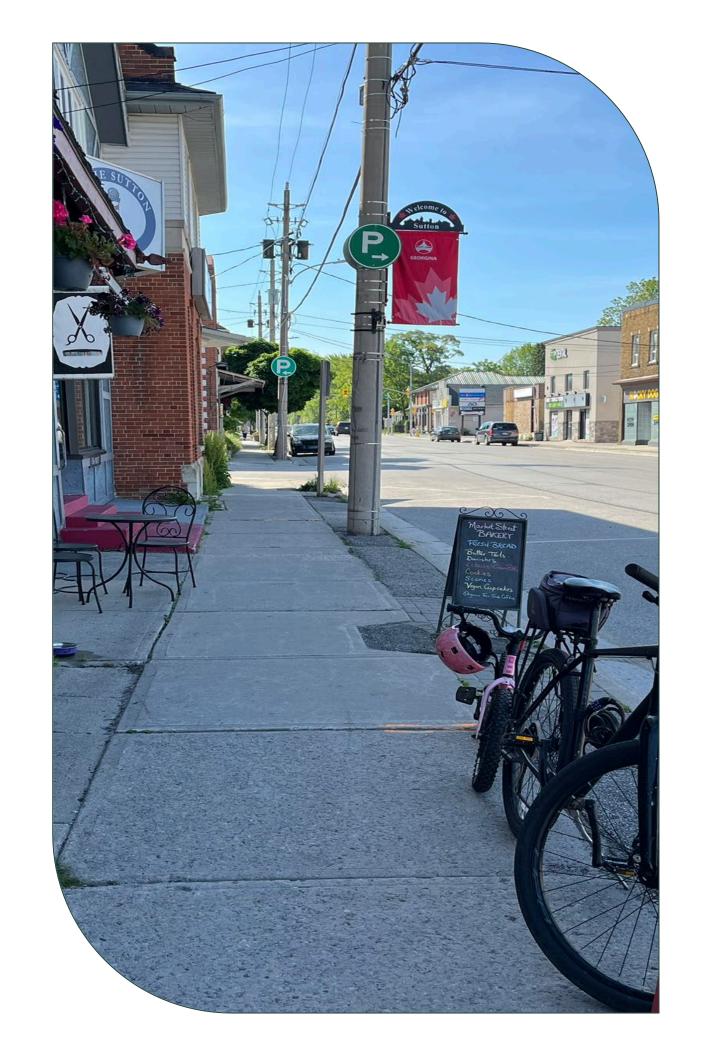


### Public Open House

# High Street Streetscape and Infrastructure Redevelopment

June 10, 2025



#### What We've Heard

Total Comments Received: 139

Provision of **sufficient nearby parking** is very important to the local community

**Operations and** 

maintenance should be

taken into consideration.

**Bicycle lanes** along High Street would be problematic and are not desired.

An **entrance feature** visible from Highway 48 would help increase commercial activity.

**Seasonal (summer) activity** is high and should be considered during construction phasing.

Key Themes of Stakeholder Feedback

Construction disruption should be **confined to a short timeframe** as practical

Maintaining access during construction is very important.

High Street downtown core is lacking **safe pedestrian crossing** options.

Overhead wires are unsightly and detract from the objective of streetscaping improvements.

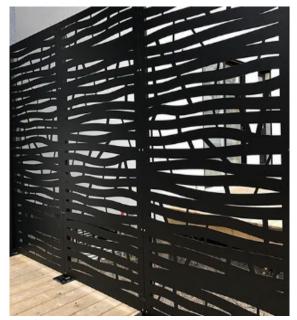
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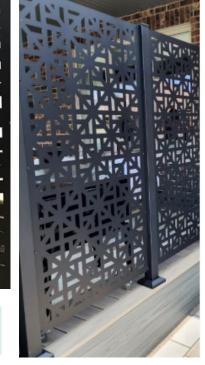
#### **Examples of Streetscape Improvement Features**











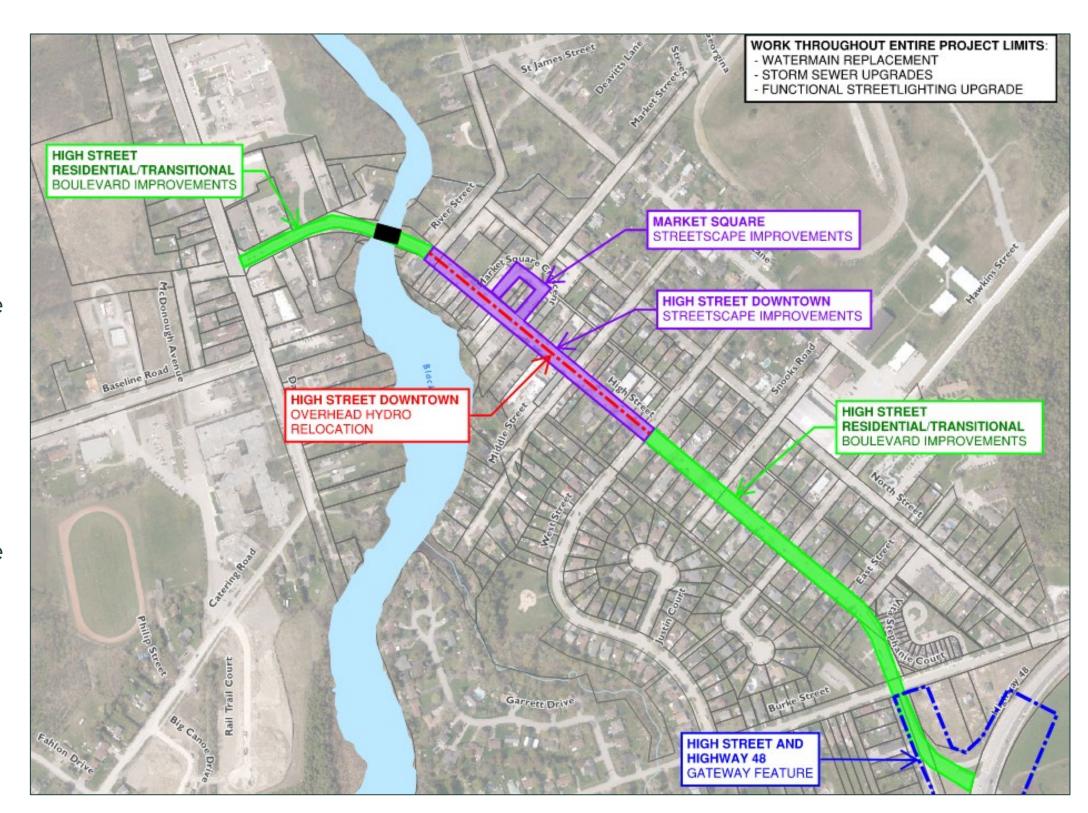




Privacy screens

# Map of Preliminary Design Options

- Streetscape Revitalization
  - High Street Downtown Core (BIA), Market Square
- Road & Boulevard Improvements
  - Residential Areas outside of Downcore Core (BIA)
- Hydro Relocation Study
  - High Street Downtown Core
- Gateway Feature
  - Highway 48 / Gateway to High Street



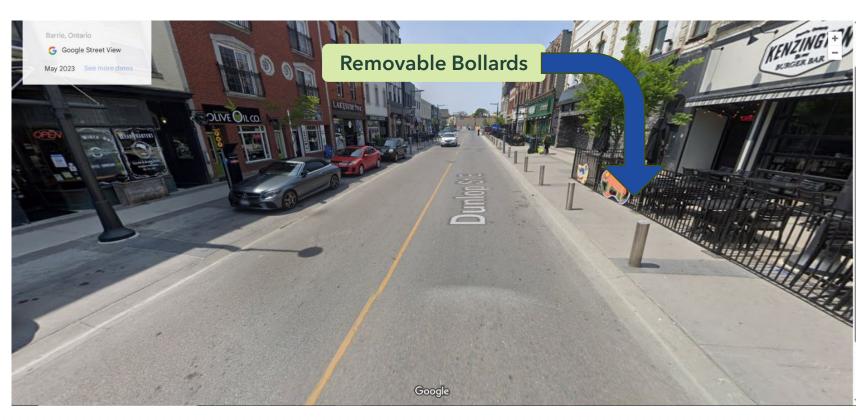
# Recommended Streetscape Option - Mountable Curb



# **Example Streetscape Projects from Other Municipalities**



**Downtown Wiarton** 

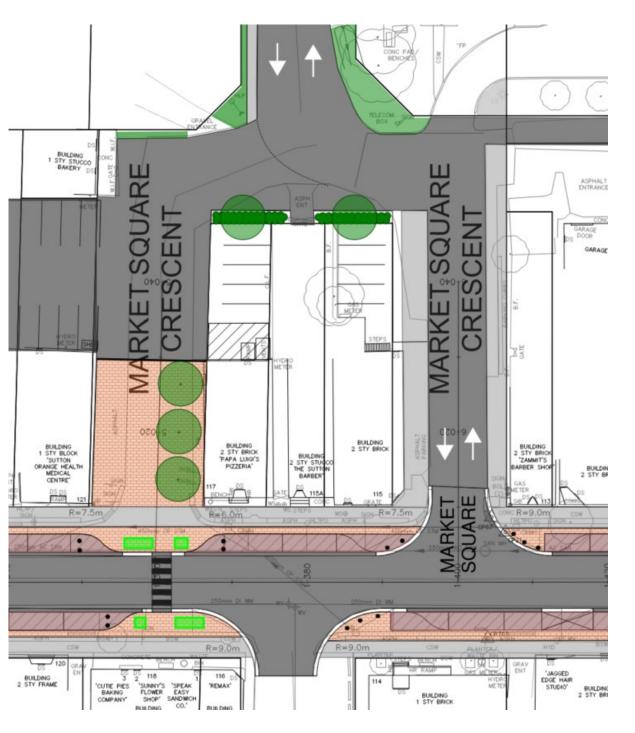


**Downtown Barrie** 



**Downtown Belleville** 

### Recommended Market Square Option - Dedicated Pedestrian Space

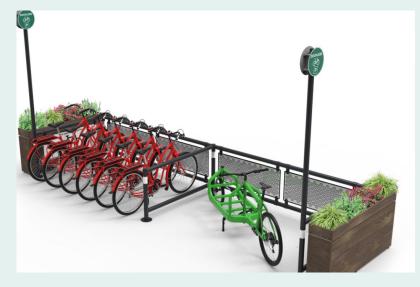


- Closure of north-west leg of Market Square Crescent to create an appealing public gathering space equipped with street-trees, benches, planters, waste receptacles and an entrance feature.
- Reclaims a valuable area at the heart of the BIA core that was heavily underutilized
- Flexibility to use the area as a relaxing rest area, potential location for additional artistic wall murals, or converted into a popup event plaza with temporary market stalls
- Addition of a signalized midblock pedestrian cross-walk
- Maintain access to all private rear parking lots

Sample image of Lent Lane, Walton Street (Port Hope, ON)



Sample image of a pedestrian space amenities option (bike corral)



### Streetscape Sample Rendering: Market Square



### Streetscape Sample Rendering: Market Square (continued)

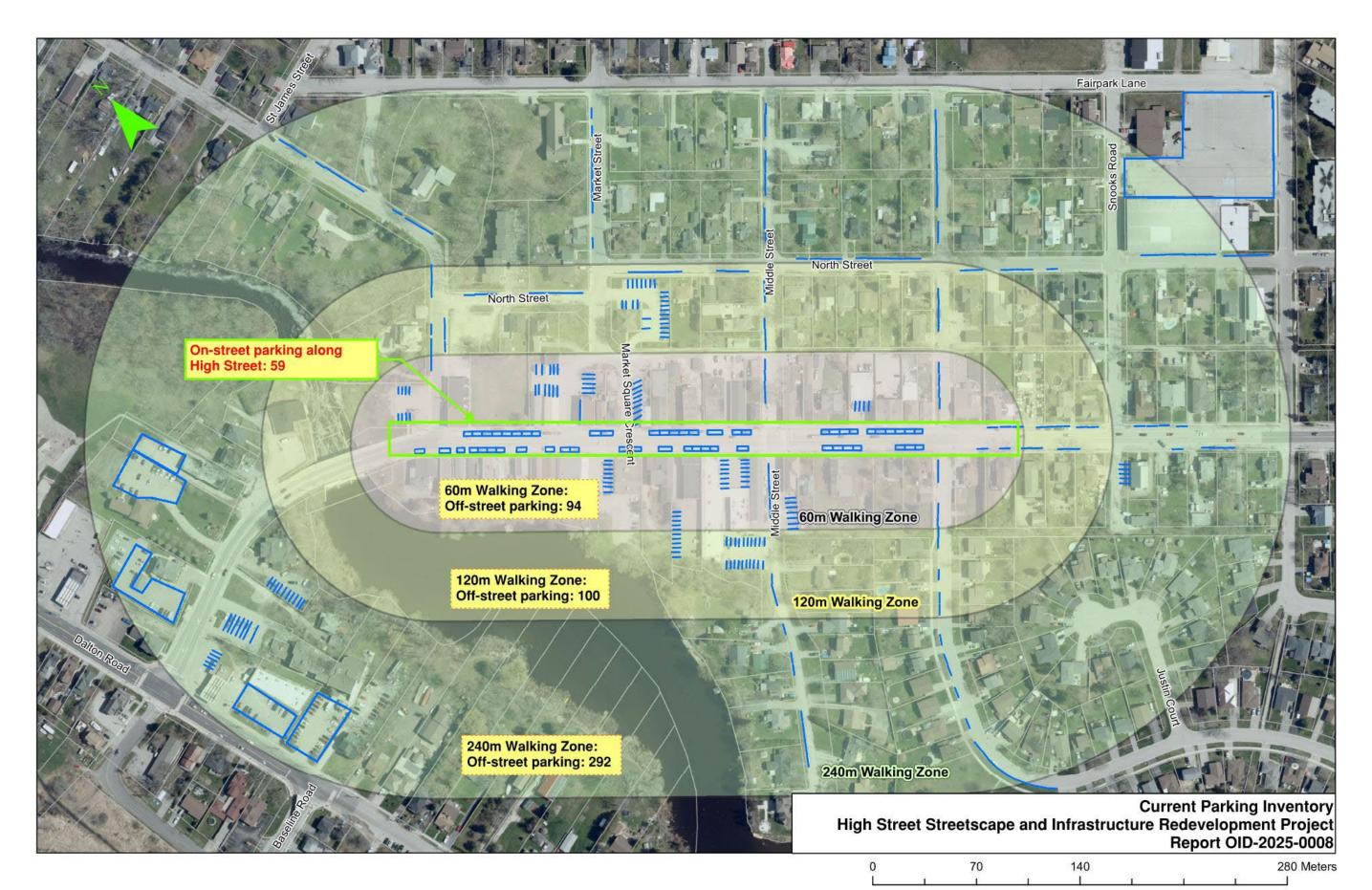




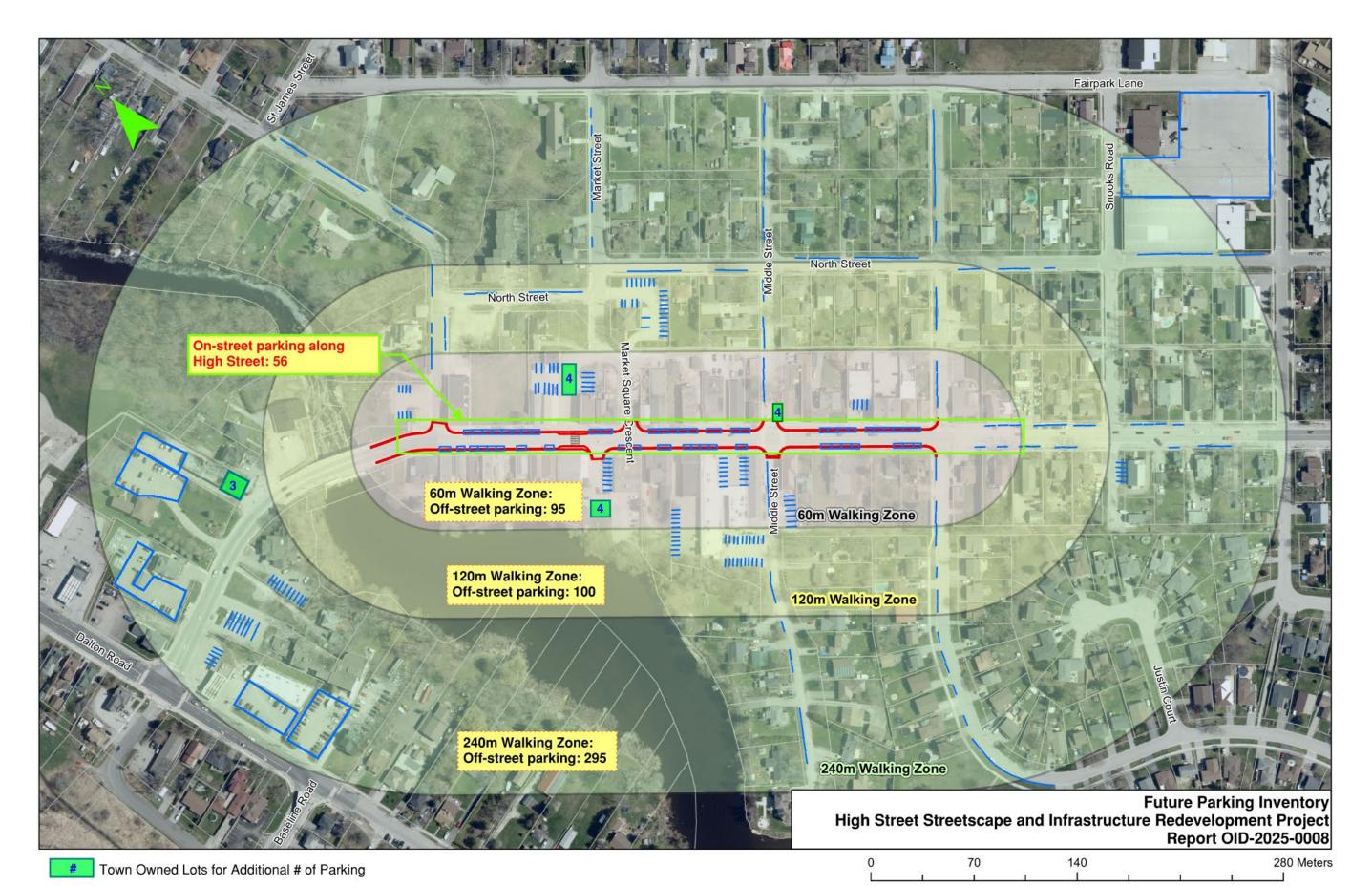




#### **Current Parking Inventory**



#### **Future Proposed Parking**



#### **Parking Impact**

#### **Walking Distance Zones:**

- Curbside parking on High St: Ideal for brief stop/quick drop-ins
- 60 m zone: comfortable outdoor walking distance (1 min walk)
- 120m: Suitable for medium-term parking (2-3 min walk)
- 240m: Suitable for long-term parking (5+ min walk)

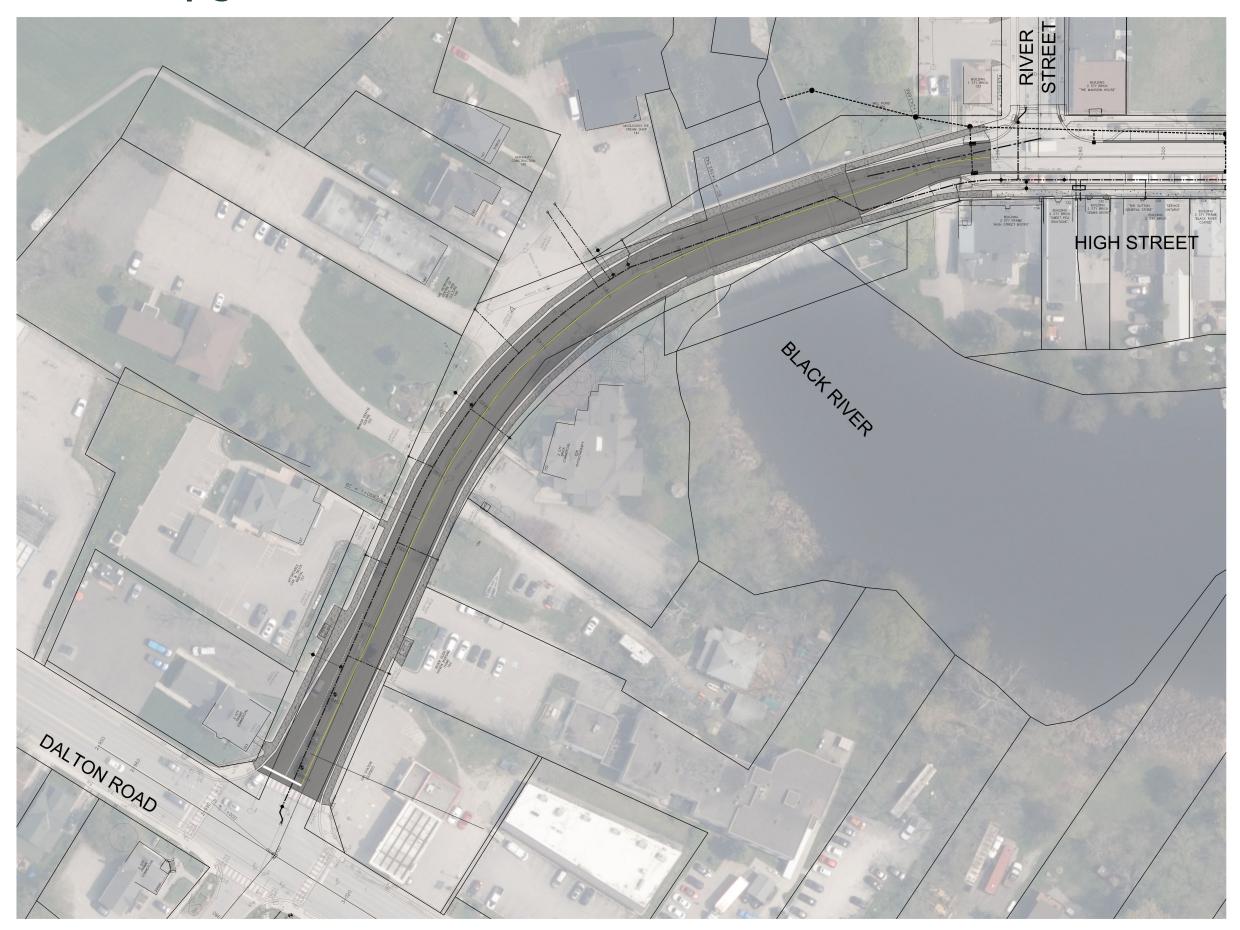
#### Impact of recommended streetscaping:

- On-street parking temporarily unavailable (during construction): -59 spots
- On-street parking reduced (long-term): -3 spots
- 60m walking zone parking net increase (long-term): +1 spots
- 120m walking zone parking net increase (long-term): 0 spot
- 240m walking zone parking net increase (long-term): +3 spots

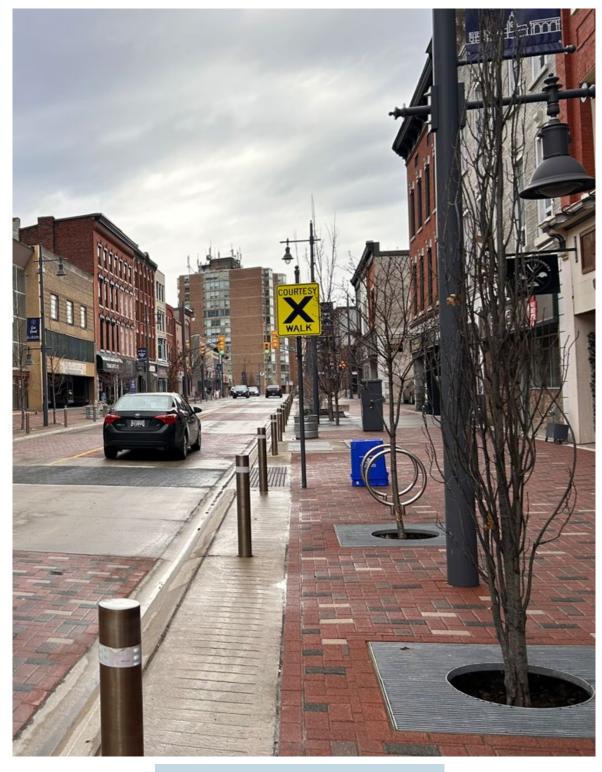
### Recommended Boulevard Restoration Option - Outside of Downtown Core



### Infrastructure Upgrades - River St. to Dalton Rd.



# Recommended Hydro Upgrade Option - Relocate All Underground



**Sample Photo: Belleville, ON** 



**Example New Streetlight** 

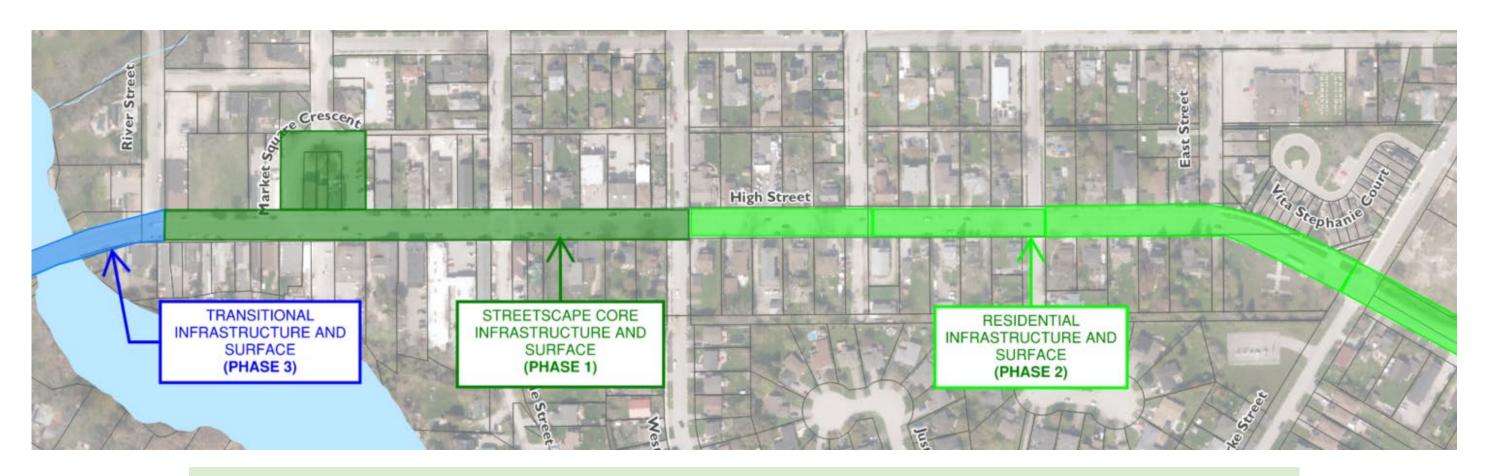
# Recommended Gateway Feature Option - Custom Sign





**Location for Custom Sign** seen from Highway 48

#### **Construction Phasing Plan**



#### Current Staging Plan Anticipated to Complete Construction

- Original scope of work was expanded to include additional sanitary and watermain upsizing which could result in Phase 2 and/or Phase 3 construction to span into additional season(s).
- Construction planned to start with Phase 1 in 2026, followed by Phases 2 and 3 in 2026 and/or 2027, dependant on final staging plans and resources.
- Phasing and staging to be further evaluated throughout detailed design phase including review of potential
  acceleration tactics (requirement for multiple crews, extended construction hours, bonuses for completion etc.)

#### **Next Steps**

- Finalize Pre-Design Report including infrastructure review and streetscape concepts for High Street.
- Develop Detailed Design:
  - Underground infrastructure
  - Servicing and Lighting
  - Streetscape / Landscape design
  - Entry feature, wayfinding and signage
- Detailed Design (60% to 90%) to Final Design for Tendering
- Construction planned to start spring 2026



Sutton, ON High St. Pre-Construction



Lindsay, ON Post-Construction Example

### **Example Streetscape Projects**







