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Rapid Transit Downtown Preliminary Design

Project Background

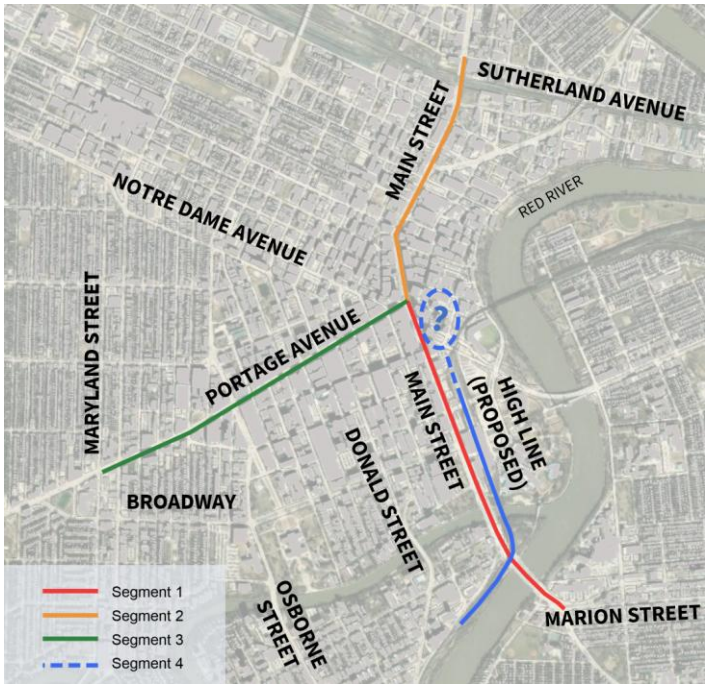
The City of Winnipeg is taking the first step towards rapid transit in downtown Winnipeg. Rapid transit provides dedicated corridors or lanes for transit vehicles. The Winnipeg Transit Master Plan lays out how rapid transit should be built across Winnipeg. We invest in downtown first, then build out from there. These corridors are critical for building a connected rapid transit system. Right now, downtown traffic creates a bottleneck. This makes Transit less reliable across the city. Downtown rapid transit corridors will help us reach an important goal. That goal is public transit that is faster, more consistent, and attracts more riders.

Rapid Transit

The Rapid Transit Downtown project considers four new segments of rapid transit infrastructure:

- Segment 1: Main Street from Marion Street to Portage Avenue
- Segment 2: Main Street from Portage Avenue to Sutherland Avenue
- Segment 3: Portage Avenue from Maryland Street to Main Street
- Segment 4: Elevated transit-only infrastructure between Harkness Station and Portage Avenue

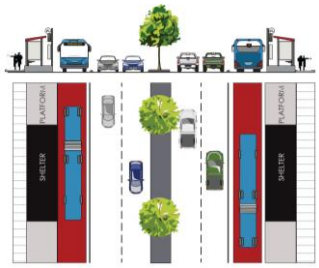
As part of this project, the City is also planning for new rapid transit stations in the downtown.



Transitway Types

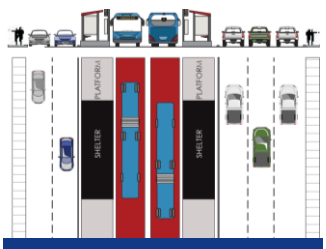
A transitway is rapid transit infrastructure that provides physically separated lanes for transit vehicles. Four possible transitway designs will be considered for the Rapid Transit Downtown project. The project team will evaluate the options for each segment based on technical analysis, stakeholder feedback, and other considerations.

Curbside:



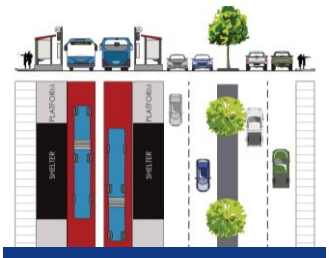
Located in each curb lane of a street.

Centre:



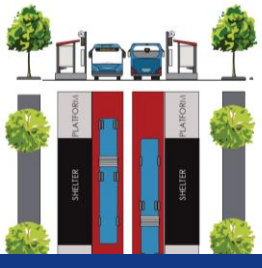
Located in the centre of the street.

Same-side:



Located on only one side of a street.

Exclusive:



Separate from existing streets and traffic.

Rapid Transit Stations

New rapid transit stations will be strategically located to connect multiple routes. The Winnipeg Transit Master Plan proposes that Union Station becomes the flagship rapid transit station downtown. Rapid transit stations have more distance between them than standard transit stops. This supports faster travel times along the corridors.

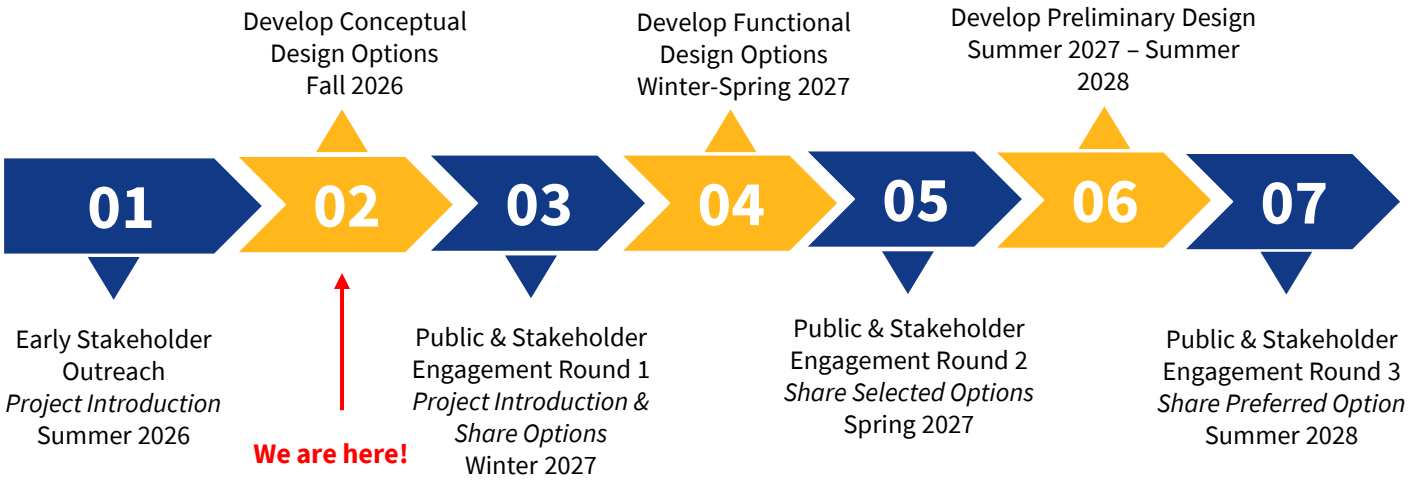


Early Outreach

The project team held meetings with targeted stakeholders between June and July 2026. These meetings provided an early project introduction and gave landowners, tenants, and businesses adjacent to the proposed infrastructure the opportunity to provide feedback and share information about potential project impacts. Stakeholders raised considerations such as traffic, parking, property access, safety, and accessibility. The team is considering this feedback alongside technical considerations as they develop alignment concepts for each segment.

The first phase of public engagement will be conducted at the end of 2026 to share these concepts, provide additional details on the project, and to seek further feedback and insights.

Project Timeline



Learn more at: winnipeg.ca/rapidtransitdowntown
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