

MOVING TRANSIT FORWARD

Niagara Transit Governance

Revised Strategies Reflecting
Phase 1 Feedback

Lincoln Council
August 3, 2021

Niagara Transit Governance

Overview

Our focus: Demonstrate what we heard during the first round of consultation, what has changed to address that feedback, and what the path forward is

Phase 1 Consultation



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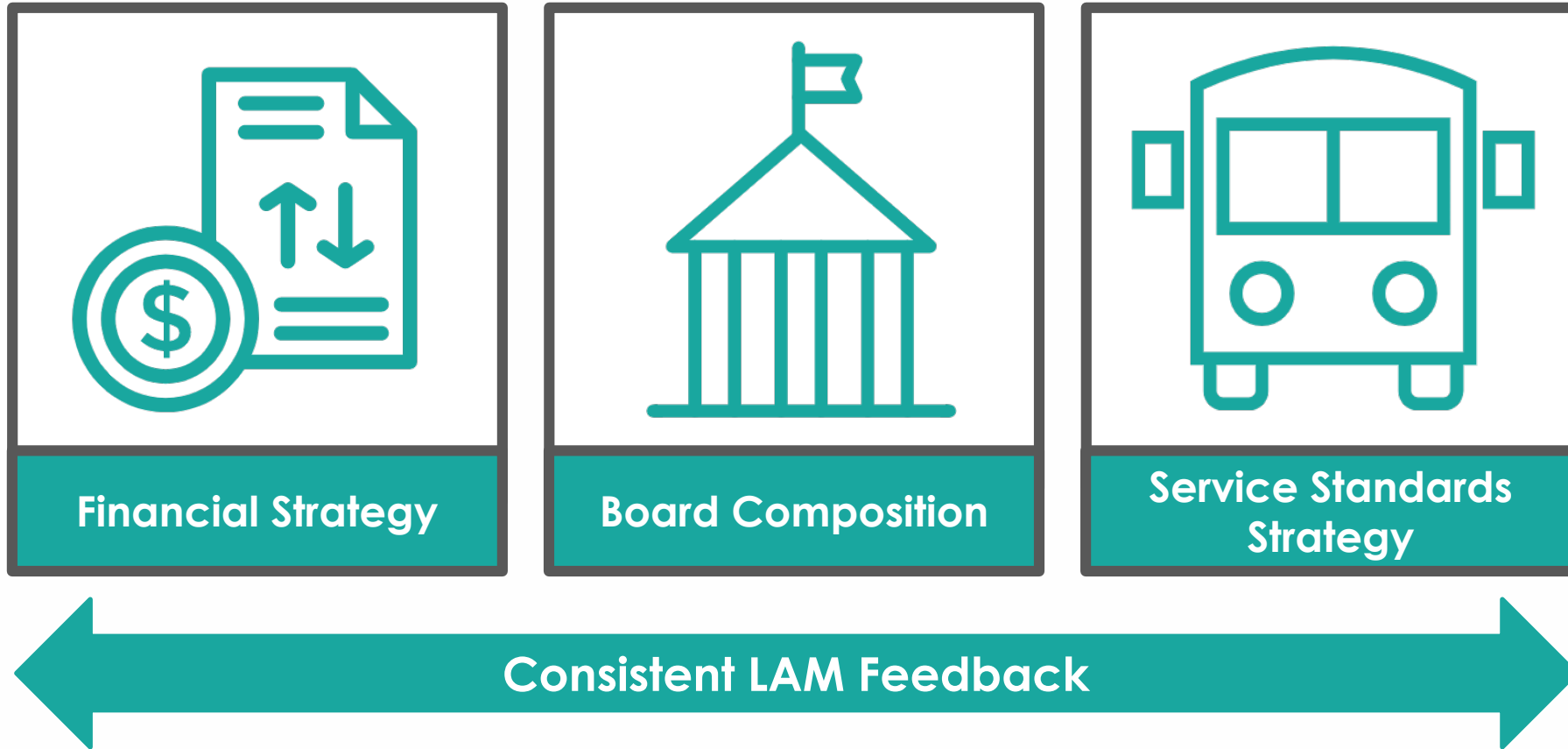


Phase 2 Consultation



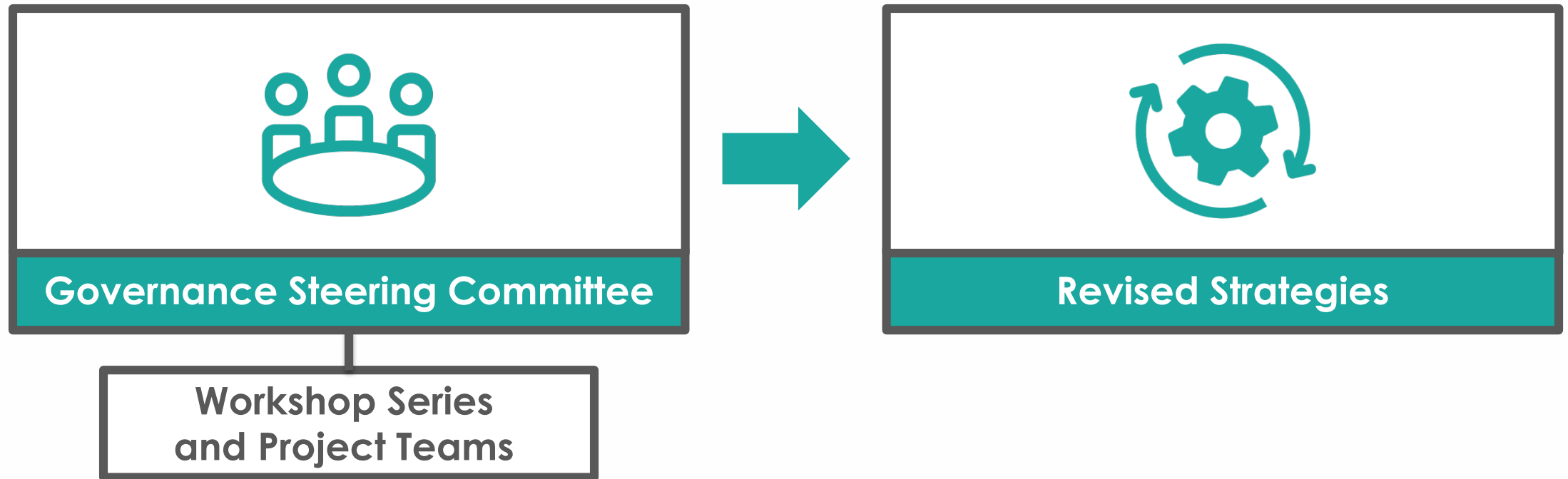
What We Heard

Phase 1 Municipal Themes / Focus Areas



What We Heard

Leadership of CAO Governance Steering Committee



Revised Strategies

Theme 1: Financial Strategy

Funding Strategy - 12 Special Levy Tax Rates

Existing Regional Transit Costs

Current state remains with costs allocated based on Region wide assessment

Local and Incremental Costs

Costs allocated to municipalities based on service hours

What Has Changed?

- ✓ Municipalities who realize services will be allocated costs of those services
- ✓ Service Based Principle
- ✓ Incorporates service standardization costs and accounts for future growth
- ✓ Introduces a capital reserve strategy to ensure future needs of the Commission are met

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Theme 1: Financial Strategy – Lincoln

Current State

2020



\$1.2 M

Transit Operating Costs

- ✓ \$0.2 M Local levy
- ✓ \$1.0 M Regional levy

Opening Day

2023



+ \$0.2 M

Transit Operating Costs

- ✓ Access to a Niagara-wide integrated transit system
- ✓ All costs to Regional levy
- ✓ Includes inflation costs to 2023
- + \$0.03M Capital Reserve strategy

Phase 1 Service Enhancement

2025



+ \$0.4 M

Transit Operating Costs

- ✓ Implementation of expanded service hours:
 - + 3 Hours weekdays/Saturday
 - + Sunday/Holiday Service
- ✓ Includes inflation costs to 2025
- + \$0.1M Capital Reserve strategy

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Theme 2: Board Composition



What Has Changed?

- ✓ Representation for all municipalities on transitional Commission Board
- ✓ Local councils recommend representatives to Commission and Advisory Board

** Reviewed after three (3) years by an external third-party to ensure that composition, size, and share of representation has resulted in an effective governing body that is achieving the strategic objectives of the Commission*

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Theme 3: Service Standards Strategy

Service Standards Strategy outlines how transit in Niagara could be enhanced, should the combination of the existing transit services take place



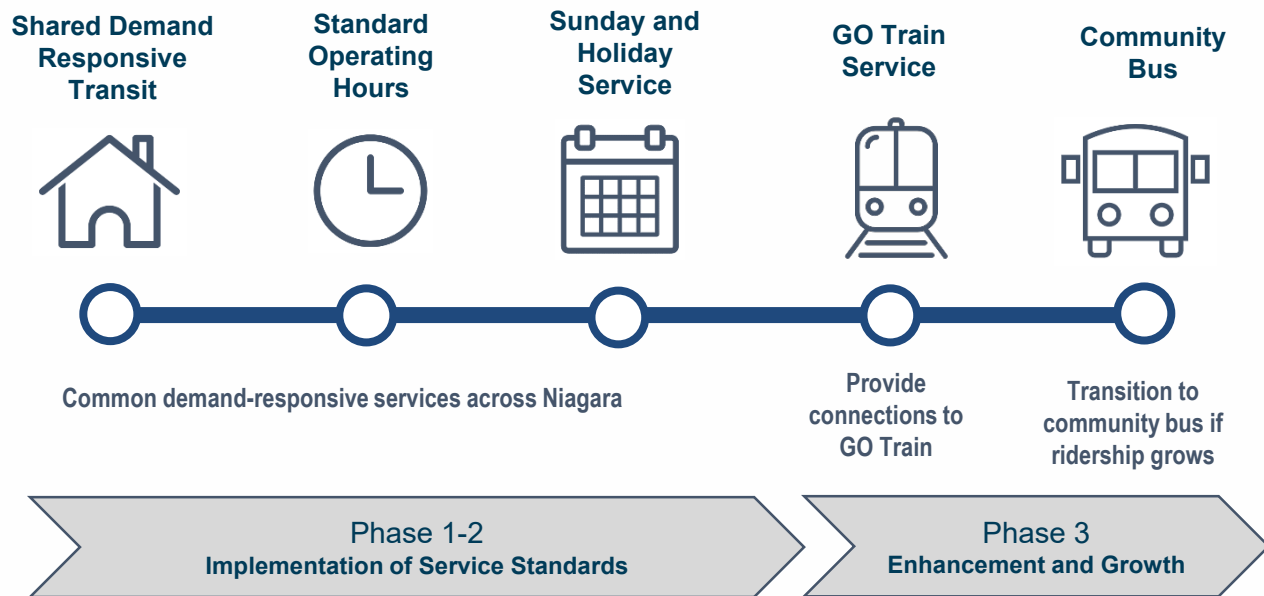
What Has Changed?

- ✓ Existing levels of service maintained and improved on
- ✓ Additional detail on where changes and growth may occur
- ✓ Three phases of improvements for Niagara residents
- ✓ Linked to Financial Strategy

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Theme 3: Service Standards Strategy – Lincoln

Lincoln Enhancements

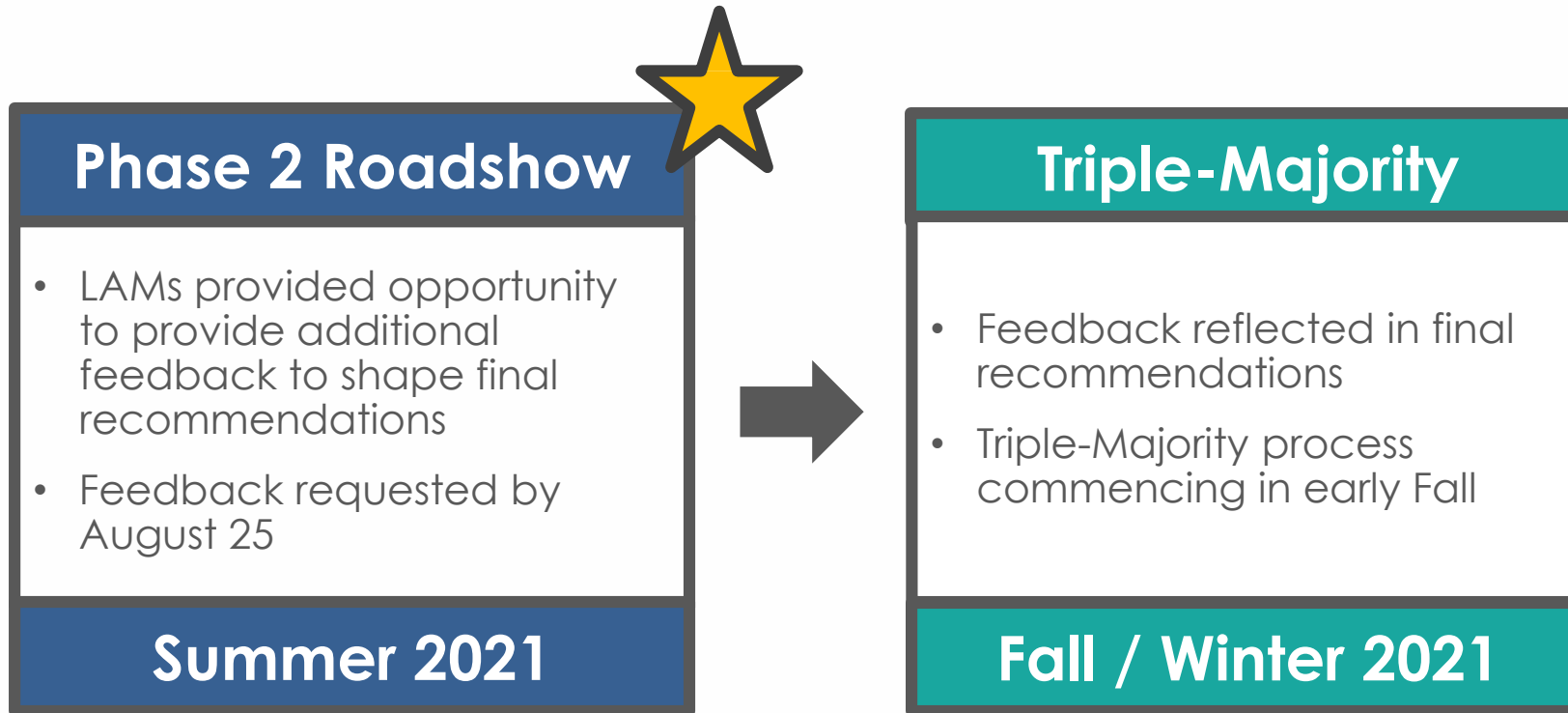


What Has Changed?

- ✓ Increased service hours: adding 6 a.m. - 7 a.m. and 10 p.m. - midnight , and include Sundays and Holidays
- ✓ Combine specialized and demand-responsive service
- ✓ Enhance demand-responsive service to meet growth and future GO trains in Beamsville
- ✓ Transition to community bus or conventional service in future should ridership grow

Next Steps

Phase 2 Consultation and Triple-Majority



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Discussion