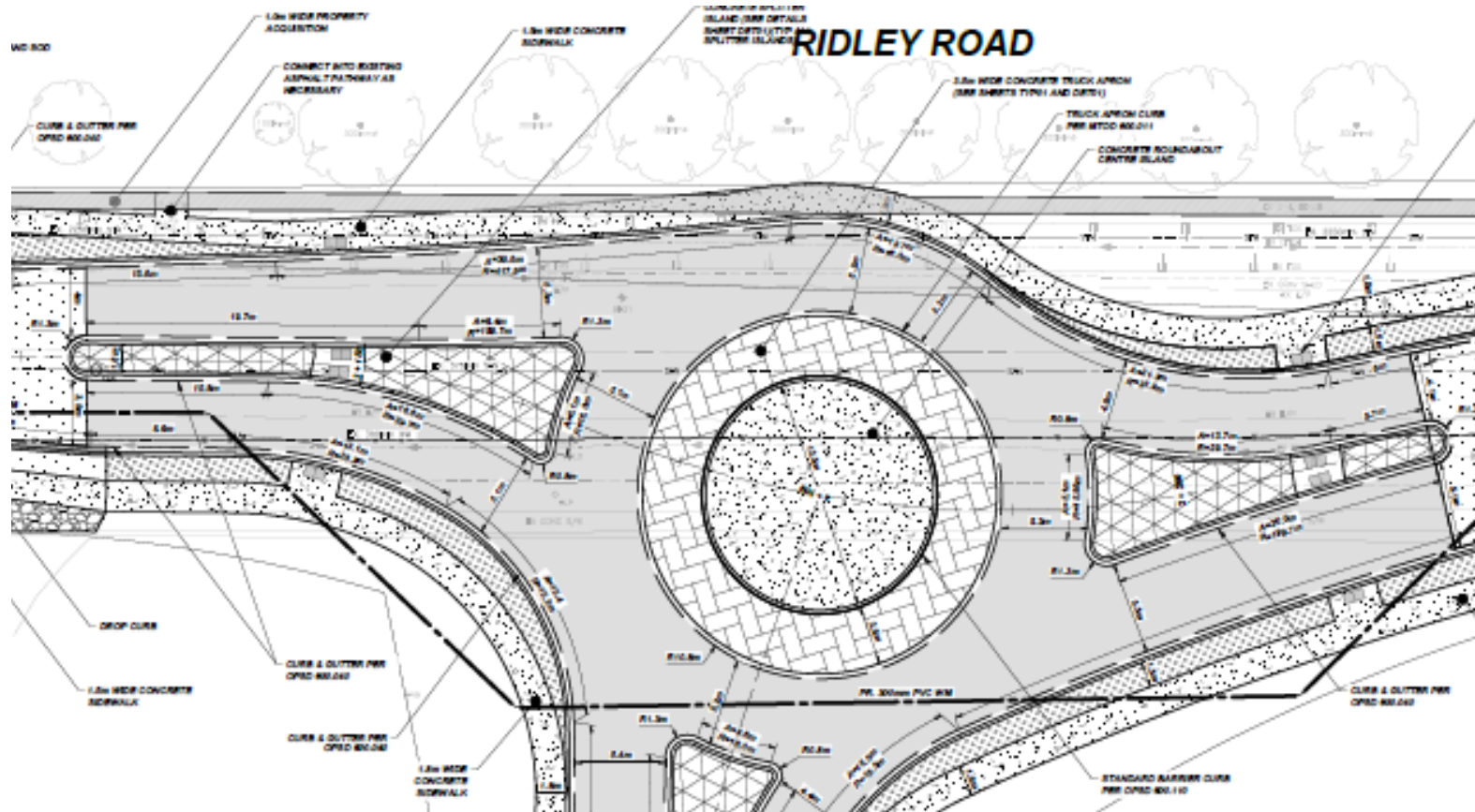


Source: Detailed Design of Ridley Road approach at Louth

- Louth Street EA is active
- PIC #2 expected May 2023
- Examines intersection of Ridley Road / Louth Street
- Determining if/where a grade separation might be warranted along multiple north/south options



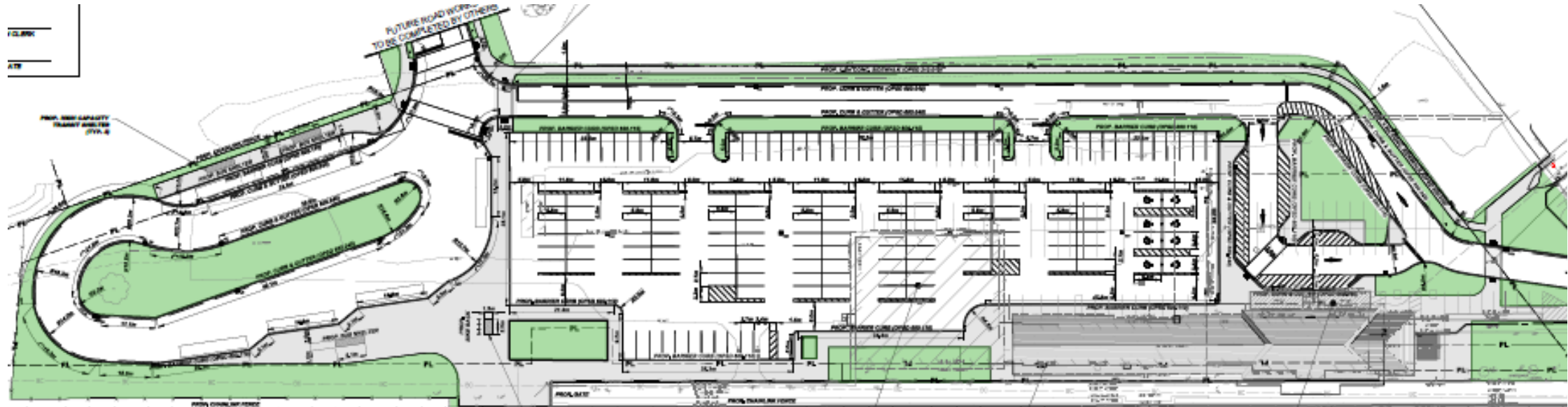
## 2. Future State—Ridley Road



- Design is ongoing - expected completion late summer 2023
- Covers Henrietta Street to Louth Street
- Construction proposed to begin early 2024



# 3. Future State—Station Site



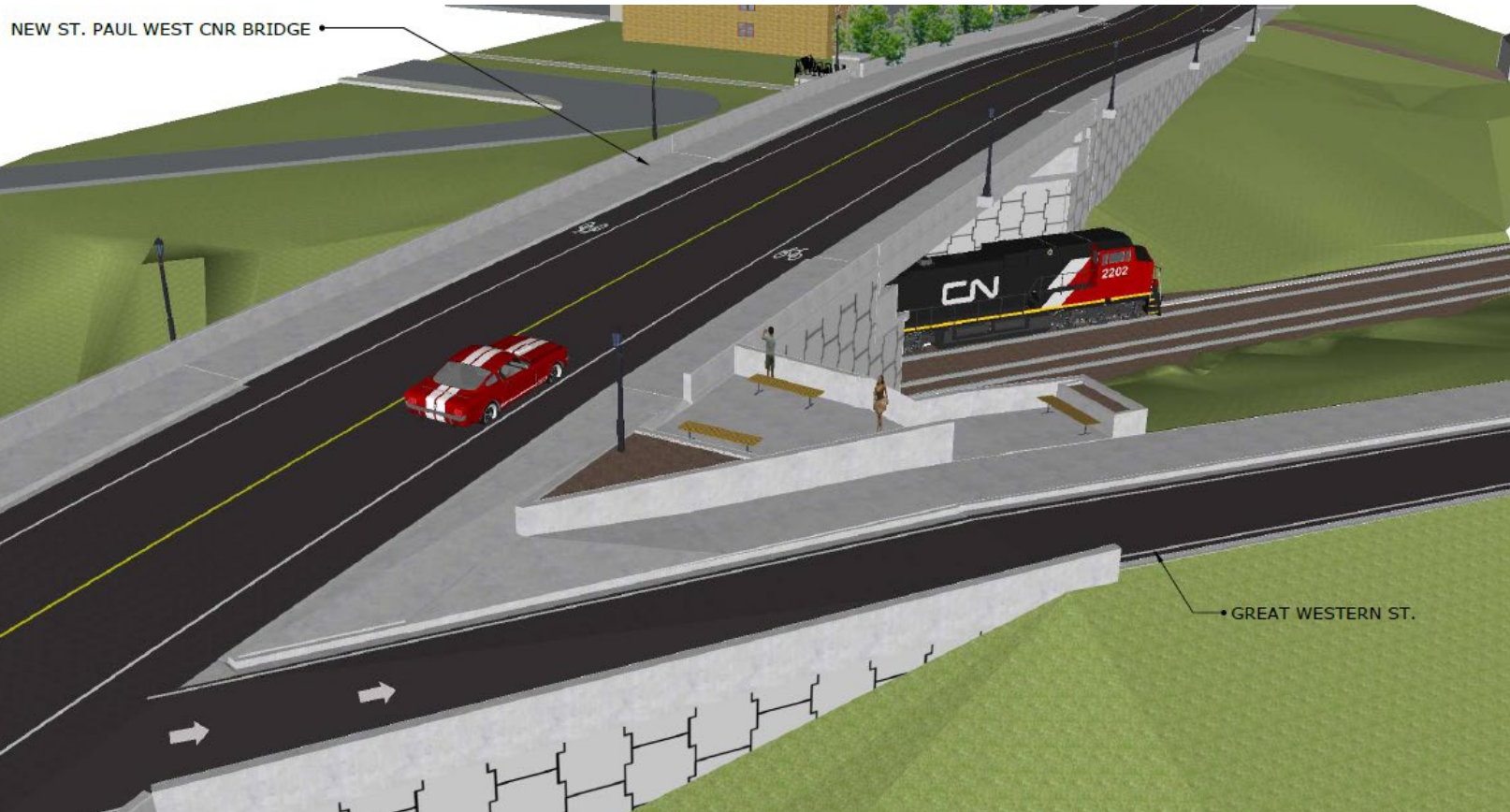
- Region acquired CN lands and VIA station
- New: 6 bay bus loop
- New: 140+ parking spaces
- New: primary station access road
- Preserving heritage station
- Site Plan approval pending
- Approval targeted for late summer 2023
- Construction begin summer 2024

# 4. Current State—St . Paul Street Bridge





# 4. Future State—St. Paul Street Bridge



- Closure of bridge last half of 2023
- Signed detour route will be St. Paul St. → Pelham Rd. → Louth St.
- Bridge construction anticipated late 2023

# WHAT TO EXPECT: Bridge Closure

## Transit in the Area

- Niagara Region Transit (NRT):
  - Routes 315/415 will not run across St. Paul Street
  - NRT moving to on-demand service for West St. Catharines once bridge closure occurs
  - Will utilize existing bus stops as pickup
- GO Transit (Route 18K):
  - We will continue to work closely with our partners at Metrolinx to find an appropriate alternative location for GO Transit service during construction

# WHAT TO EXPECT: Bridge Closure

## Traffic Mitigation

- Formalized detour routing away from neighbourhood
- Large trucks diverting to arterial roads
- Addition of new proposed speed humps
- Partial road closures on selected streets
- No buses on side streets (Ridley neighbourhood)

# Signed Detour Route

- Signed detour route will be Louth → Pelham → St. Paul
- Will be in place when bridge is closed





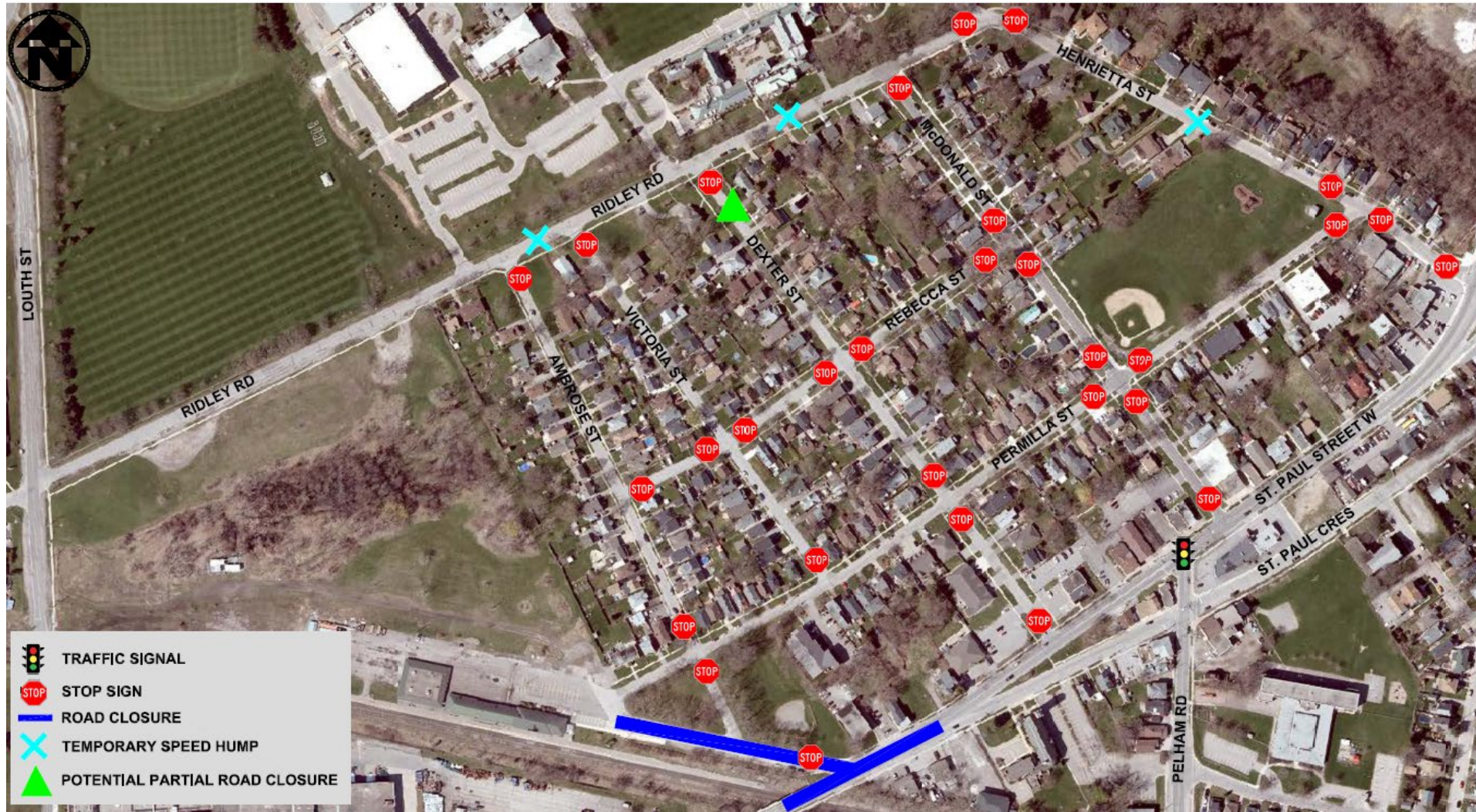
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- Addition of new potential partial road closures - “local traffic only”



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# Future Communication With You

## **ACTIVITY**

Comprehensive digital communication:  
website(s)  
available social media channels  
Next Door

## **TIMING**

On-going:  
Region's and City's website  
Region's and City's social media

## **NOTES**

As necessary to inform public of project updates and progress once construction timelines are firm

## **ACTIVITY**

Media Releases and interviews

## **TIMING**

To be determined

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# Questions?

- Keep questions to information/projects in the presentation
- Focus on neighbourhood impacts not property-specific issues/concerns
- Staff are available at the information boards to speak with individually and answer any site-specific questions
- Traffic mitigation/calming suggestions/feedback can be submitted to staff at the boards on traffic mitigation

# Thank You

**For more information on these and other projects referenced tonight, please visit:**

**[niagararegion.ca/projects](https://niagararegion.ca/projects)**

**OR**

**[stcatharines.ca/en/roads-parking-and-traffic/construction-map.aspx](https://stcatharines.ca/en/roads-parking-and-traffic/construction-map.aspx)**