

BACKGROUND AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR THE YONGE STREET TRANSITWAY

- 1. The Terms of Reference and the Needs and Justification considered three corridors:**
 - Richmond Hill Rail Line/Highway 404**
 - Yonge Street**
 - Highway 404**
- 2. The corridors were compared in terms of social, economic and natural environmental benefits and impacts.**
- 3. Of the three corridors, development of rapid transit in the Yonge Street corridor is preferred for the following reasons:**
 - Proximity to existing and planned higher density development would attract more potential riders than the alternative corridors**
 - Construction impacts can be mitigated**
 - Limited potential long term impact on the natural environment**
- 4. Further recommendations of the routes in the Yonge Street corridor and the preferred technology are presented on the subsequent boards**