



Update on Markham Official Plan Program

Development Services Committee

December 6, 2011

Presentation Outline



- 2011 Official Plan Program
- Policy Guidance and Conformity
- Official Plan Structure
- Town Structure and Land Use Policy
- Transportation
- Official Plan Implementation
- Potential Policy Issues
- 2012 Official Plan Program

Official Plan Program, 2011



**Council
authorization to
commence
Official Plan
Program
February**

**Council Open
House/Public
Meeting
April**

**First round of
stakeholder
consultation
meetings
April and May**

**Report to DSC on
stakeholder
consultation
June**

**Policy studies,
drafting of new
Official Plan
June through
December**

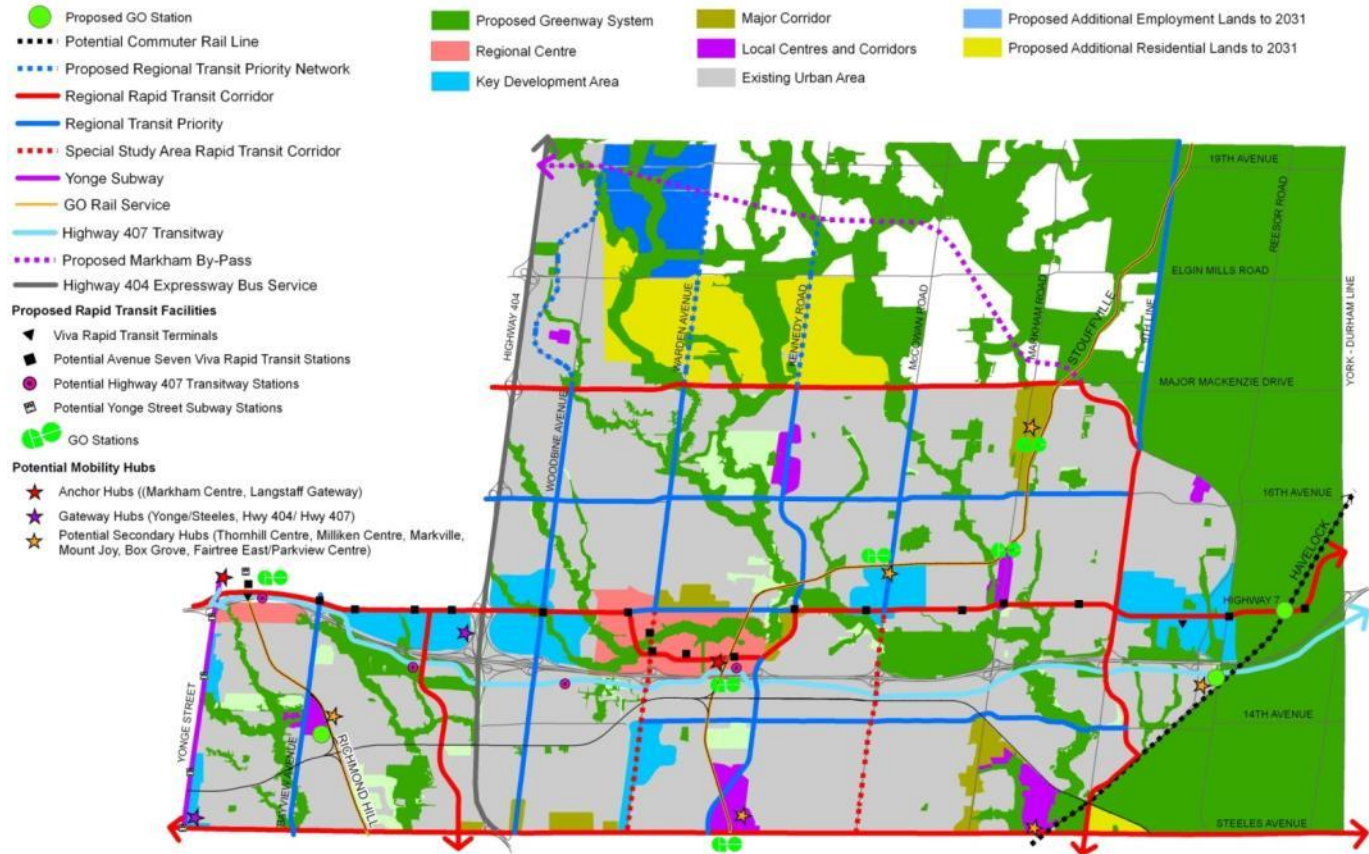
Policy Guidance and Conformity



- Provincial Legislation – Acts and Plans
- Region of York
 - Official Plan – growth forecasts and policies
 - Master Plans – Transportation and Servicing infrastructure
 - Strategies – housing, social services, sustainability
- Markham Endorsed Growth Alternative
- Town Strategy Documents
- Official Plan Strategic Objectives
- Policy Studies
- Consultation Commentary

Markham Endorsed Growth Alternative

- Alternative endorsed April 2010
- Accommodates growth from 470,000 to 660,000 persons and jobs by 2031
- Increased intensification focussed on improved transit; 80% of growth within current urban area, balance in limited expansion of urban area
- Incorporates Greenway System and agricultural lands
- Aligns with transportation system improvements planned by Metrolinx and Region
- Supports sustainable community design, transit investment, diversity of housing and employment opportunities, vibrant and resilient economy
- Complements BMFT objectives and initiatives



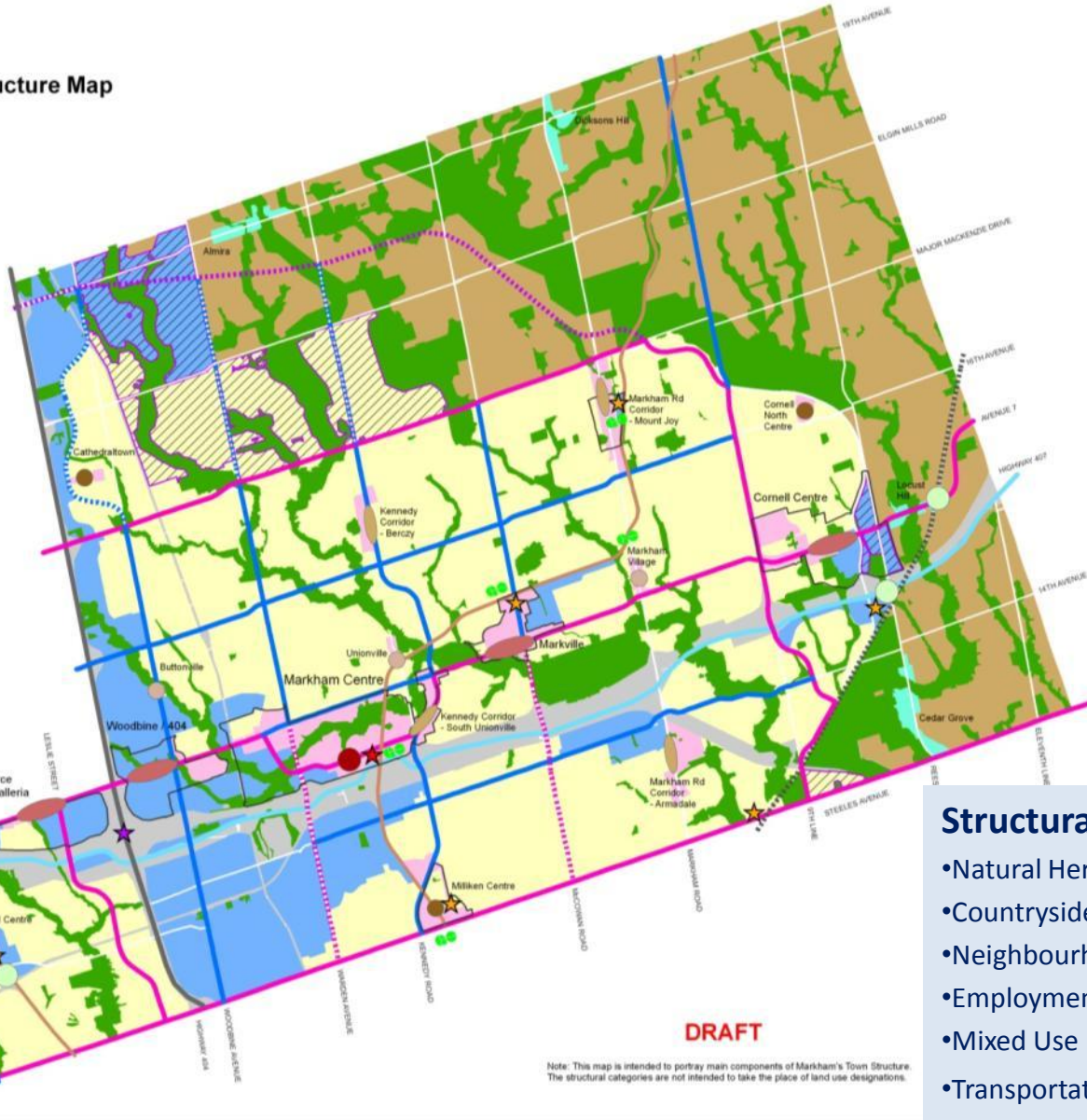
Official Plan Structure



- Planning for Markham's Future
- A Framework for Sustainable Growth
- Protecting the Environment
- Managing the Countryside
- Building a Sustainable Community
- Planning for Transportation Systems
- Providing for Municipal Services
- Land Use Designations
- Implementation and Interpretation

Town Structure and Land Use Policy

Draft Town Structure Map



- ### Structural Components
- Natural Heritage Area
 - Countryside Area
 - Neighbourhood Area
 - Employment Area
 - Mixed Use Neighbourhood Area
 - Transportation and Utility Area

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Note: This map is intended to portray main components of Markham's Town Structure. The structural categories are not intended to take the place of land use designations.

Transportation

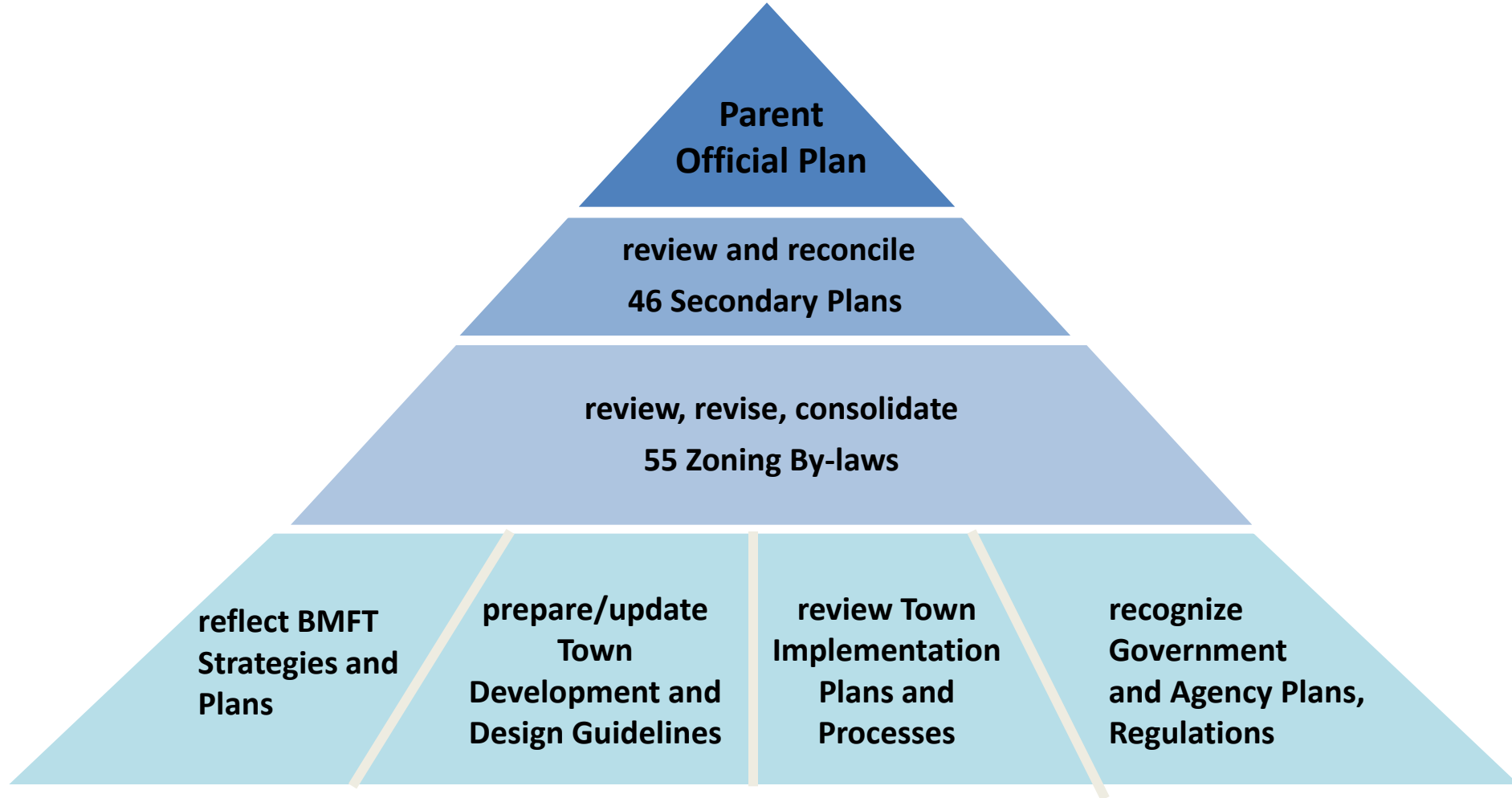


- Timing of transportation system improvements is important to the phasing of development
- Presentation of Draft Markham Transportation Strategic Plan (MTSP), to DSC November 8, 2011
- 4 Community Meetings in November 2011 on the draft MTSP
- Final MTSP will be submitted to Council in February, 2012
- Town Staff working with our consultants to draft OP policy

Transportation Strategic Plan Elements

- Transit and Pedestrian-Oriented Development
- Transit
- Cycling
- Roads
- Parking
- Transportation Demand Management (TDM)
- Goods Movement
- Road Safety
- Intelligent Transportation Systems
- Funding Strategy
- Phasing/Implementation

Official Plan Implementation

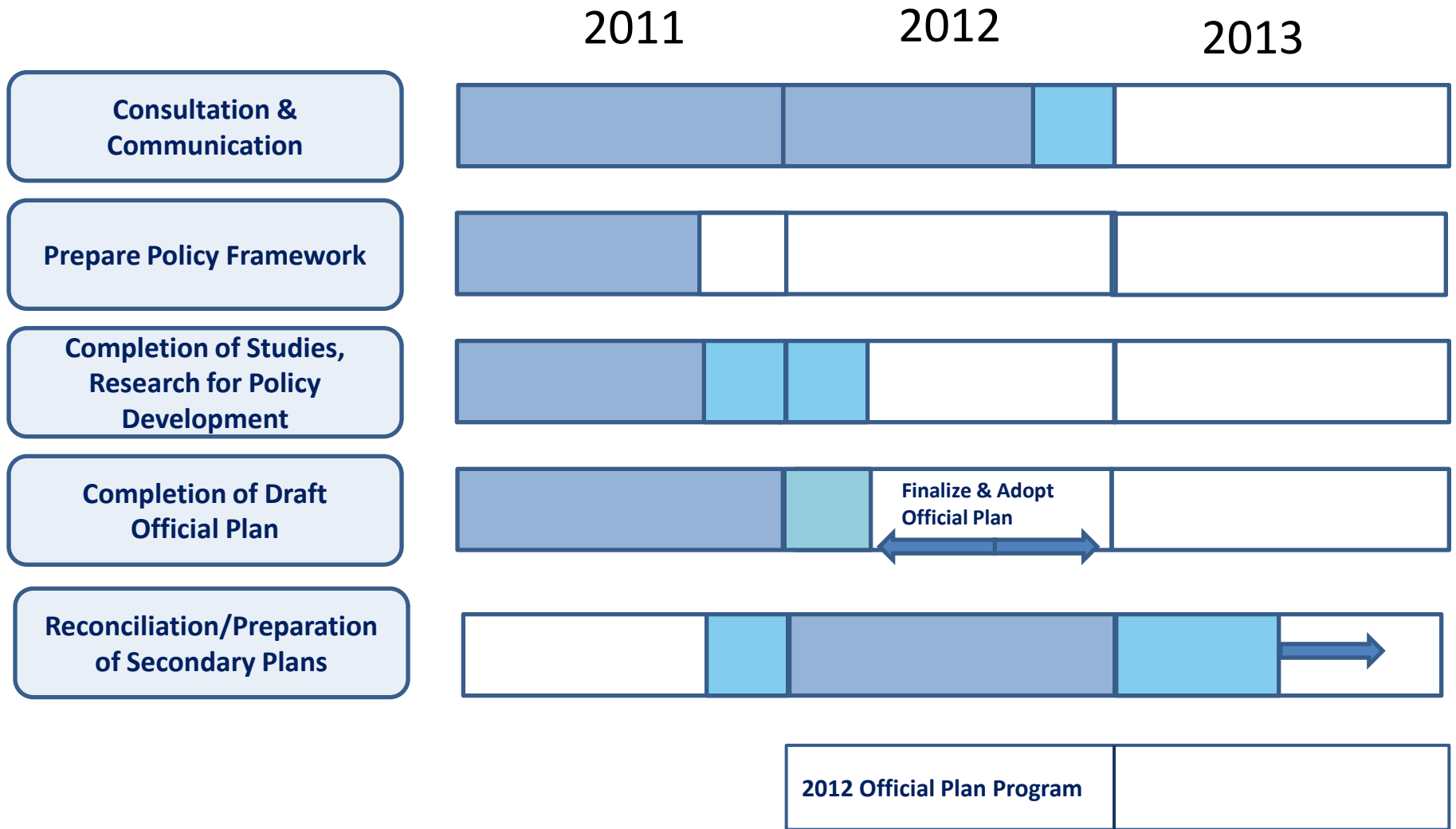


Potential Interest in Policy Matters



- Greenway System boundary and policies
- Reservation of land for agriculture
- Amount and location of future growth
- Intensification and mix of uses in centres and corridors
- Community design and built form
- Diversification of housing stock – type, tenure, affordability
- Supply and protection of employment lands
- Future infrastructure capacity – servicing, transportation, community
- Development and infrastructure phasing

Program for Preparing a New Official Plan



2012 Official Plan Program



2012

2013

**Review first Draft
of Official Plan
with DSC
Approve
consultation
program**

**Circulate Draft
Official Plan
Proceed with
stakeholder
consultation**

**Evaluate/discuss
stakeholder
comments on
Draft Official Plan**

**Report on comments,
hold Public Meeting,
finalize Official Plan
for adoption**

**Submit adopted
Official Plan to
Region for
approval**

Next Steps



- Review of draft Official Plan with Development Services Committee
- Secure approval of consultation program re draft Official Plan
- Secure approval to circulate draft Official Plan and consult with Stakeholders



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