Welcome to the Neighbourhood Freight Forum – Meeting #2

8:00  Registration and breakfast
8:15  Opening remarks
8:20  Project updates and recap
8:40  Guest presentations – examples to inspire action
9:10  Designing solutions – breakout groups
9:50  Group presentations
10:30 Adjourn
Welcome remarks
Meeting objectives

- Provide project & neighbourhood updates
- Confirm issues identified at the first meeting
- Develop 3-5 specific solutions
- Set next steps
Agenda

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Introductions
Project updates and recap
Neighbourhood Freight Forum in the DUKE Heights BIA

- Bring together businesses and local stakeholders
- Find on-the-ground solutions to make goods movement more efficient in the neighbourhood
- 3-year project

Photos: Lindsay Wiginton, Pembina Institute
Benefits to businesses

- Freight solutions can save you money:
  - Reduced congestion and parking concerns
  - Fuel savings
  - Increased delivery reliability
  - Improved safety

Photo: Lindsay Wiginton, Pembina Institute
Work to date

- Established Project Advisory Group
- Launch of NFF (April 2017)
  - Identifying local issues
- Data collection (summer 2017)
- Business outreach (fall 2017)
  - Email, flyer, calls
What we heard

- Congestion (Dufferin, Keele, Steeles Alness)
  - Traffic volume
  - Intersection size
  - Traffic light timing
  - Concentration of demand at morning and afternoon peaks
- Lack of north-south and east-west road connectivity
What we heard

- Major construction
- Illegal parking
- Interaction between trucks and other transportation modes
- Lack of data
What we know about the neighbourhood
City of Toronto Northwest Goods Movement Study (not yet started)

- Will assess future truck operations to and from the study area
- Opportunities may include signal timing, alternate routes, new roads

Source: City of Toronto
Keele Finch Plus (underway)

- Replanning area around new subway station
- Changes to transportation network

[Link to project page]
Downsview Secondary Plan: Allen District Plan (underway)

- Redevelopment of Downsview site
- Considering new roads that would connect southward from Sheppard Ave. West

[Link to project page]
Tor-York West megazone

- DUKE Heights BIA is part of a larger employment zone that includes Vaughan employment lands, totaling 140,000 jobs
- “The region’s workshop”
- Emerging urban centres around subway extension
- Opportunity for solutions that apply across the megazone

Link to full profile
City of Toronto: Keele Finch Plus Transportation Study

- Heavy use of arterial roads (lack of inner roads)
- Commercial vehicles ~4.5% of all traffic
- 2/3 vehicles pass through without stopping
- Some roads close to, but not exceeding, vehicle capacity: Dufferin, Steeles, Finch (PM)
- Some intersection movements (Steeles, Finch) are at or over capacity
MTO: Commercial Vehicle Survey 2012

- 1,740 commercial vehicles to/from DUKE Heights BIA carrying $25 million of commodities on average weekday
- This is intercity/interprovincial/international only; does not account for local trips
Potential solutions
Types of freight solutions

1. Business-led
2. City-led
3. Leveraging existing programs

Photo: Rachel Brown
Guest presentations
Other off-peak delivery initiatives

- **New York City**
  - Subsidies for receivers and shippers
  - Success for “unassisted” deliveries in the food sector

- **Region of Peel**
  - Pilot under development
Designing solutions
Work in groups to develop the solution

- Describe your solution
- What types of businesses?
- Who will benefit?
- Who needs to be involved?
- What might get in the way of success?
- Could your solution be applied beyond the DUKE Heights BIA?
Topics

1. Changing how deliveries are done
   - Off-peak delivery
   - Consolidated deliveries

2. Support for businesses to green their fleets
   - Access to programs & information

3. Sharing the road between trucks & other modes

4. Other?
Tips

- Be specific
- Your solution might only apply to certain businesses
- What can your business do?
How do you want to stay engaged?
www.pembina.org/freightforum

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