

AWARD OF MERIT

LARGE PLACES AND/OR
NEIGHBOURHOOD DESIGNS

FRONT STREET REVITALIZATION

Front Street West between York and
Bay Streets

Project Team

AECOM
Landscape Architects

AECOM
Engineer

T2 Utility Engineers
Subsurface Investigations

HH Angus & Associates
Streetlighting Photometrics

DTAH
Material Selection Input

Environmental Assessment

Planning Partnership & LEA Consulting Ltd.

Developer/Owner/Client

City of Toronto, Transportation Services /
City Planning

Contractor

EllisDon Corporation



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Jury Comment

The central section of Front Street, including the public realm associated with Union Station and the Royal York Hotel, has been skillfully redesigned to embrace its role as one of the city's most important precincts. With a restrained palette of high-quality materials and a clear intention to balance pedestrian movement with that of vehicles (without one dominating the other), this urban streetscape now works seamlessly from building face to building face.

Broad sidewalk areas, flush curbs, parking lay-bys, designated crossings, pedestrian-scale lighting and street tree plantings are all perfectly integrated.

The project also demonstrates an ambition to improve upon conventional road cross-sections and traffic planning. This effort has been carried through with resolve, resulting in a vastly improved and memorable public realm for the many thousands of visitors that see Toronto for the first time as they step out of Union Station.