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# Société de transport de l'Outaouais (STO) public transit system linking Gatineau's West End to Ottawa – Scenarios under review

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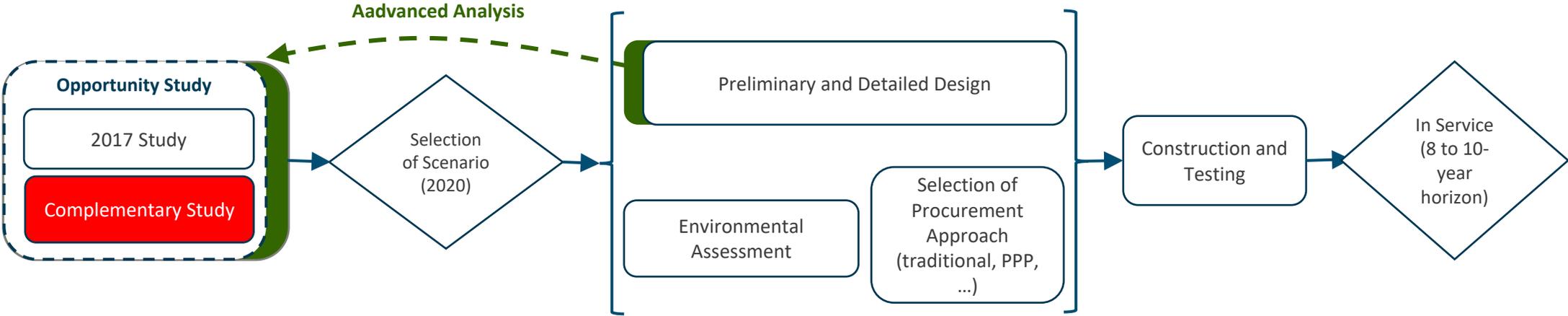
# Project Main Phases

Current phase:

Opportunity Study

Next Phases:

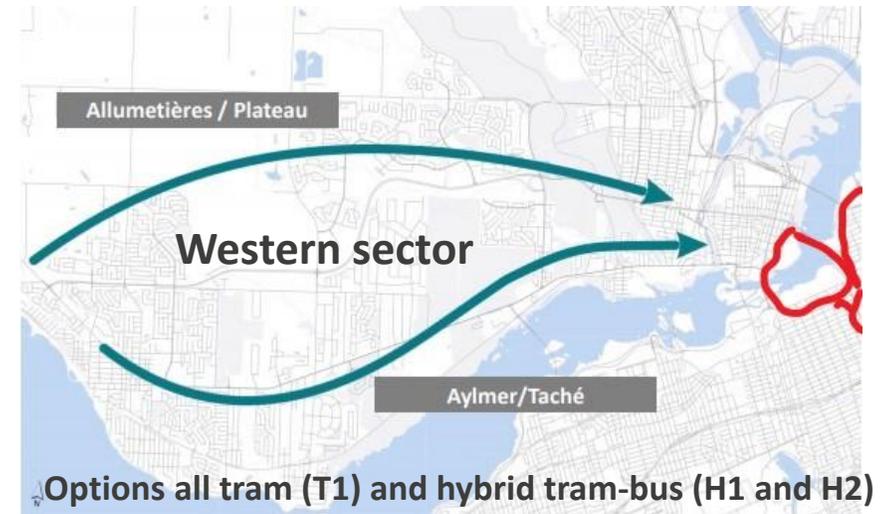
The remainder of the Project includes the following:



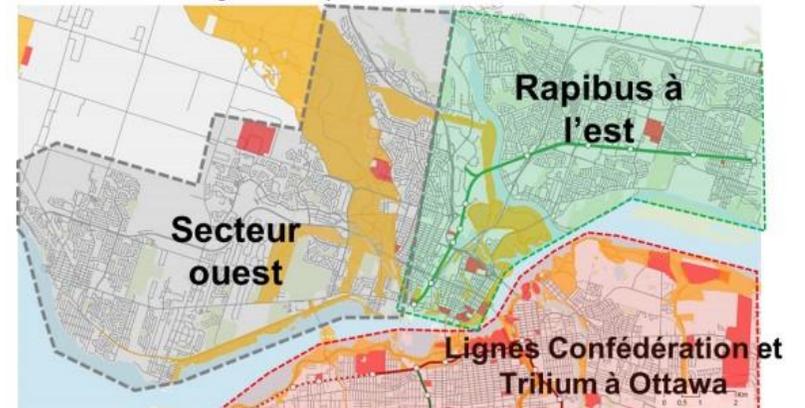
# STO Public Transit System Linking Gatineau's West End to Ottawa

## Construction in 10 years

- Population growth
- Increased congestion
- Demand for an efficient public transit system
- Western sector: Increased ridership demand by 57% to 81% (2031)



Couverture de la région métropolitaine en réseaux structurants :



# Capital Planning Framework

- Plan for Canada's Capital - 2017 - 2067
- Gatineau Park Plan (2005)
- Capital Core Area Sector Plan (2005)
- Sustainable Development Strategy (2018-2023)
- Interprovincial Transit Strategy (2013)
- Confederation Boulevard Guidelines (2011)

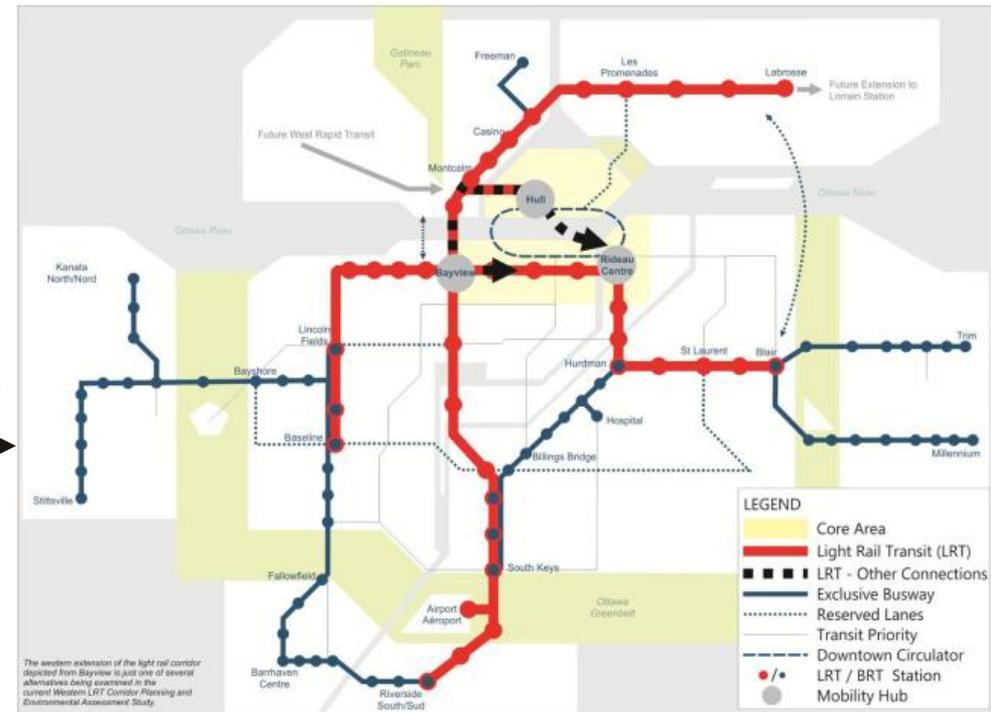


# Integrated Transit Strategy (NCC)

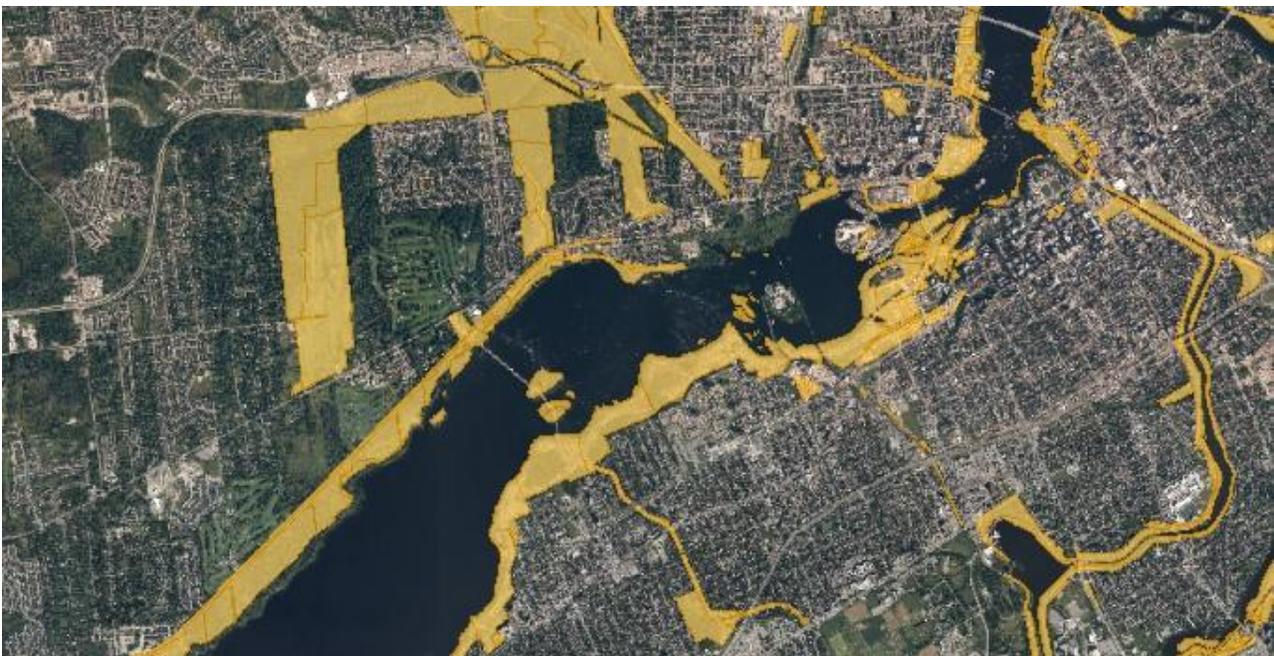
- Interprovincial, continuous, accessible, integrated and easy to use
- Modern and sustainable for the long term
- Partnership between organizations

INTEGRATED  
TRANSIT  
STRATEGY

- Two cities
- Two provinces
- Two transit organizations
- Federal strategic role (NCC)

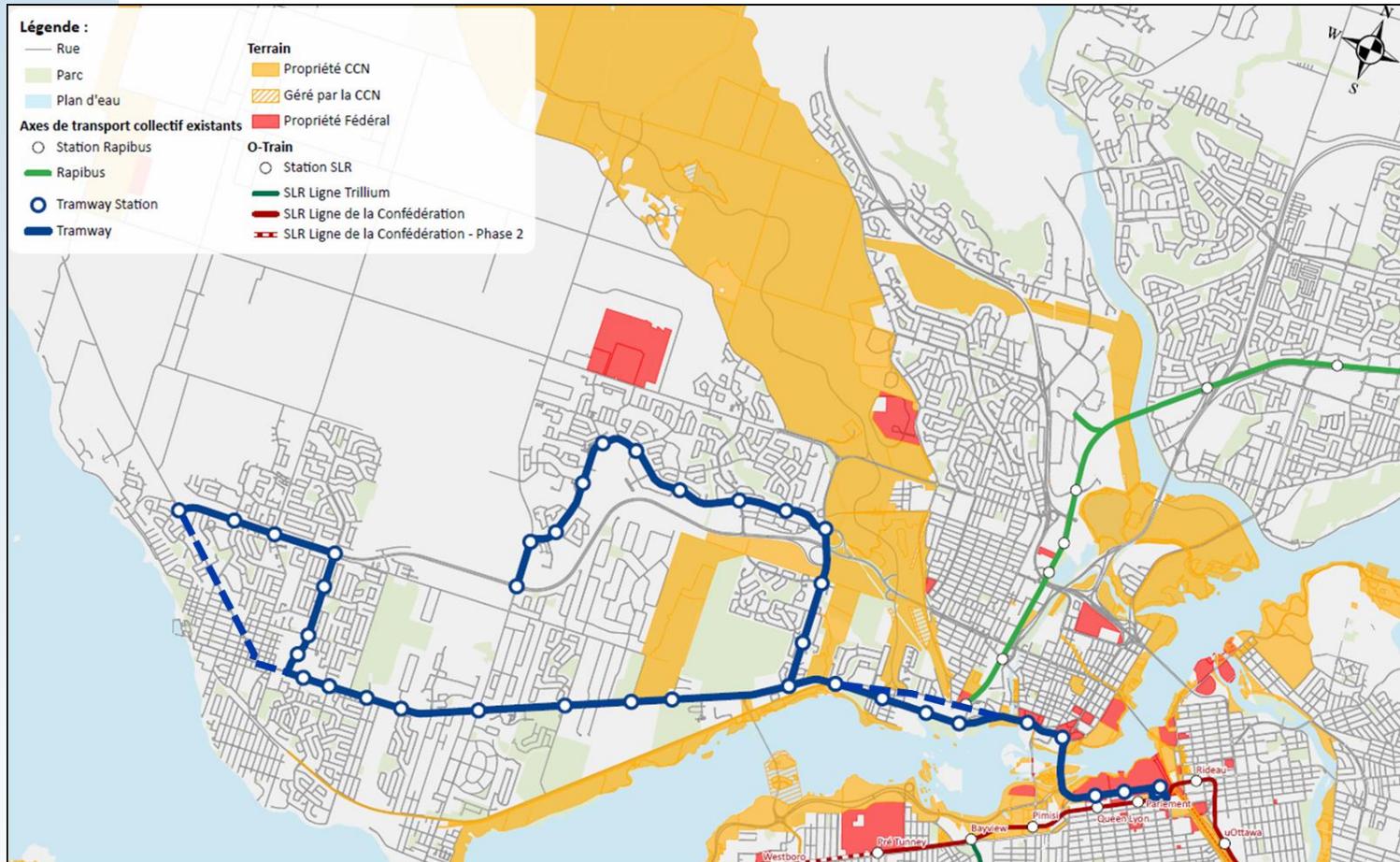


# 2 - Scenarios in Gatineau



# 3 Scenarios Carried Forward for Assessment

## 1. All tram

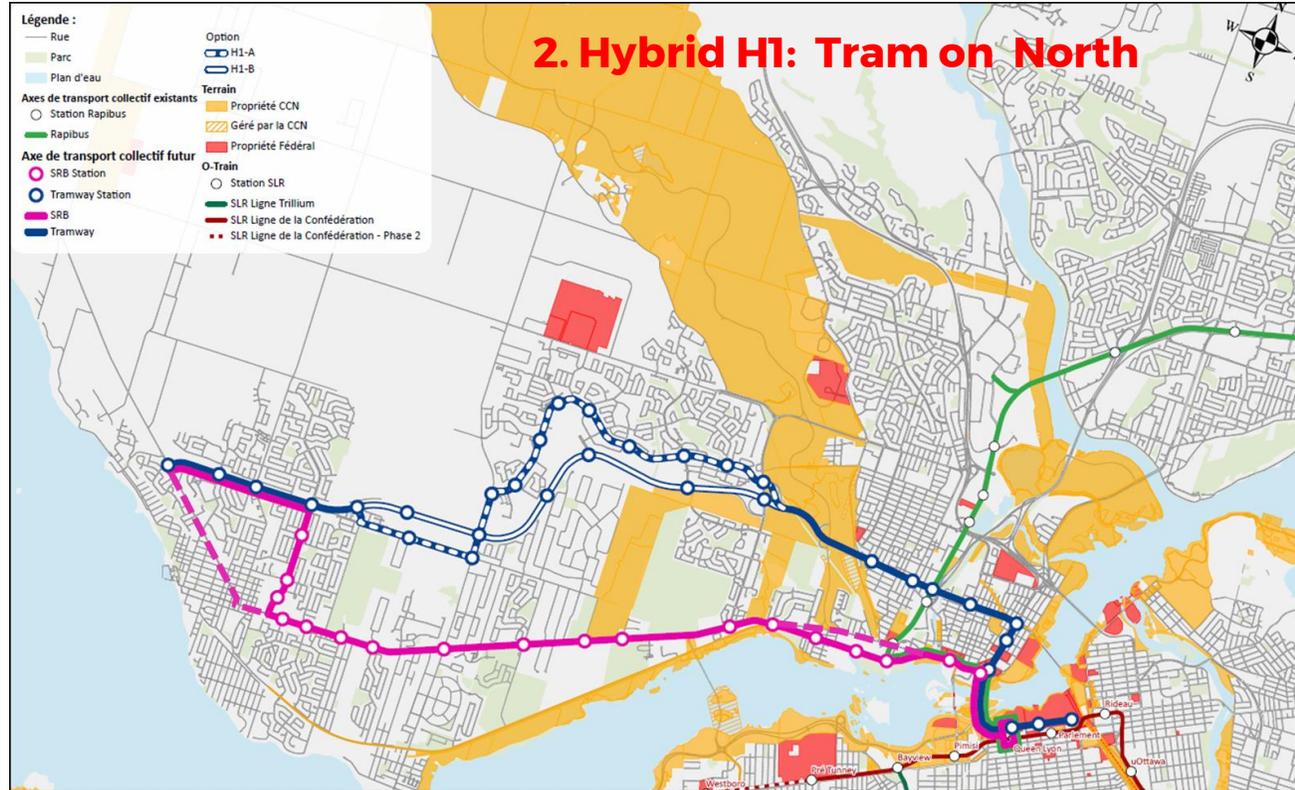


Strasbourg, France

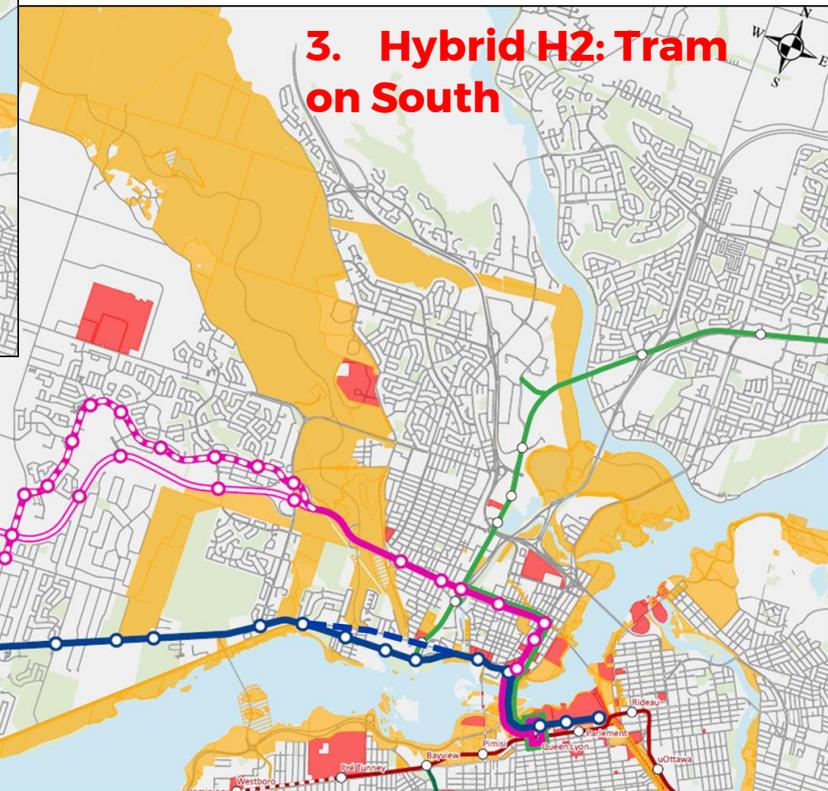


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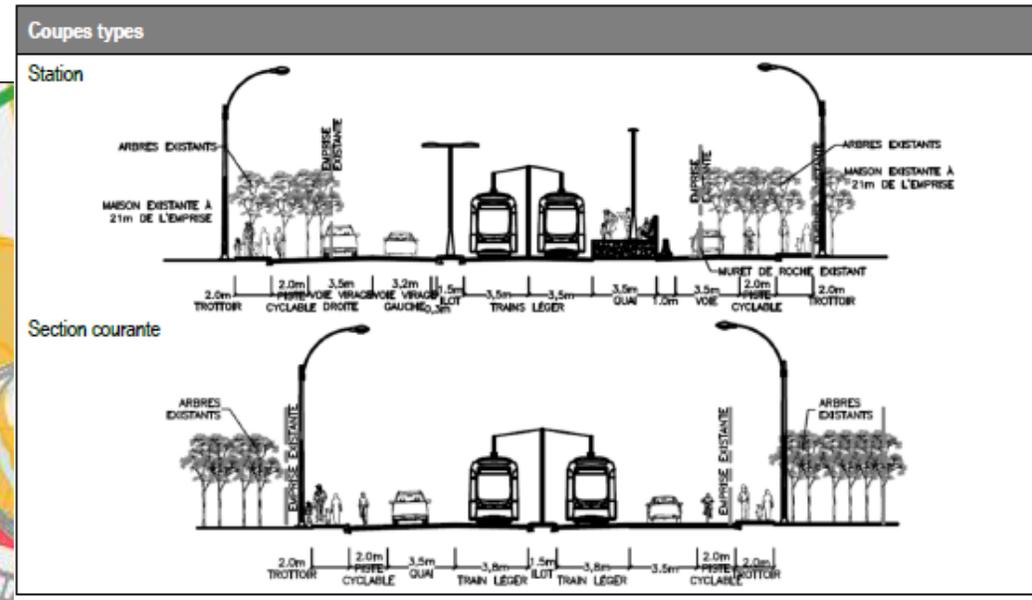
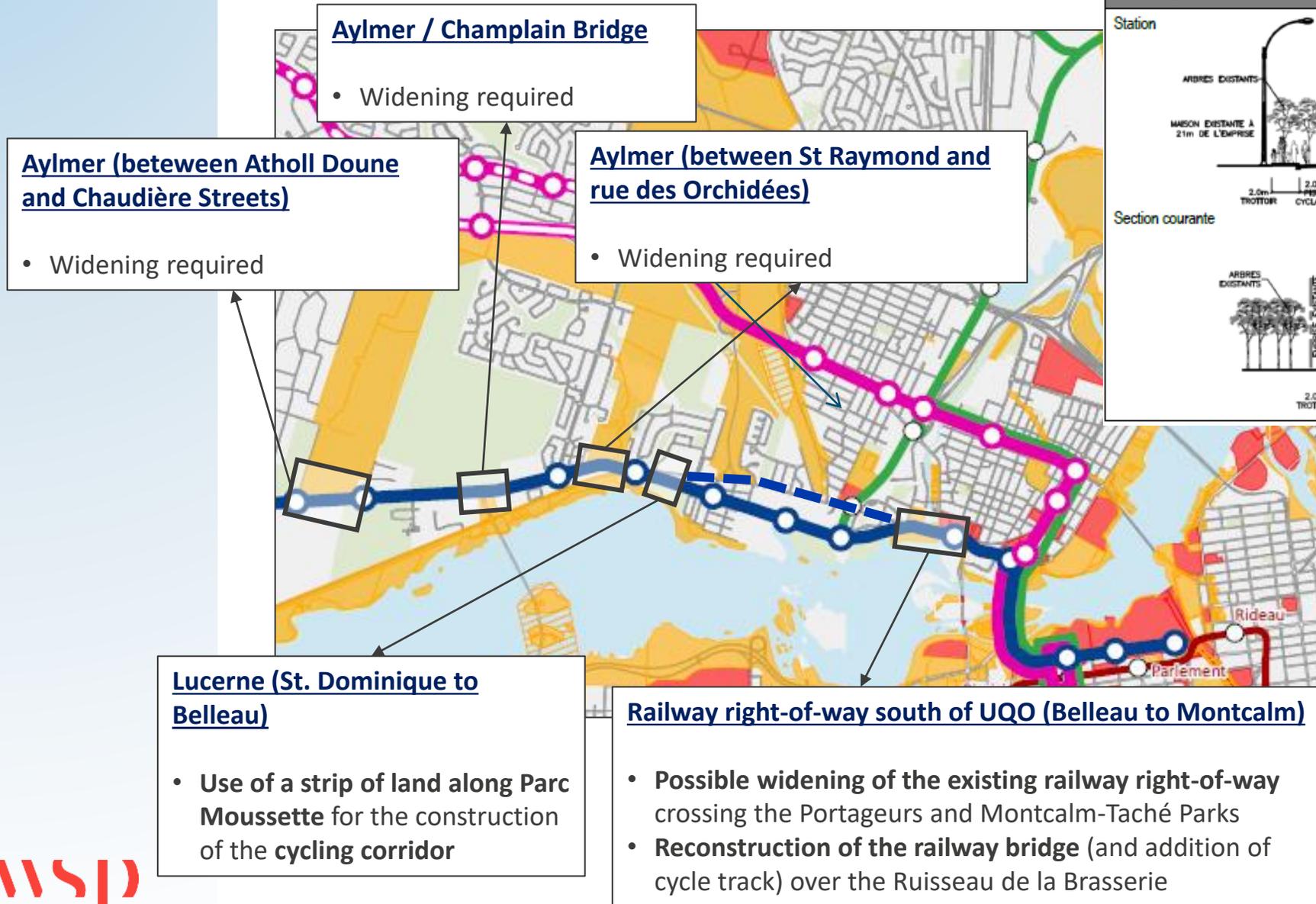


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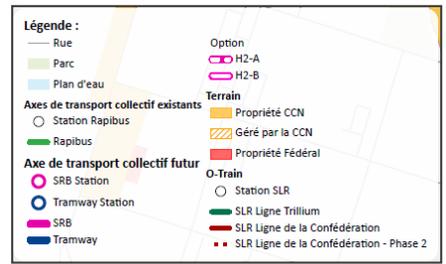


Gatineau, Canada

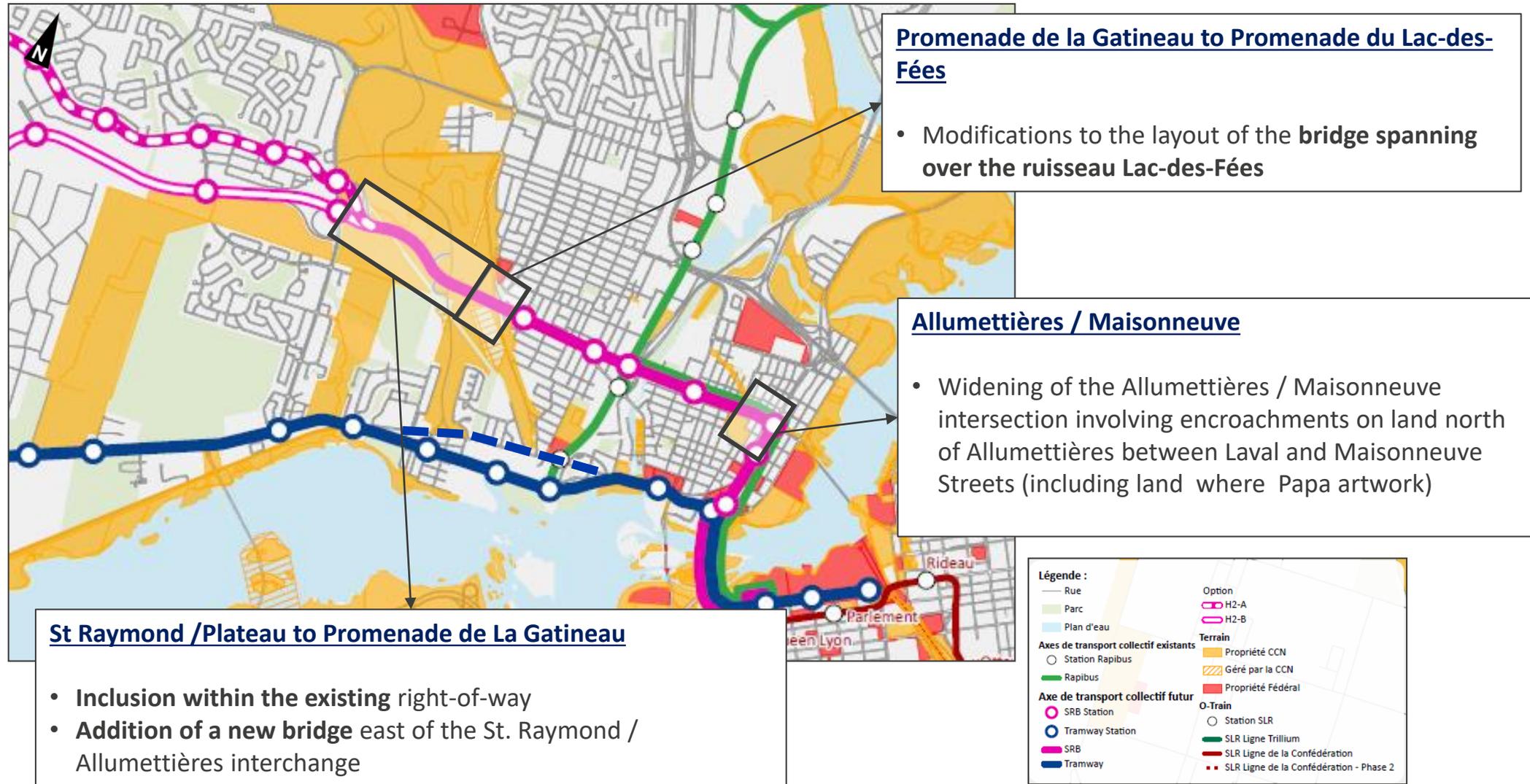
# Main Impacts on NCC and Federal Lands - All Scenarios



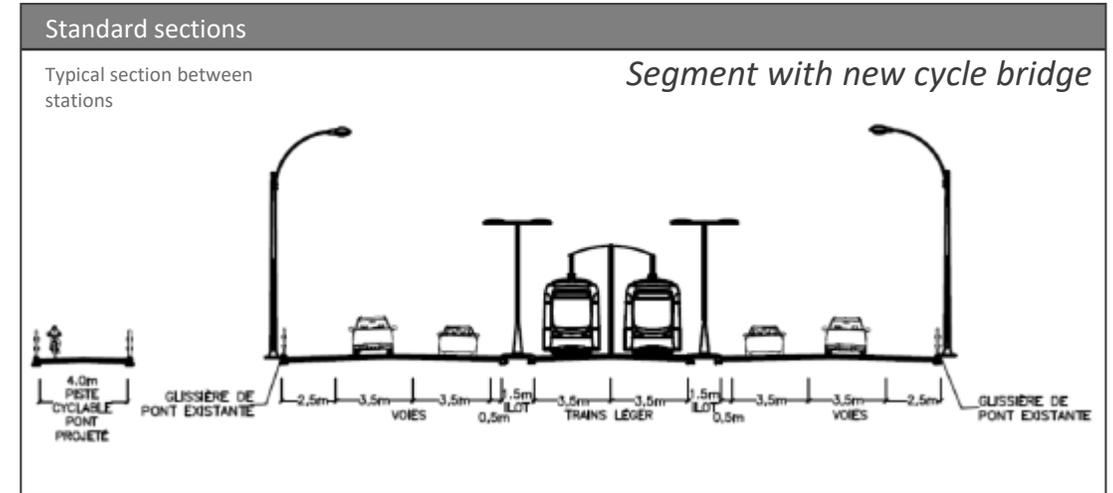
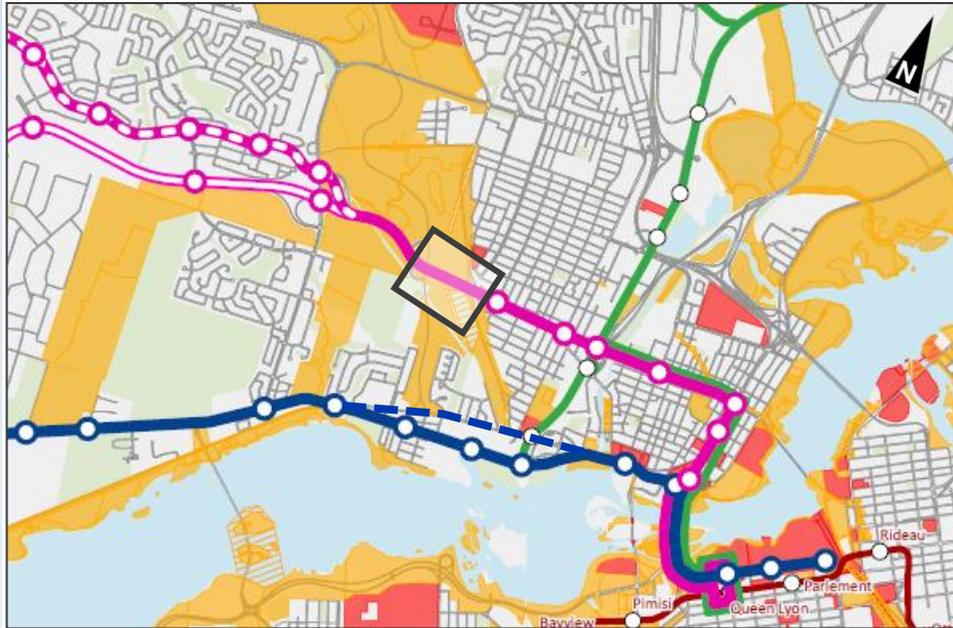
Typical width:  
 19.8 – 27.6 m (between stations)  
 24,8 – 28,9m (at stations)



# Main Impacts on NCC and Federal Lands - Hybrid Scenarios



# Main implications on CCN and Federal grounds - Examples



Typical width without recreational pathway: 29.5m)

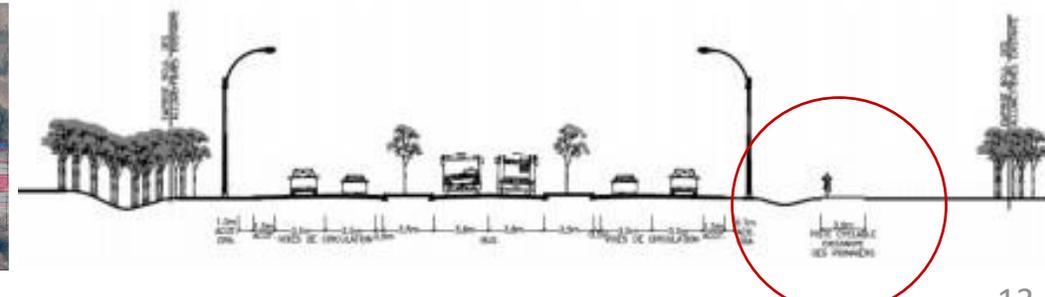
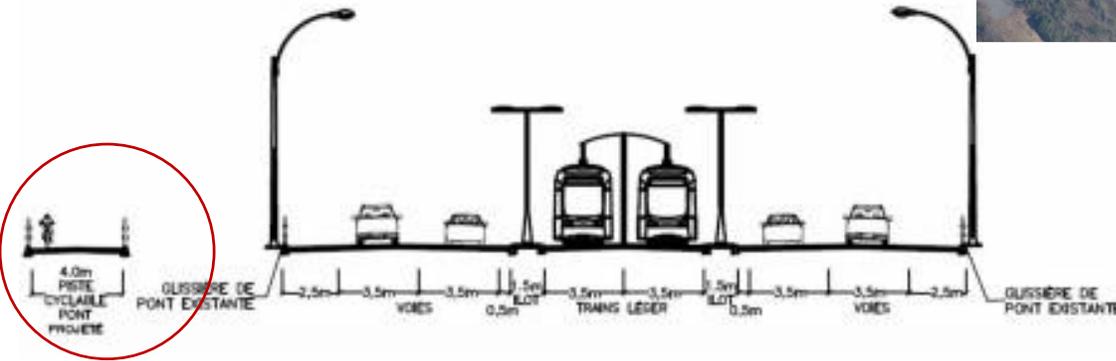
## Gatineau Parkway to Lac-des-Fées Parkway

- Modifications to the layout of the bridge over the ruisseau du Lac-des-Fées :
  - integration of the integrated corridor within the existing width
  - addition of a footbridge for a parallel recreational pathway

# Gatineau Park (des Allumettières Boulevard)

## Gatineau Park Plan Objectives:

- Prioritize access through sustainable transportation modes
- Protect the Park's environment and avoid fragmentation
- Concentrate new regional infrastructure within existing roads



# 3 – Crossing the Ottawa River



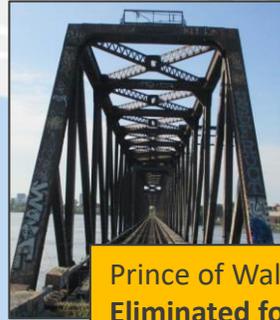
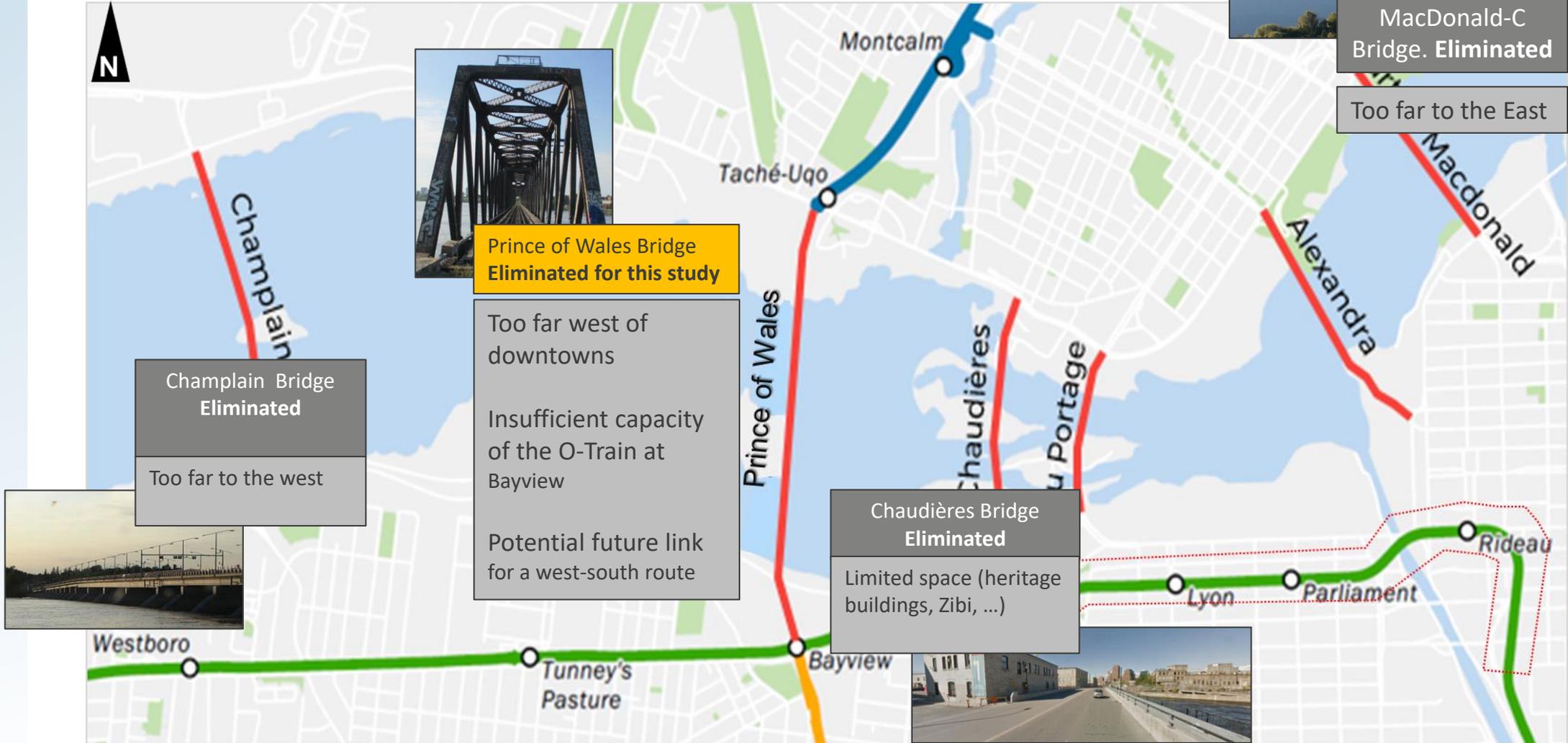
# Analysis of Current Crossings

Legend:

- █ Rapibus
- █ O-Train (Confederation Line)
- Underground portion
- █ O-Train (Trillium Line)

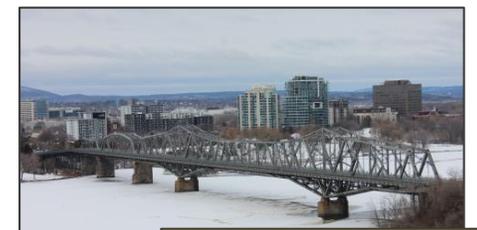


Macdonald-C Bridge. Eliminated  
Too far to the East



# Analysis of Current Crossings

- Legend:**
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**Alexandra Bridge  
Eliminated for this study**

Too far from Gatineau's west. End. Does not bring riders to major downtown employment node

Potential future interprovincial loop.



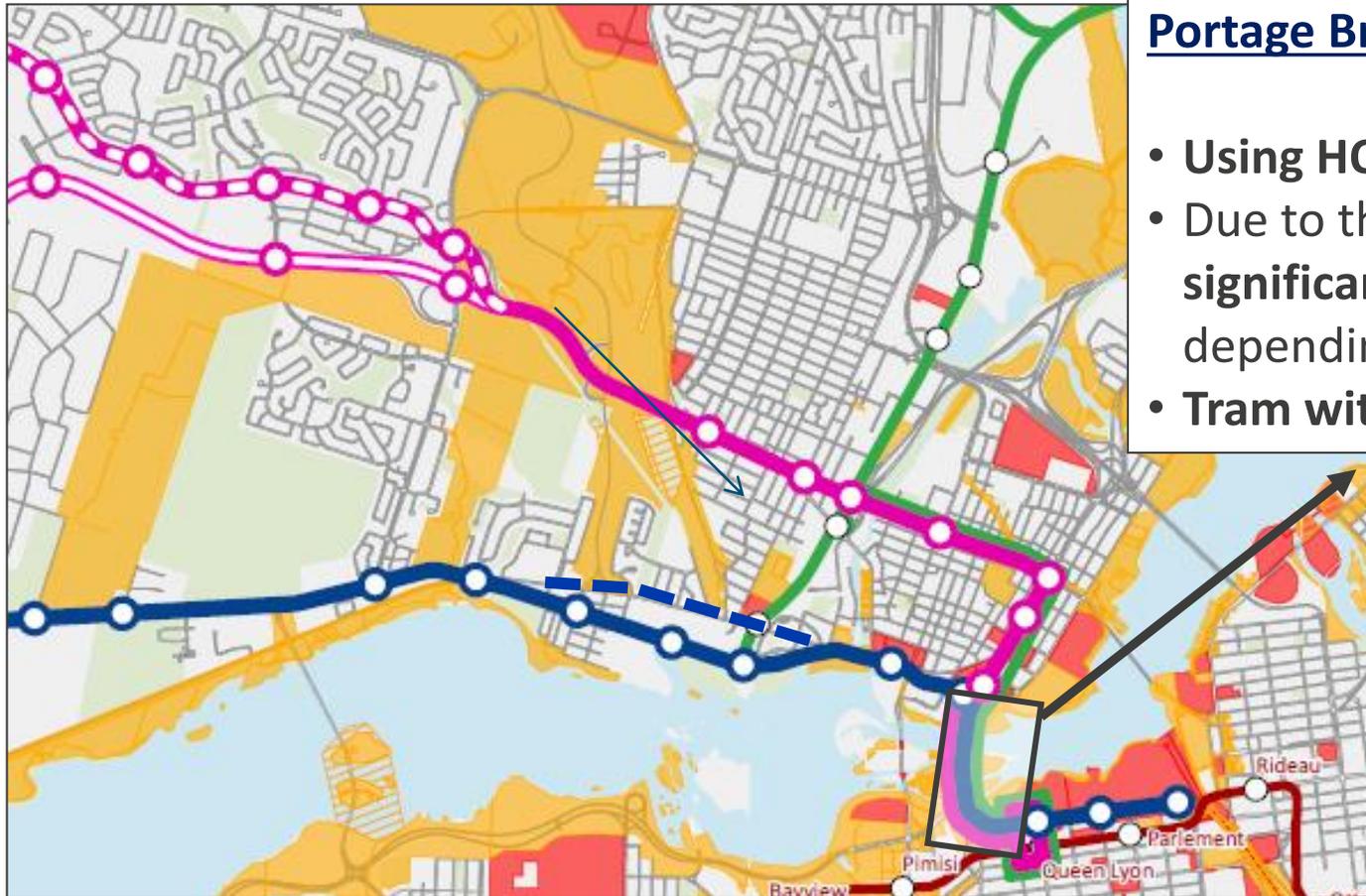
**Portage Bridge  
Recommended**

Good service linking both downtowns.

Sufficient space on the bridge and approaches.

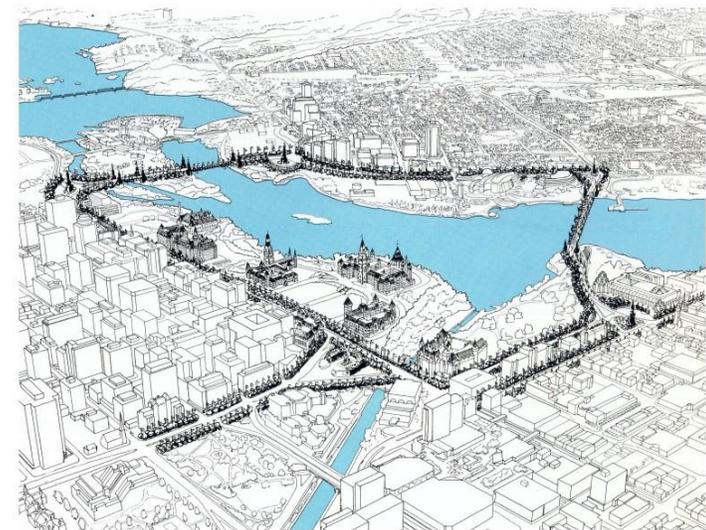


# Crossing the Ottawa River



## Portage Bridge

- Using HOV lanes
- Due to the tramway's structural loads, **more or less significant reconstruction** (different possibilities depending on the insertion of the corridor).
- **Tram without catenary** (on batteries) on Portage



# 4 – Scenarios in Ottawa to integrate with O-Train



# Highlights of Options

Tram component from Gatineau, crossing the Portage Bridge



Buses crossing via Portage and MacDonald-Cartier, with combined use of three loops (in mixed traffic)



# Options for Tram Component

## Two options:

- **Surface** integration on **Wellington Street**
- **Tunnel** integration **under Sparks Street**

## The Study will assess:

- Feasibility of options
- Alignment
- Station locations

# Options for Tram Component

## *At-grade on Wellington Street*

The design of the tram on Wellington Street would be done in line with the **needs, functionality and aesthetics of Confederation Boulevard**, including its character as a **prestigious ceremonial route** and its **symbolic role of national interest** (minimal infrastructure, tram on battery,...)

[https://fr.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tramway\\_de\\_Bordeaux#/media/File:Frankreich\\_2007.10.25\\_112329.jpg](https://fr.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tramway_de_Bordeaux#/media/File:Frankreich_2007.10.25_112329.jpg)



Surface Integration on Wellington Street

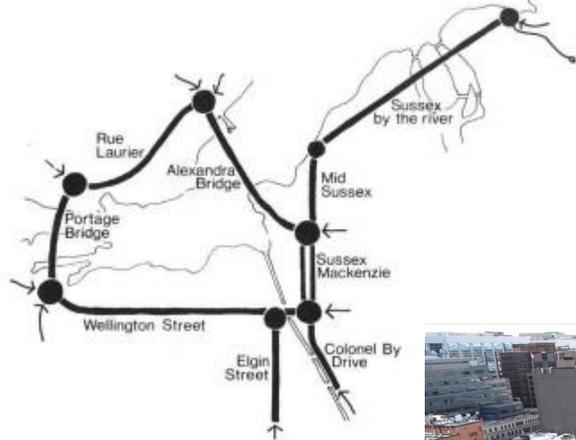


Terrain	
Yellow	Propriété CCN
Orange	Géré par la CCN
Red	Propriété Fédéral

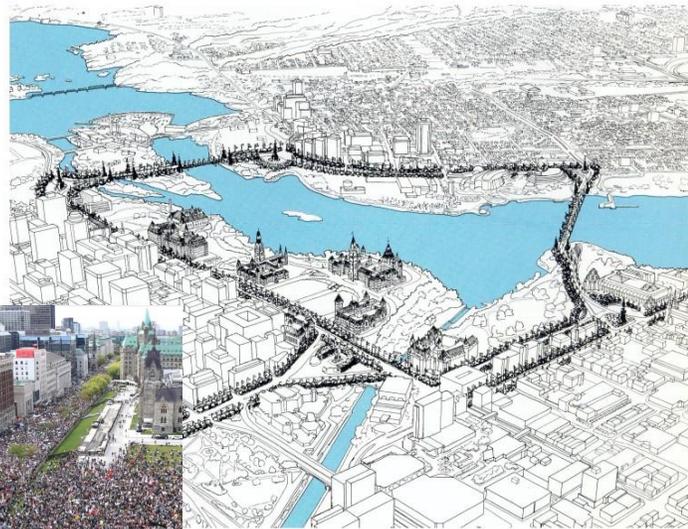
Source: <https://www.lasmainedespyrenees.fr/2020/02/13/le-tram-livre-le-dernier-des-100-tramways-de-bordeaux/>

# Confederation Boulevard Context

- Ceremonial Route established in 1983
- “Capital/public space” versus “municipal/transportation” functions
- Wellington Street as Canada’s “main street”
- STO’s proposal must take into consideration the Boulevard’s values and design principles

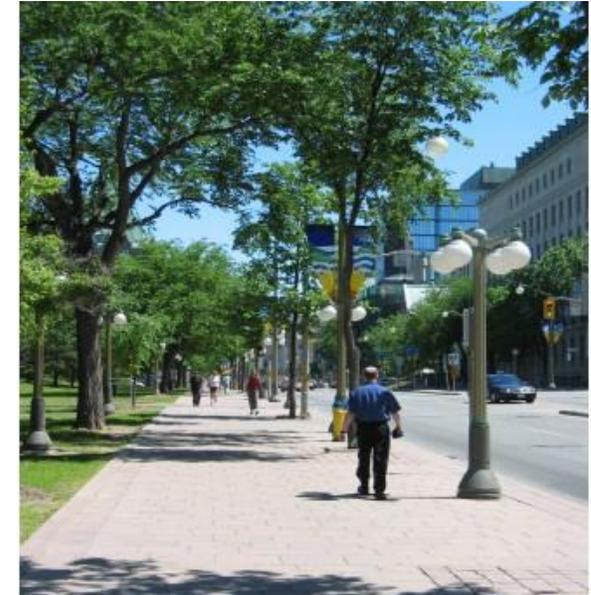
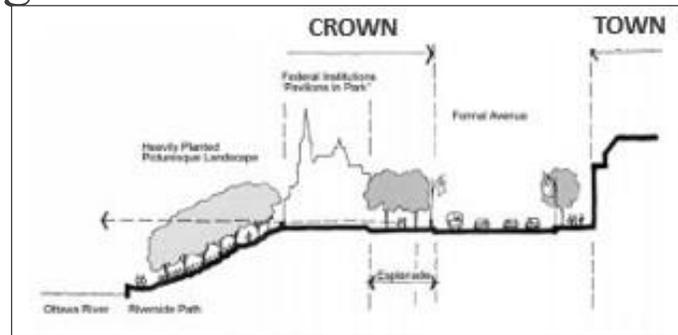
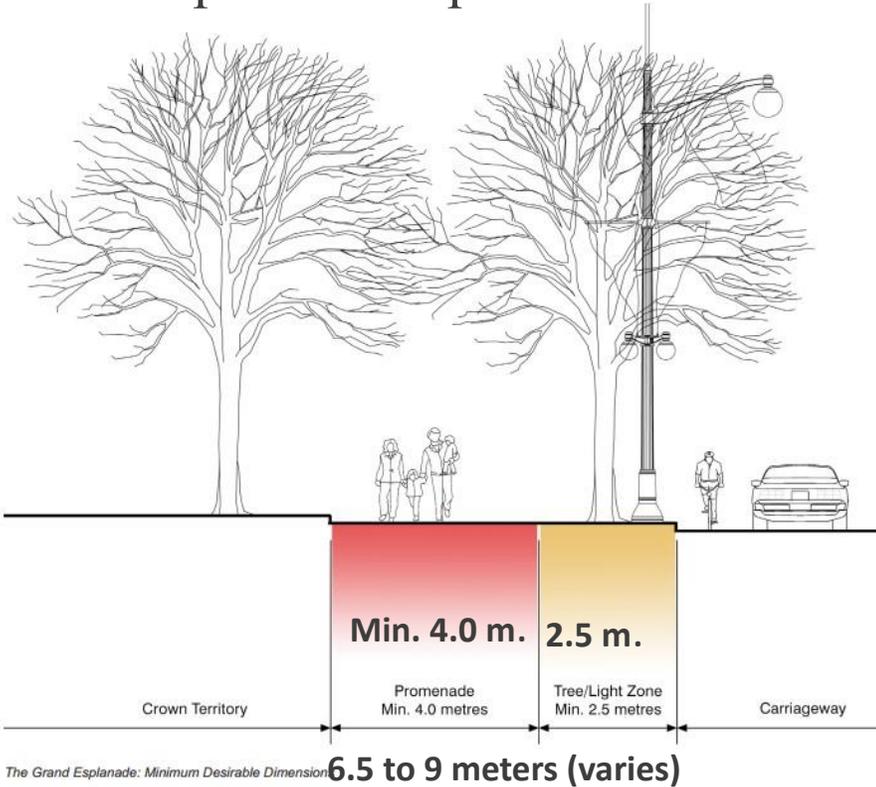


Éléments des parcours d'honneur : liens et carrefours



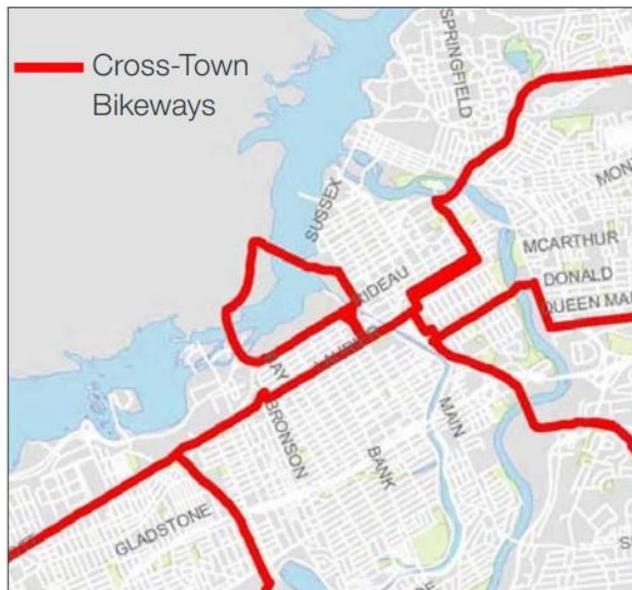
# Grand Pedestrian Esplanade – Crown Side

- Prioritize pedestrians and quality of streetscape environment
- Promotes a discovery experience
- Grand pedestrian promenade encircling the Crown side



# Active Mobility...for a Sustainable Balance

- Segregated bidirectional cycle track
- Loop circling Confederation Boulevard
- Partnership with City of Ottawa & Gatineau

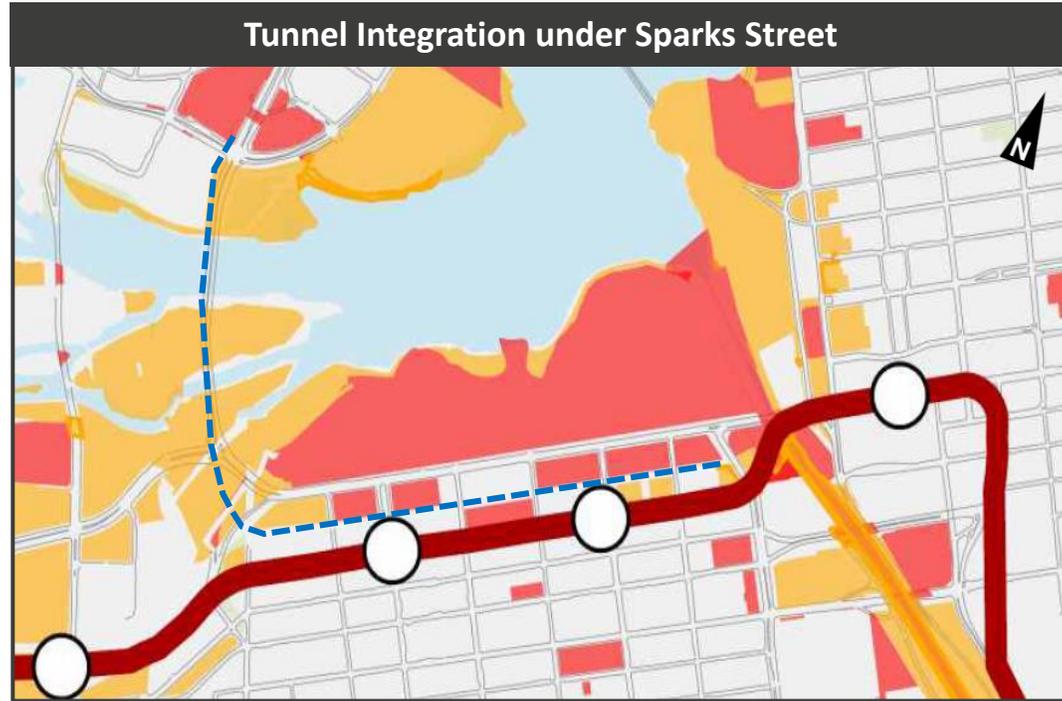


Ottawa cycling plan, 2013



# Options for Tram Component

## *Tunnel Integration under Sparks Street*



# Previous Plans and Visions



Concept Plan Portage/Wellington 2008



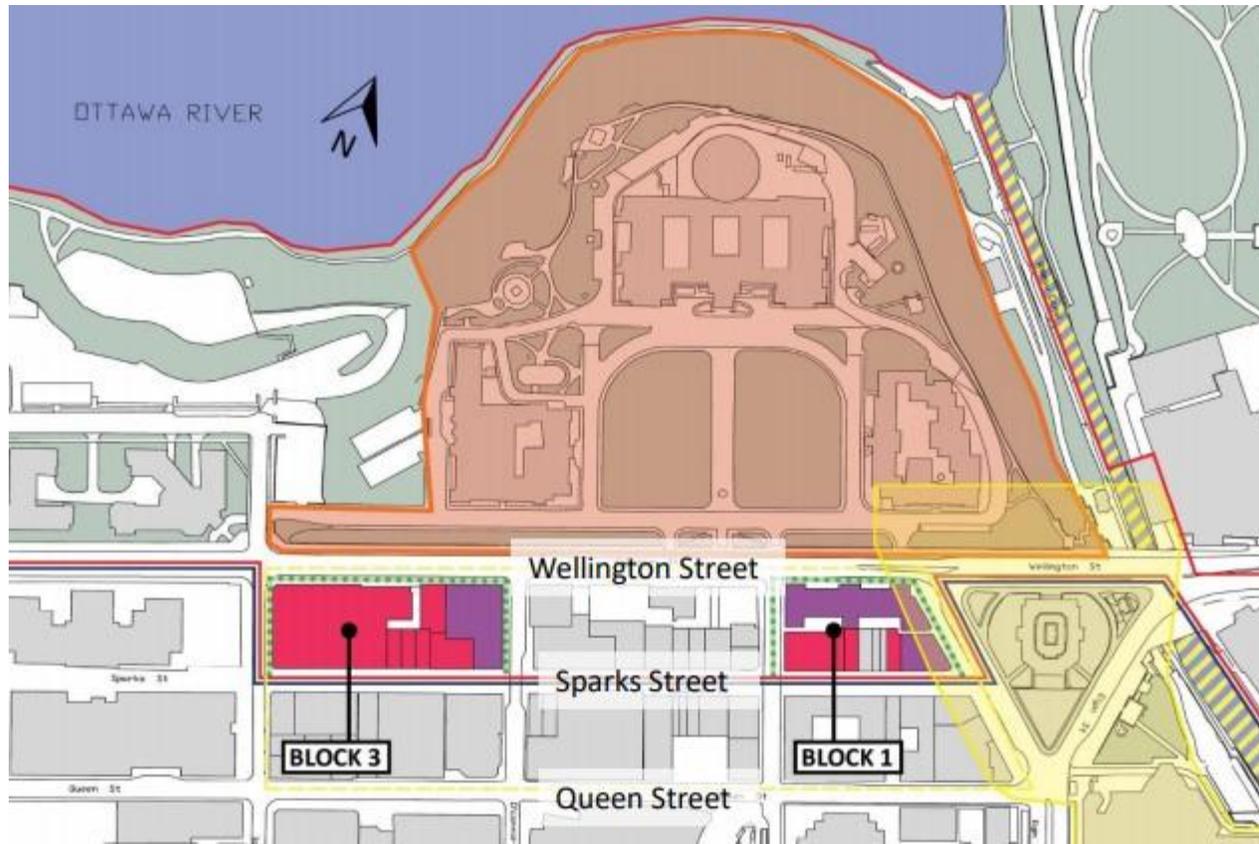
Concept Plan Confederation Square 1985



Cycling lanes, Wellington Street 2019

# Other Federal Initiatives

Other federal initiatives along Wellington Street:



- Long term Vision Plan– LTVP (PSPC)
- New building on Block 2 (PSPC)
- Security measures on Block 1 and 3 (PSPC)



# Options: Pros and Cons

## TRAM AT GRADE ON WELLINGTON

### PROS

- Ground level stations make it easier to access
- Easier to construct
- Potential extension to Alexandra Bridge

### CONS

- Several uses competing for space, requiring compromises:
  - north esplanade
  - partial widening of the south sidewalk
  - Bidirectional cycling lanes
  - vehicular traffic lanes
- Security concerns : Parliamentary Precinct and at stations
- Disruptions due to demonstrations and events on Wellington Street
- Disruption to traffic and transit during construction
- Significant increase in the number of pedestrians crossing Wellington to reach the stations

## TRAM IN TUNNEL UNDER SPARKS

### PROS

- Light impact on traffic and at-grade amenities
- More direct connections with the O-Train
- Weather protected environment for transferring passengers
- Less vulnerable to service interruptions from external events such as demonstrations

### CONS

- Higher cost than at-grade option
- Complex and lengthier construction with higher risks
- Significant underground constraints (utilities and foundations)
- Portal will impact the green pen space west of Commissioner Street
- Potential security concerns of adjacent federal institutions

# 5 – Summary of considerations for the Capital

ACPDR Comments	Responses
Integration of the two transit systems and coordination with other transportation projects	Staff recommendation
Visual unity of transits systems, including logos and colours	To be considered at later phases of the project
Pedestrian space and active modes should be enhanced and integrated in the Tram network on Confederation Boulevard, without sacrificing the landscape and urban furniture	Staff recommendation
Integrate the long term plan for Parliamentary Precinct	Staff recommendation
Take into consideration future changes to mobility following the pandemic	To be considered at later phases of the project
Undertake public consultations in Gatineau and Ottawa	Consultations are held in June 2020 in Gatineau and Ottawa
Public realm and user experience: At-grade tram is more difficult for persons with mobility issues Use retractable bollards to ensure safety of entrances to Parliament	To be considered at later phases of the project

# Summary of Capital Interests

- Minimize Impacts on **Gatineau Park** and sensitive ecosystems
- Maintain streetscape character of **Confederation Boulevard** and make it more pedestrian friendly
- Prioritize public transit and reduce vehicular lanes on Wellington Street
- Minimize impacts on federal lands Wellington and on Parliamentary precinct's operations
- Minimize loss of mature trees
- Ensure the planned segregated bidirectional cycling lanes are taken into consideration
- Consider opportunities for re-imagining certain sections of Wellington as public spaces
- Take into consideration security requirements for federal buildings
- Find solutions for tour buses along Wellington Street
- Ensure that the **tunnel option** is evaluated fairly for its numerous advantages despite higher costs

# Next steps

- Continue the assessment of scenarios in Ottawa
- June 2020: Public consultations
- August 2020: Presentation to NCC Advisory Committee on Planning, Design and Realty
- Approvals by Cities of Gatineau and Ottawa
- October 2020: NCC Approval in principle of alignment on federal lands
- Autumn 2020: Continue evaluation of scenarios
- End 2020: Study completed with final recommendation on alignment and transit mode

