

Major Transit Station Areas



What are major transit station areas?

Higher density, mixed-use and transit-supportive neighbourhoods that provide access to local amenities, jobs, housing, and recreation opportunities. These areas are within a 500-800 metre radius (a 10-minute walk) of a transit station or stop, primarily along existing or planned GO rail stops, Bus Rapid Transit, or Light Rail Transit.

What is the Region doing?

- Aligning transit investment and land use planning by directing transit-supportive densities to Major Transit Station Areas (MTSAs)
- Collaborating with the local municipalities to identify and prioritize MTSAs, and provide minimum densities
- Developing Regional Official Plan policies to guide how MTSAs will be planned in the Region

Why are major transit station area policies important?

- Support efficient land use and sustainable modes of travel, by planning for more people and jobs close to transit and amenities
- Provide opportunities to live and work close to transit by directing MTSAs to be planned as complete communities
- Promote mixed-use transit-supportive neighborhoods to achieve community benefits such as shortened commutes, reduced congestion and pollution, and increased opportunity to walk and cycle as part of a healthy community

Regional Official Plan policies will...

- Protect MTSAs to ensure we can accommodate transit-supportive land uses and manage future growth
- Delineate the boundaries of MTSAs in the Region
- Provide minimum densities for each MTSA (density refers to the amount of people and jobs planned for an area)
- Prioritize and define the types of transit stations in the Region, considering when and how they may develop
- Establish a framework to guide implementation planning by the local municipalities



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How are major transit station area policies formed?

The Growth Plan, 2019 provides direction for upper-tier municipalities to work collaboratively with lower-tier municipalities to align transit investment and land use planning by directing transit-supportive densities to MTSAs along priority transit corridors.

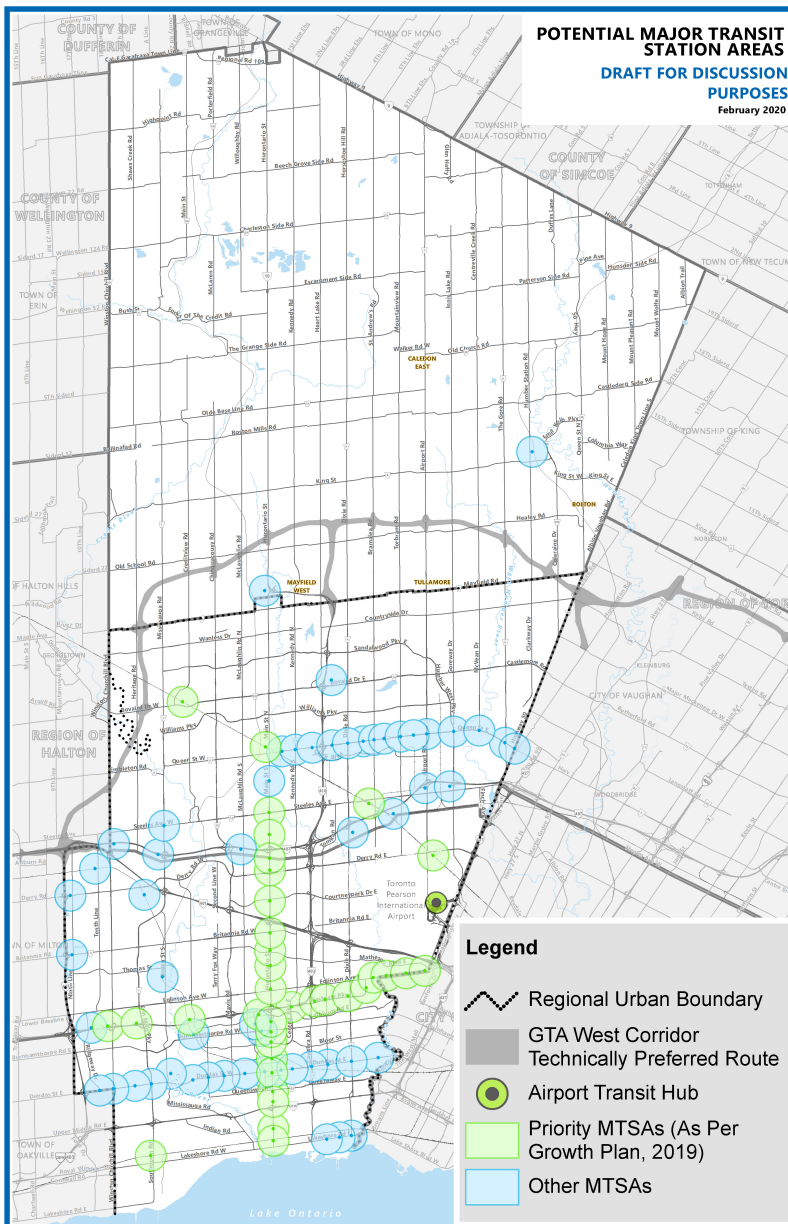
Phase 1A of the study has...

- Identified potential MTSAs in Mississauga, Brampton and Caledon
- Assessed the current condition of each potential MTSAs for its:
 - land use and built form
 - market and growth potential
 - mobility (active and vehicular transport)
 - community considerations
- Introduced draft MTSAs boundary delineations
- Categorized station 'types' based on their current condition, opportunities, and challenges in redevelopment and meeting target densities

What are the next steps?

- Prioritize the different types of MTSAs in the Region
- Set minimum transit-supportive densities
- Finalize MTSAs boundary delineations
- Develop Regional Official Plan policies to guide implementation planning by the local municipalities

Note: Mapping of Potential MTSAs under review.



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