



APTA STREETCAR SUBCOMMITTEE

BOMBARDIER FLEXITY FLEET

Sunday June 23, 2019



| Agenda

1. LEGACY FLEET

2. FLEXITY VEHICLE

- Design Features
- Design Challenges
- Maintenance Challenges

3. INFRASTRUCTURE

- Infrastructure Changes
- Pole To Pantograph
- Challenges

4. OPERATIONS

- Changes To Operations

5. LESSONS LEARNED

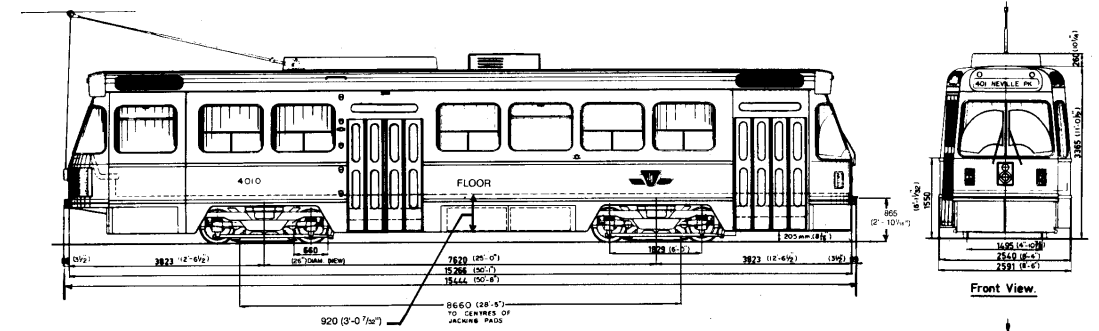


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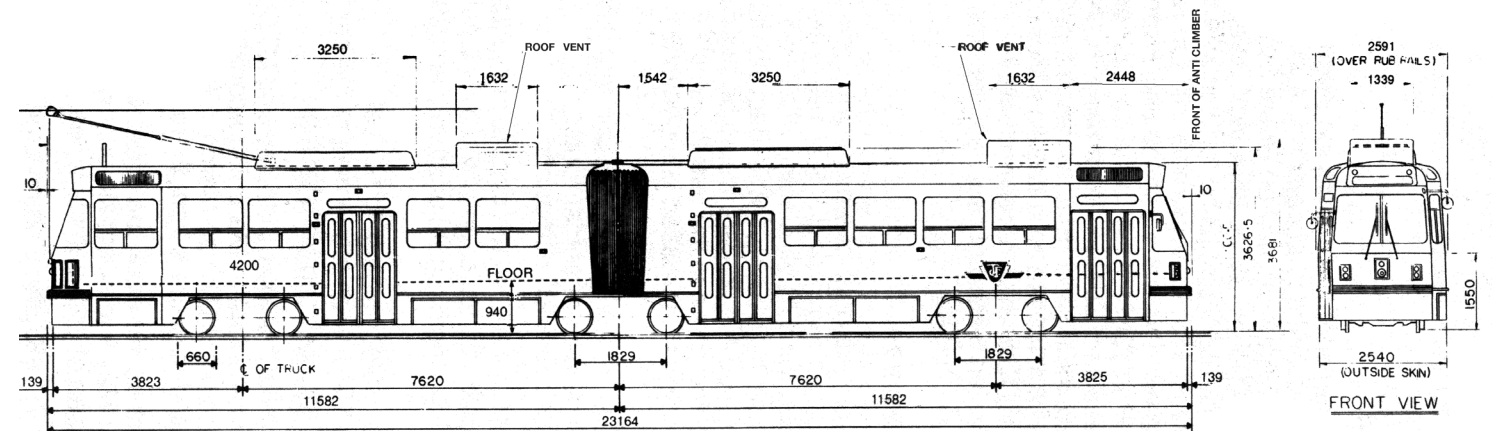
Canadian Light Rail Vehicle (CLRV)

- Commissioned: 1979
- Manufacturer: UTDC
- Total Purchased: 196
- Total Length: 40 Ft
- Total Capacity: 102 Passengers
- Mid-Life Overhaul: None
- Motorized Trucks: 2/2



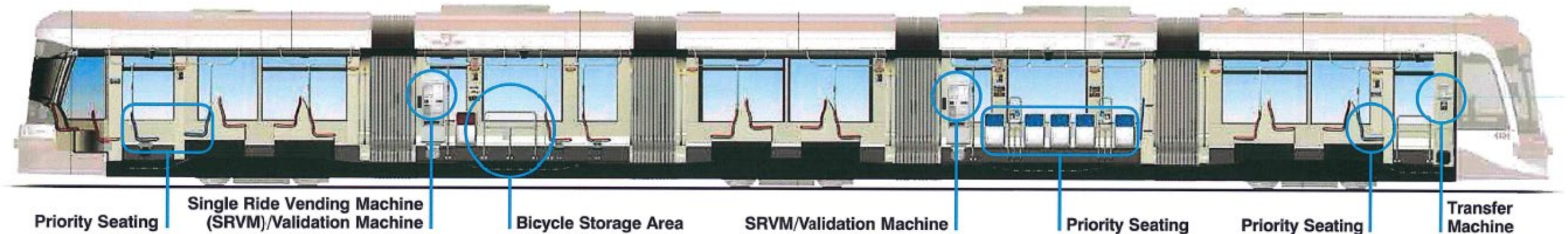
Articulated Light Rail Vehicle (ALRV)

- Commissioned: 1988
- Manufacturer: UTDC
- Total Purchased: 52
- Total Length: 75 Ft
- Total Capacity: 155 Passengers
- Mid-Life Overhaul: None
- Motorized Trucks: 2/3

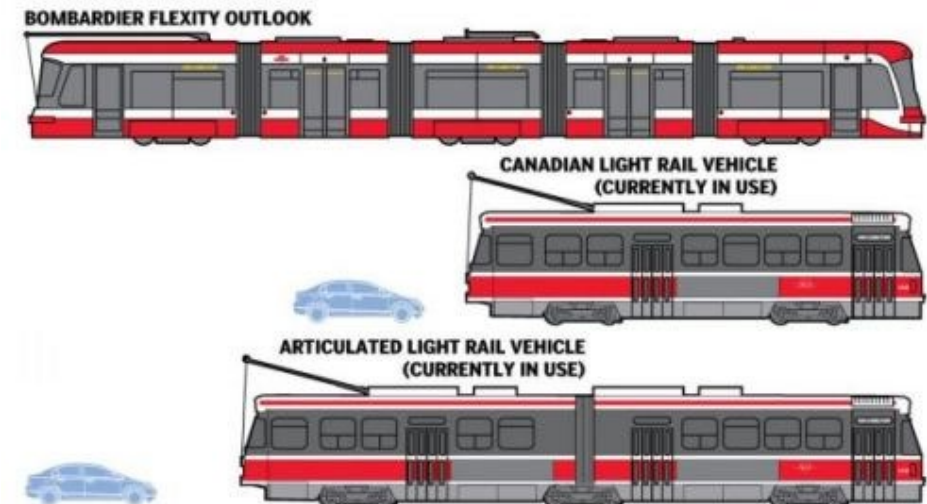


FLEXITY VEHICLE

BOMBARDIER FLEXITY LFLRV



- Commissioned: 2014
- Manufacturer: Bombardier Transportation
- Total Purchased: 204
- Total On Property: 154 (June 1, 2019)
- Total Length: 100 Ft
- Total Capacity: 251 Passengers
- Total Articulation: 4
- Motorized Trucks: 3/3



VEHICLE NETWORK INTEGRATION

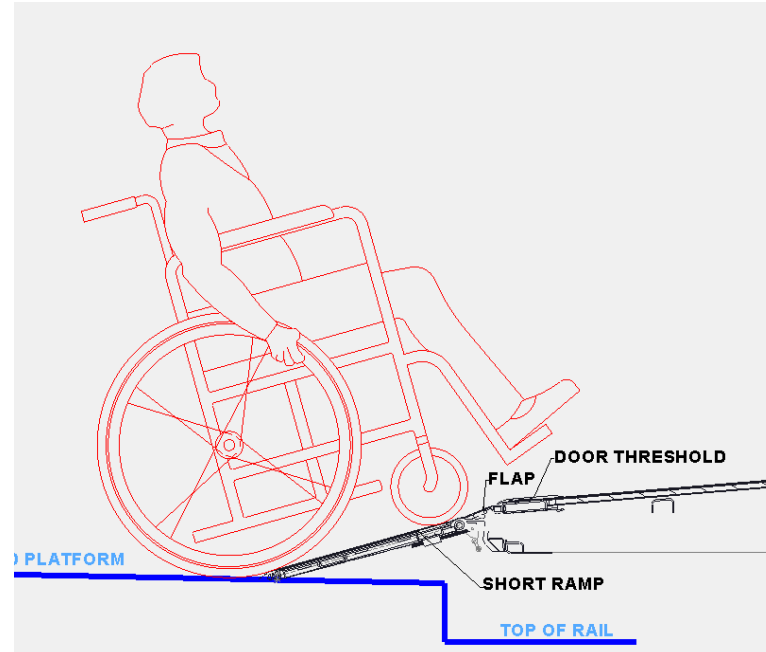
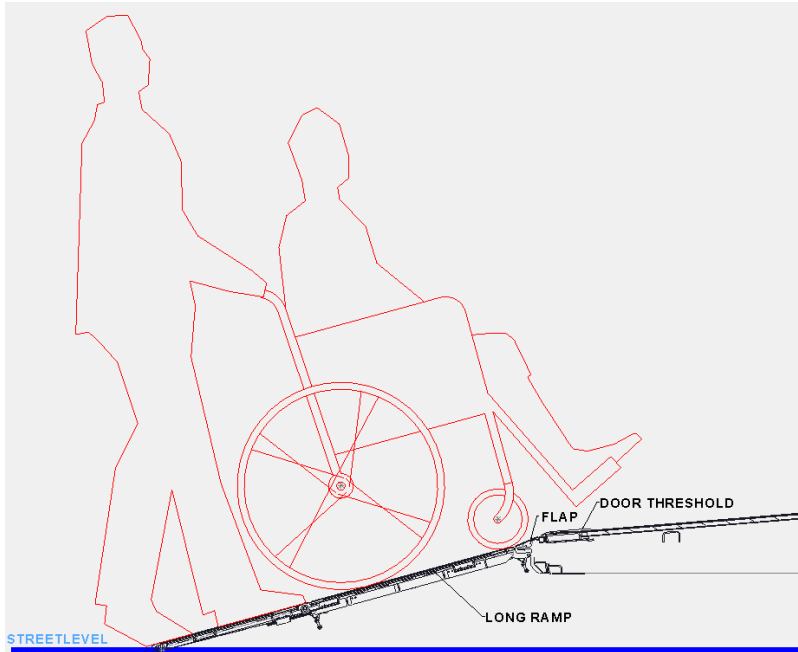
- Minimum horizontal curves: 11.1m inside rail radius
- Maximum Gradients: 8%
- Interoperability with Legacy fleet
- Mix traffic



ACCESSIBILITY

AODA Regulation (Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act)

- Public Announcements
- 2-stage Ramp



PASSENGER & OPERATOR COMFORT

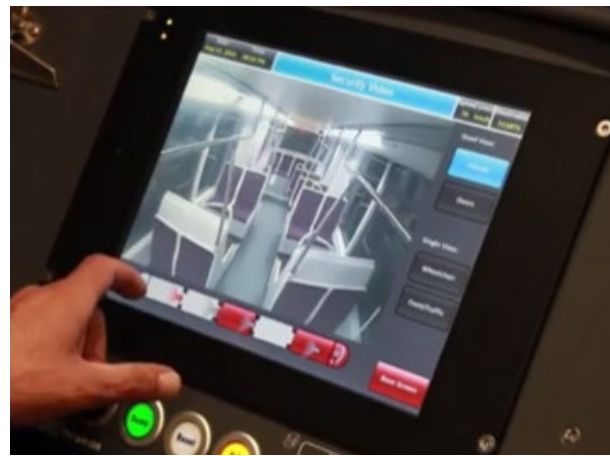
Passenger comfort

- HVAC
- Wide windows, bright lighting
- Bicycle rack



Operator's Features

- Transition from pedals to hand Master Controller
- HVAC
- Door cameras & Rear view cameras



IMPROVED PERFORMANCE

- Propulsion & Hydraulic Braking
 - Redundancy (3 motorized/braking bogies)
 - Spin slide correction
- Reduced noise and vibration
- Reduced loading & off-loading time



| RELIABILITY CHALLENGES

Braking equipment

Traditionally electric-pneumatics

LFLRV – Hydraulic system

- Oil Leakages
- Loose hardware
- Premature component failures

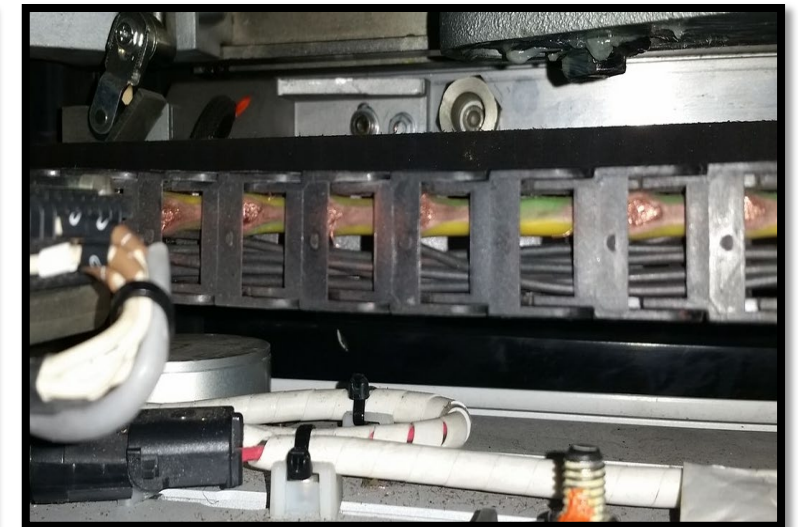


Door System

Traditionally pneumatic activated

LFLRV - Belt pulley activated

- Wire damages due to fatigue
- Grease flushed out
- Adjustment parameters at installation



ENVIRONMENT

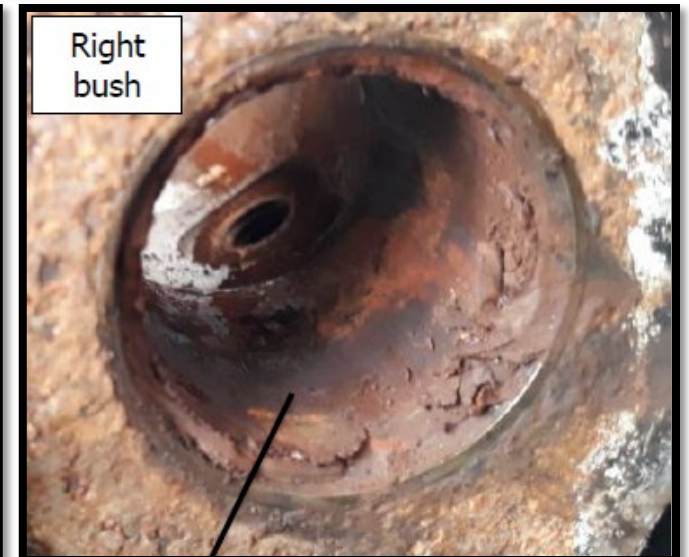
- **Snow, Salt, Slush, Dirt**

- Articulation bearings
- Ramp mobile part



- **Corrosion**

- Bogie mounted equipment
- Roof mounted



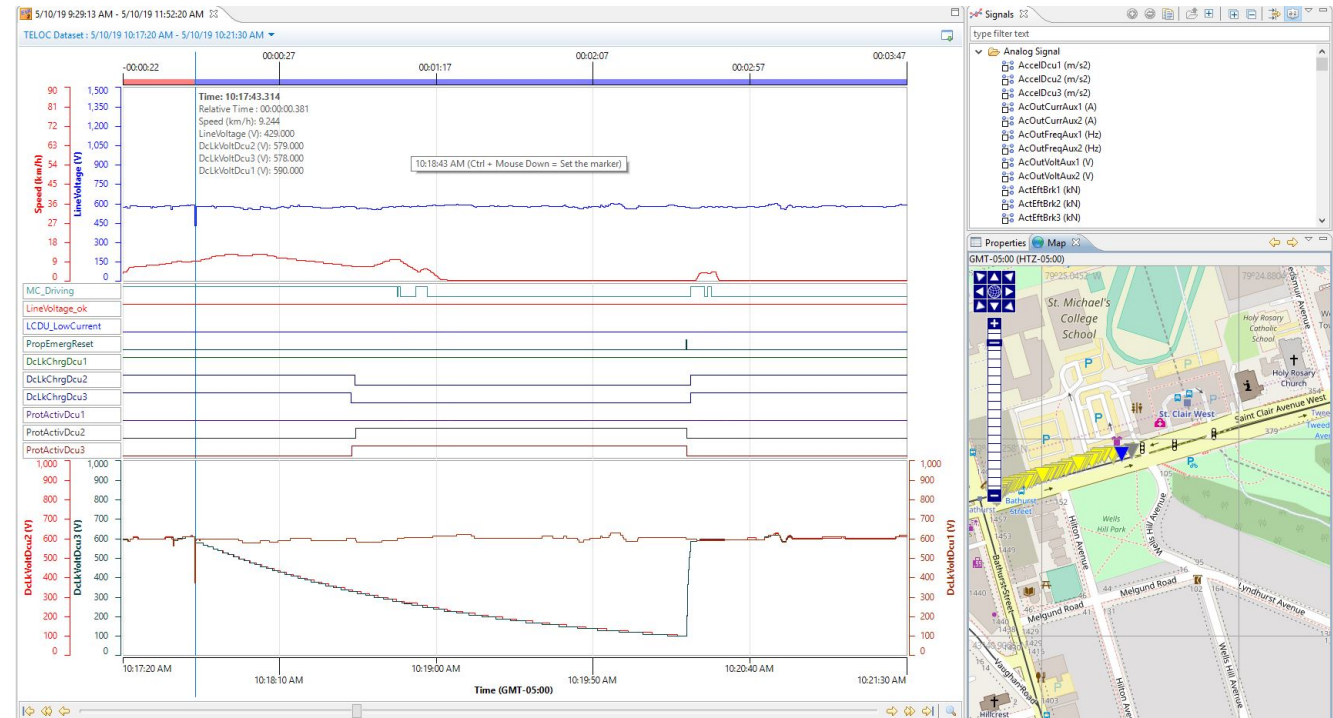
MAINTENANCE CHALLENGES

Design modifications (6th MOD program)

- Maintenance Instructions, troubleshooting procedures
- Training material
- Logistics: Parts, space, availability of cars

New technology

- Fault logs
- Signal/Event logs



INFRASTRUCTURE

CHANGES TO INFRASTRUCTURE

2018 – 2020 Modifications:

- Building Extension
- Addition of Roof Access Platforms
- Addition of Pressurized Sanding System & Silo
- Reconfiguration of Track Layout

Total Capacity:

- Maintenance – 16 LFLRV
- Storage – 39 LFLRV

2021 – 2023 Modifications:

- Building Extension
- Addition of Roof Access Maintenance Platforms
- Addition of Pressurized Sanding System & Silo
- Reconfiguration of Track Layout

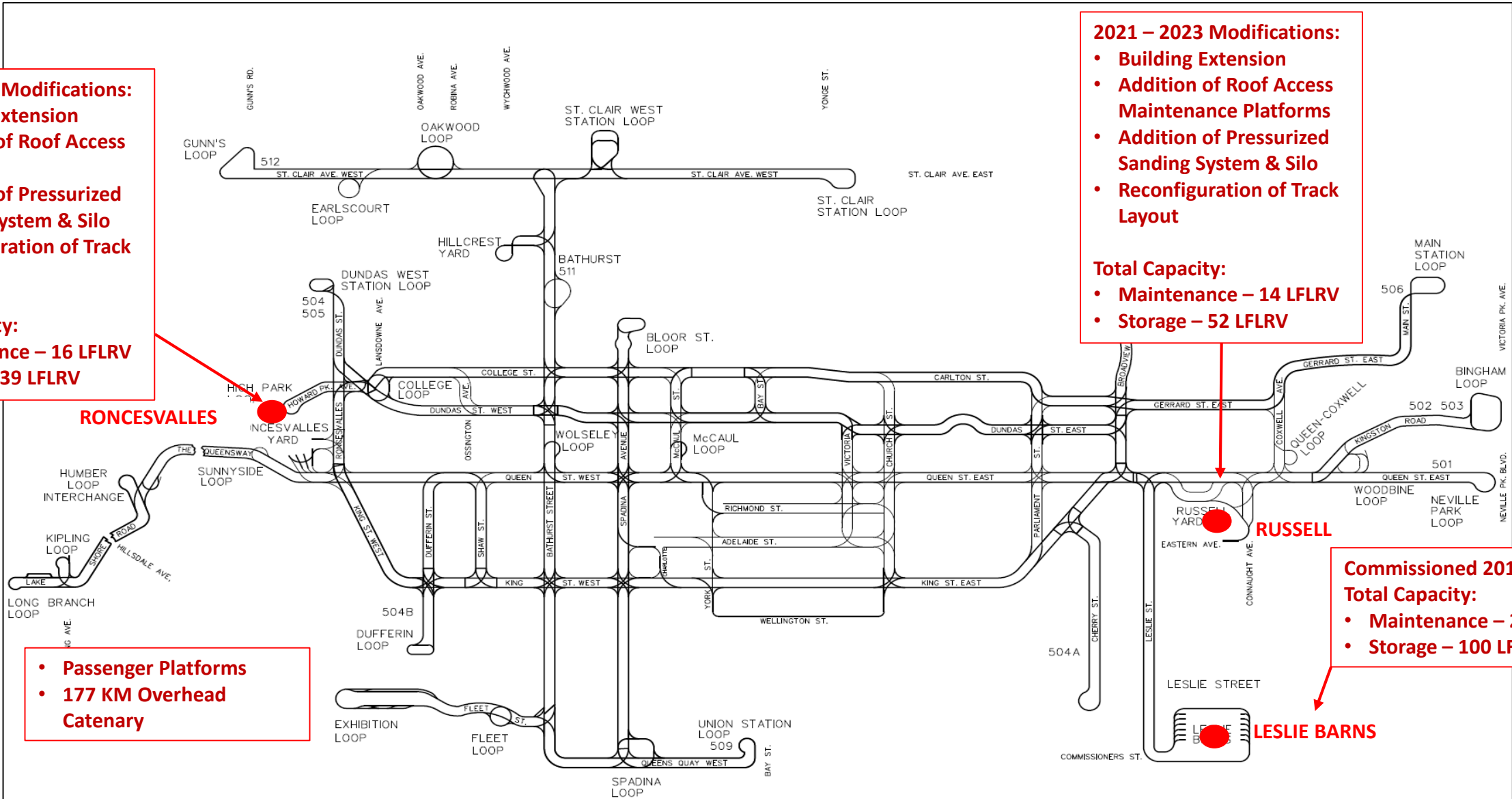
Total Capacity:

- Maintenance – 14 LFLRV
- Storage – 52 LFLRV

Commissioned 2016

Total Capacity:

- Maintenance – 20 LFLRV
- Storage – 100 LFLRV



POLE TO PANTOGRAPH CONVERSION



Pole → Hybrid → Pantograph

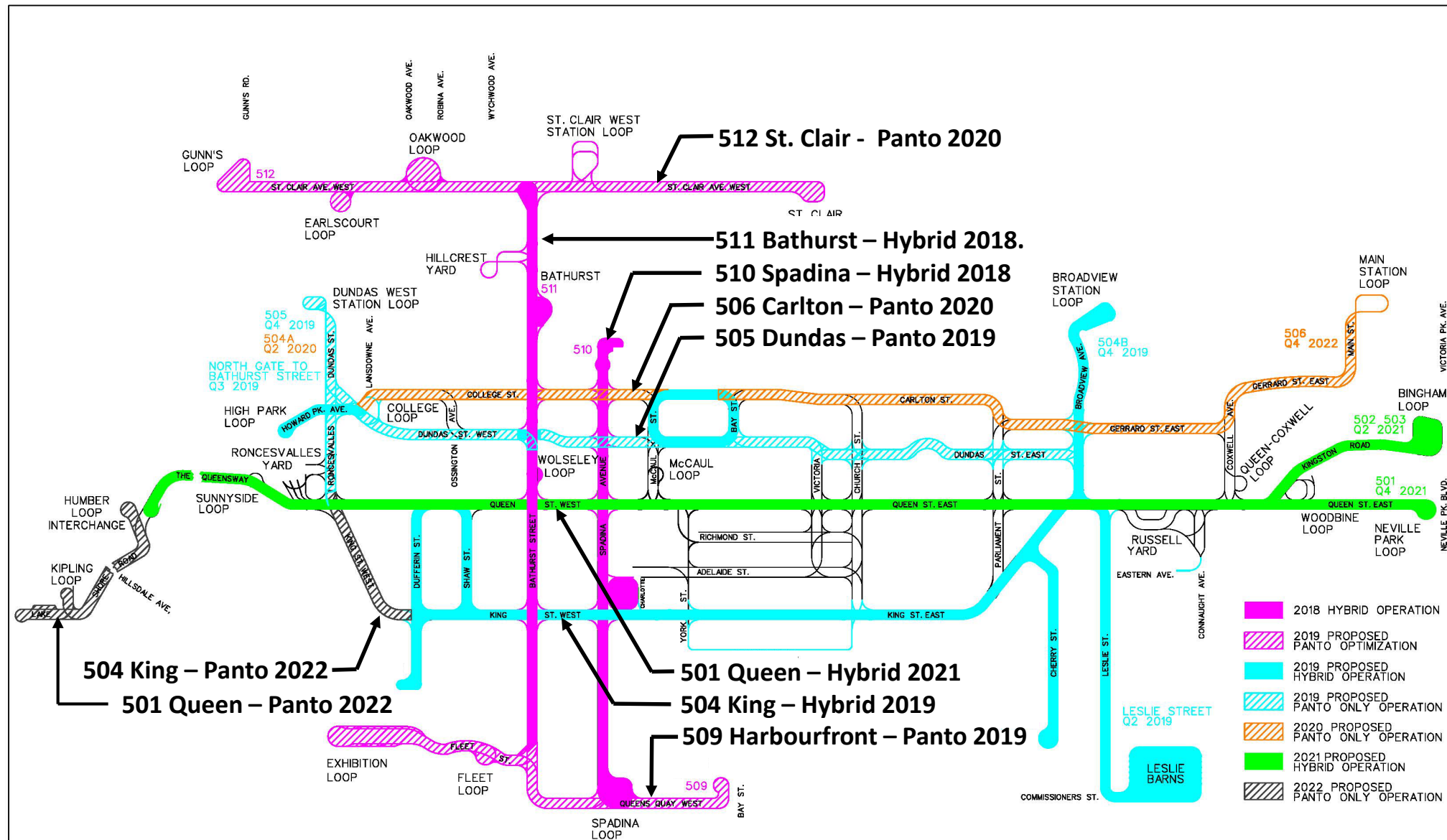


POLE TO PANTOGRAPH CONVERSION

- Conversion scheduled in 3 stages
 - Stage 1: LFLRV Pole Operation Only
 - Stage 2: LFLRV Pole & Pantograph Operation (Allows For Legacy Vehicle Operation)
 - Stage 3: LFLRV Pantograph Operation Only
- Conversion Strategy
 - Smallest to Largest Route (According to Fleet Requirements)
 - Least to Most Complex (According to no. of Intersections)
 - Opportunity to couple conversion with planned city projects
- Network is currently 50% in Hybrid mode & is expected to be 100% Hybrid by Q1 2022
- Full pantograph conversion is expected by 2025

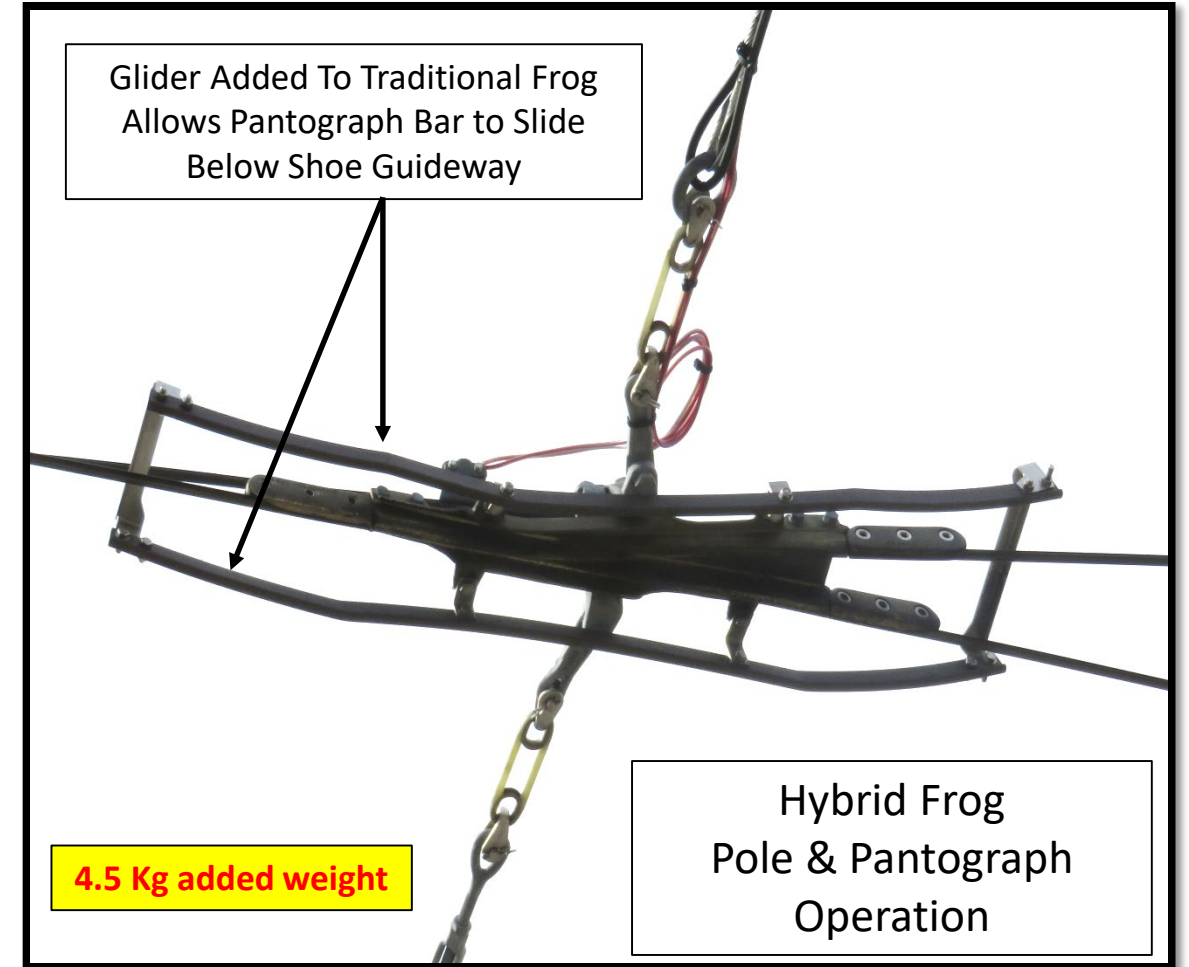


POLE TO PANTOGRAPH CONVERSION SCHEDULE



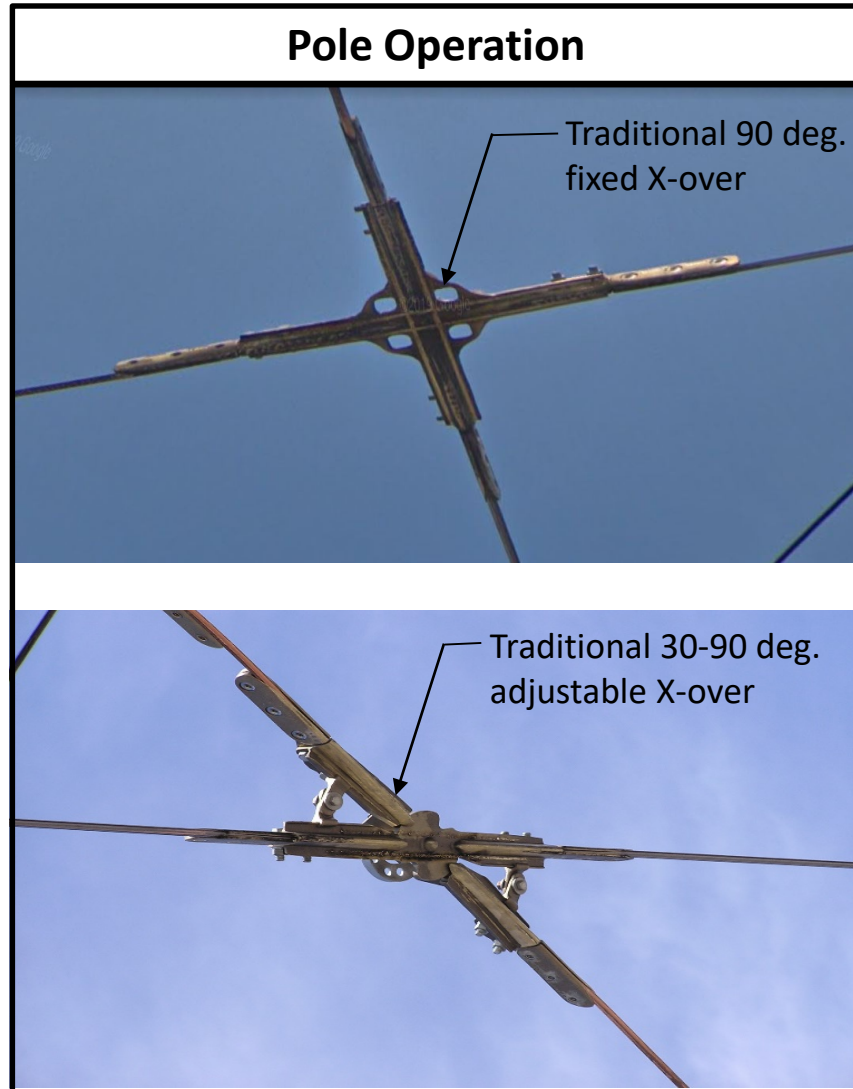
HYBRID CATENARY

FROGS



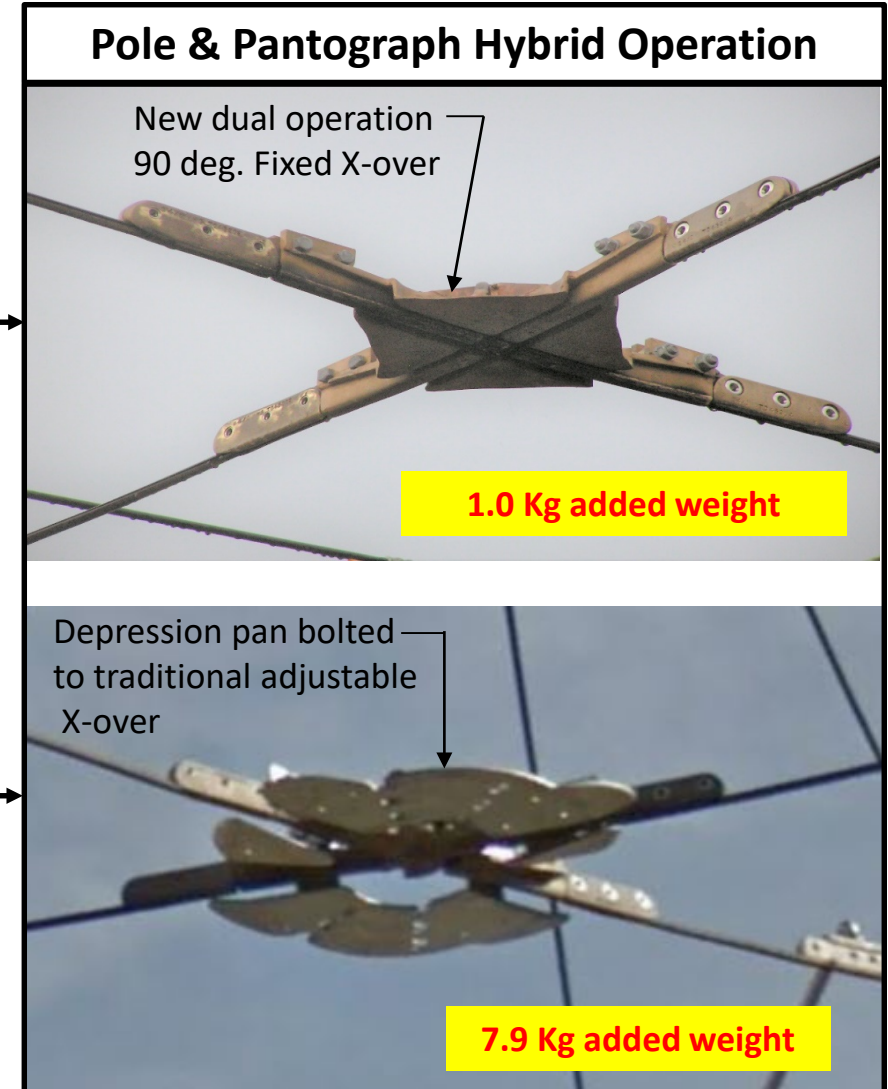
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CROSSOVERS



Fixed 90 Degree Crossovers

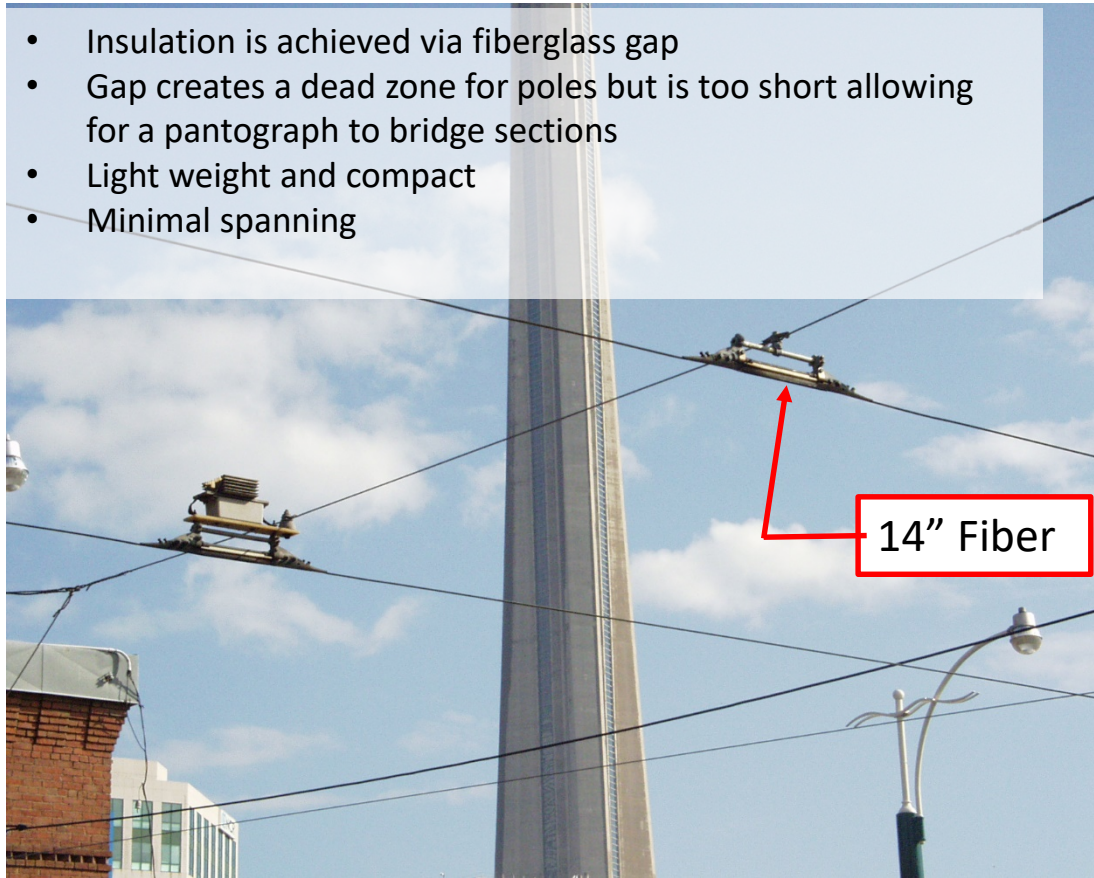
Adjustable Crossovers



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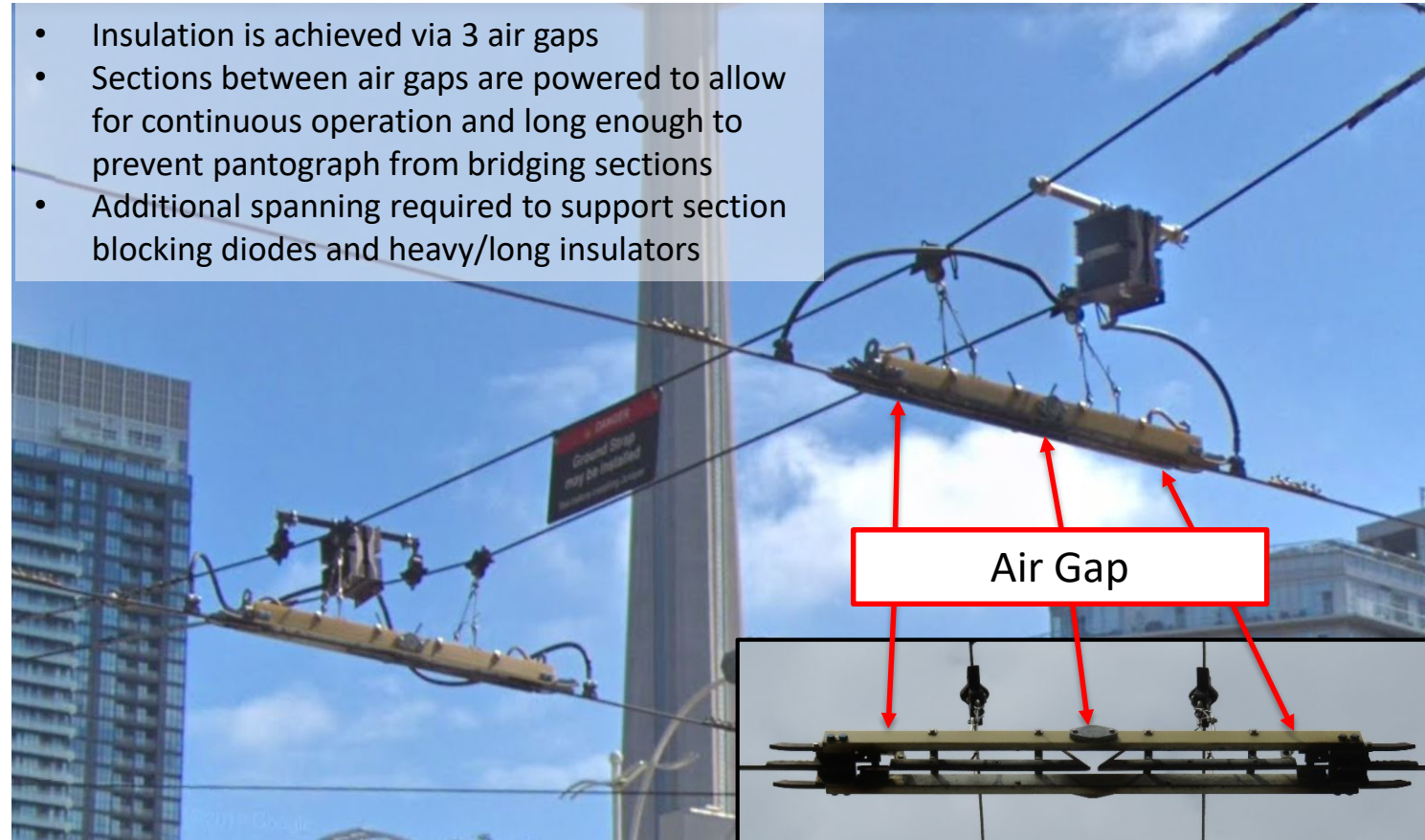
Section Insulators

- Insulation is achieved via fiberglass gap
- Gap creates a dead zone for poles but is too short allowing for a pantograph to bridge sections
- Light weight and compact
- Minimal spanning



Pole Only Operation

- Insulation is achieved via 3 air gaps
- Sections between air gaps are powered to allow for continuous operation and long enough to prevent pantograph from bridging sections
- Additional spanning required to support section blocking diodes and heavy/long insulators



Pole & Pantograph Operation

POLE TO PANTOGRAPH CONVERSION CHALLENGES

Challenges:

- Weight of hardware – increased risk of sag
- Pole, pantograph and wire interface – increased risk of interference
 - Pole and Pantograph snags & damage
 - Down overhead
- Increased maintenance efforts of hybrid system
- Accelerated wear of pantograph carbon strip without full stagger
- Conversion of network while trying to maintain service levels

Lessons Learned:

- Installation of anti-trap deflector bars required to mitigate snagging of de-wired poles
- Installation of constant tension devices to mitigate sag
- Earlier conversion of routes to full stagger to mitigate localized carbon wear

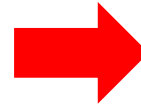
OPERATIONS

CHANGES TO OPERATIONS

PRE-SERVICE



Manual Sand Fill System



Pressurized Sand Fill System



Challenges:

- Increased Yard Movements
- Pinch Point
- Balancing Service Requirements with Realistic Throughput
- Reliability of Sand Pump

Benefits:

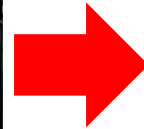
- Elimination of Moisture
- Reduced Sand Consumption

CHANGES TO OPERATIONS

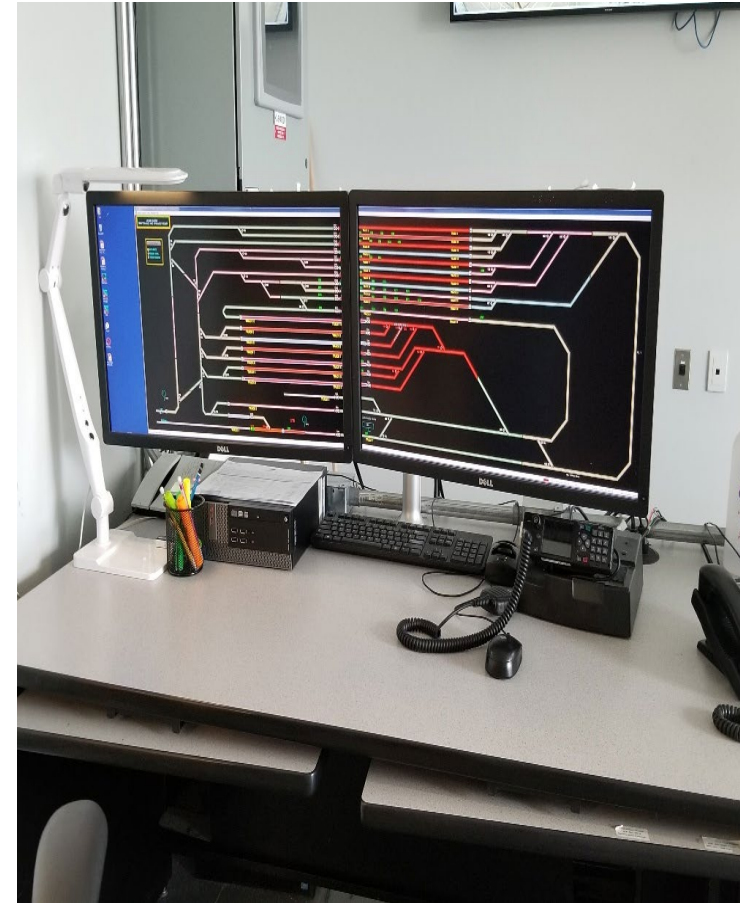
YARD CONTROL



Manual Switch System



Automated Switch System



Challenges:

- Switch & Software Reliability
- Operator Pick Up vs Hostler Delivery

CHANGES TO OPERATIONS

ASSET MANAGEMENT AND TRAINING



- 'Fix On Fail'
- In-House Maintenance Work Order System (SMS)
- In-House Technical & Vehicle Training & Qualification



- Predictive Maintenance
- Enterprise Asset Maintenance Work Order System (MAXIMO)
- Technical Degree from College/University with In-House Vehicle Familiarization, Training and Qualification

LESSONS LEARNED

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1. Program vs Project Management Oversight
2. Catenary Conversion Plan
 - Bus Substitution & Closures



Q&A?

APPENDIX

CHANGES TO OPERATIONS

MAINTENANCE – YARD VS FACILITY PRE-SERVICING

Manual Sand Fill System

Pros:

- ✓ Flexibility of Pre-Servicing
- ✓ Minimizes Yard Movements
- ✓ Faster Pre-Servicing

Cons:

- × Exposure To Inclement Weather
- × Susceptible To Slip, Trips, Fall & Strains
- × Open System – Subject To Moisture
- × Cleanliness & Wastage

Pressurized Sand Fill System

Pros:

- ✓ Eliminates Exposure To Inclement Weather
- ✓ Reduces Slips, Trips, Falls & Strains
- ✓ Improves Cleanliness & Reduces Wastage
- ✓ Enclosed System – Eliminates Moisture
- ✓ Frees Up Resources

Cons:

- × Increases Yard Movement
- × Sand System – Pinch Point



CHANGES TO OPERATIONS

MAINTENANCE – MANUAL VS AUTOMATED SWITCH SYSTEM

Manual System

Pros:

- ✓ More Robust Switches

Cons:

- × Exposure To Inclement Weather
- × Susceptible To Slip, Trips, Fall & Strains

Automated System

Pros:

- ✓ Eliminates Exposure To Inclement Weather
- ✓ Reduces Slips, Trips, Falls & Strains

Cons:

- × Increased Maintenance – Electrical & Software System



CHANGES TO OPERATIONS

Updated_CP

MAINTENANCE

- Pre-Service
 - Sanding Inside (no longer can do outside)
 - Panto – Cut Power and Roof Access Inside
 - Longer Pre-Servicing Time 15min x 3 ppl
 - More Yard Movements & Through Put in the Carhouse
 - Re-railing – more difficult but front/back trucks – pull back on fast

PD Inspection – move from 30 to 60 days

More Diagnostic tooling required

On Board Health Monitoring System

No more pneumatics – hydraulics contract out [repairs/overhaul](#)

Introduction of ramp and HVAC systems

Modular composite panels vs large steel plates – faster turn around

Redundancy – less RCCO

No Ice Cutters but Slider Prototype and Glycol Spray



CHANGES TO OPERATIONS

TRANSPORTATION

King Street Pilot

Pole To Panto



POLE TO PANTOGRAPH CONVERSION

CHRONOLOGY

- 2009 – Bombardier Flexity Vehicle order placed to replace existing fleet of CLRV and ALRV streetcars
 - New vehicles to be outfitted with both pole and pantograph current collection systems
- 2010 – Hybrid parts prototyping and test installations begin on St Clair, Fleet Street and Roncesvalles
- 2013 – Testing with pantograph begins on Queen and St. Clair
- 2014 – First revenue service vehicle operates on Spadina with pole operation
 - First deployment of pantograph operation in Hillcrest Yard exclusively
 - Pantograph testing continues on St. Clair, Fleet and Queens Quay
- 2015 – Pantograph snags OCS on St Clair during testing resulting in delayed revenue service deployment
- 2016 – Pantograph operation begins in Leslie Barns
- 2017 – Hybrid Pole/Pantograph operation begins on the 509 Harbourfront route
- 2018 – Hybrid Pole/Pantograph operation begins on the 510 Spadina route
- 2019 – Pantograph only operation begins on 512 St. Clair route

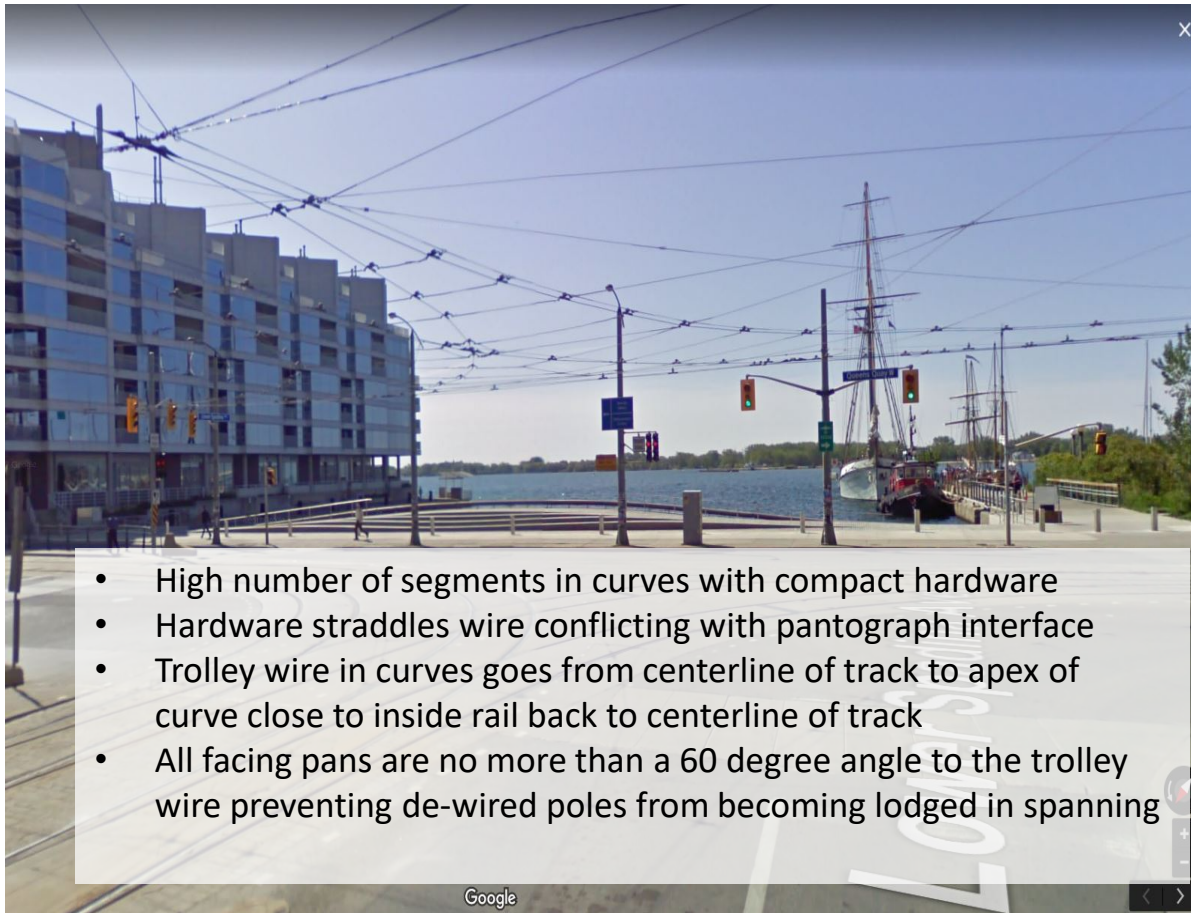
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Lower Spadina & Queens Quay

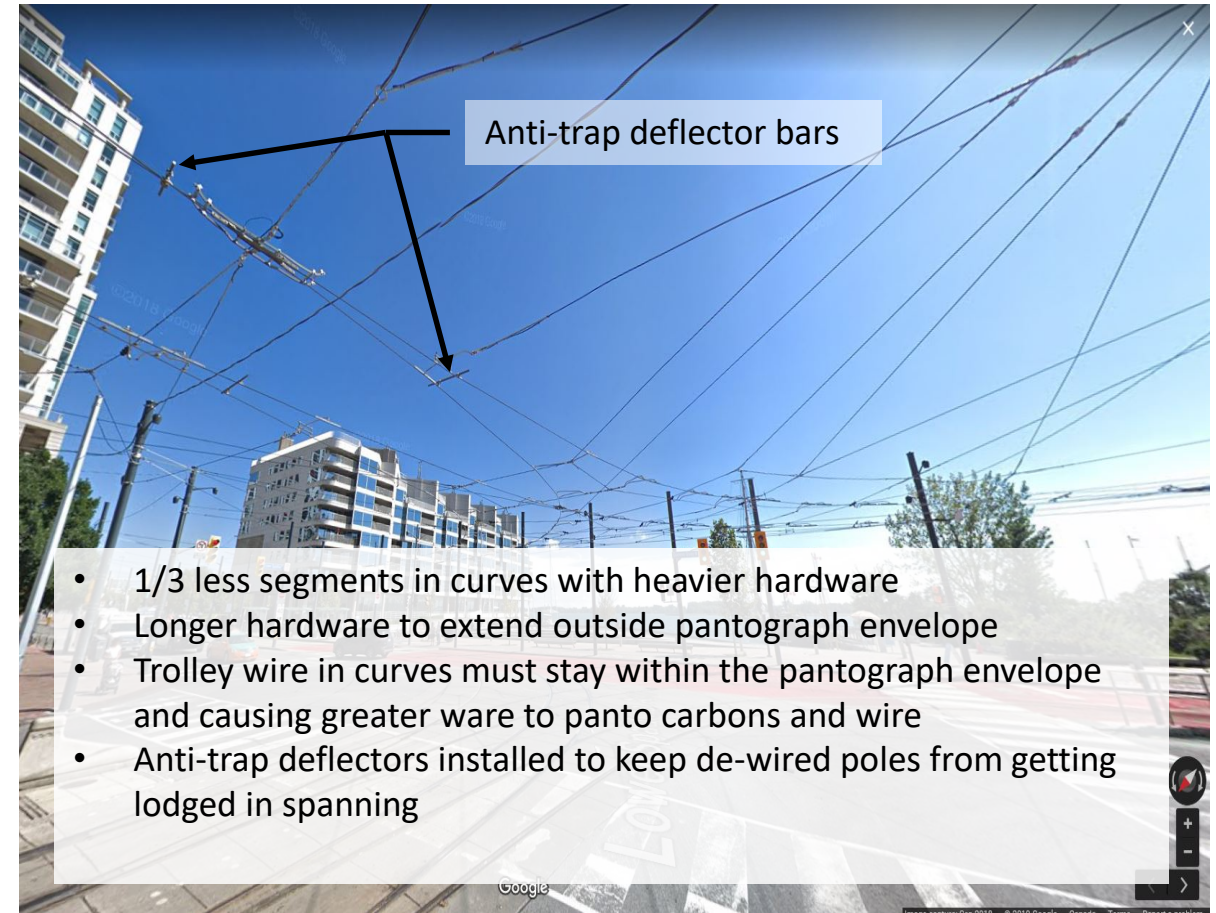
Pole



Hybrid



Pole Only Operation



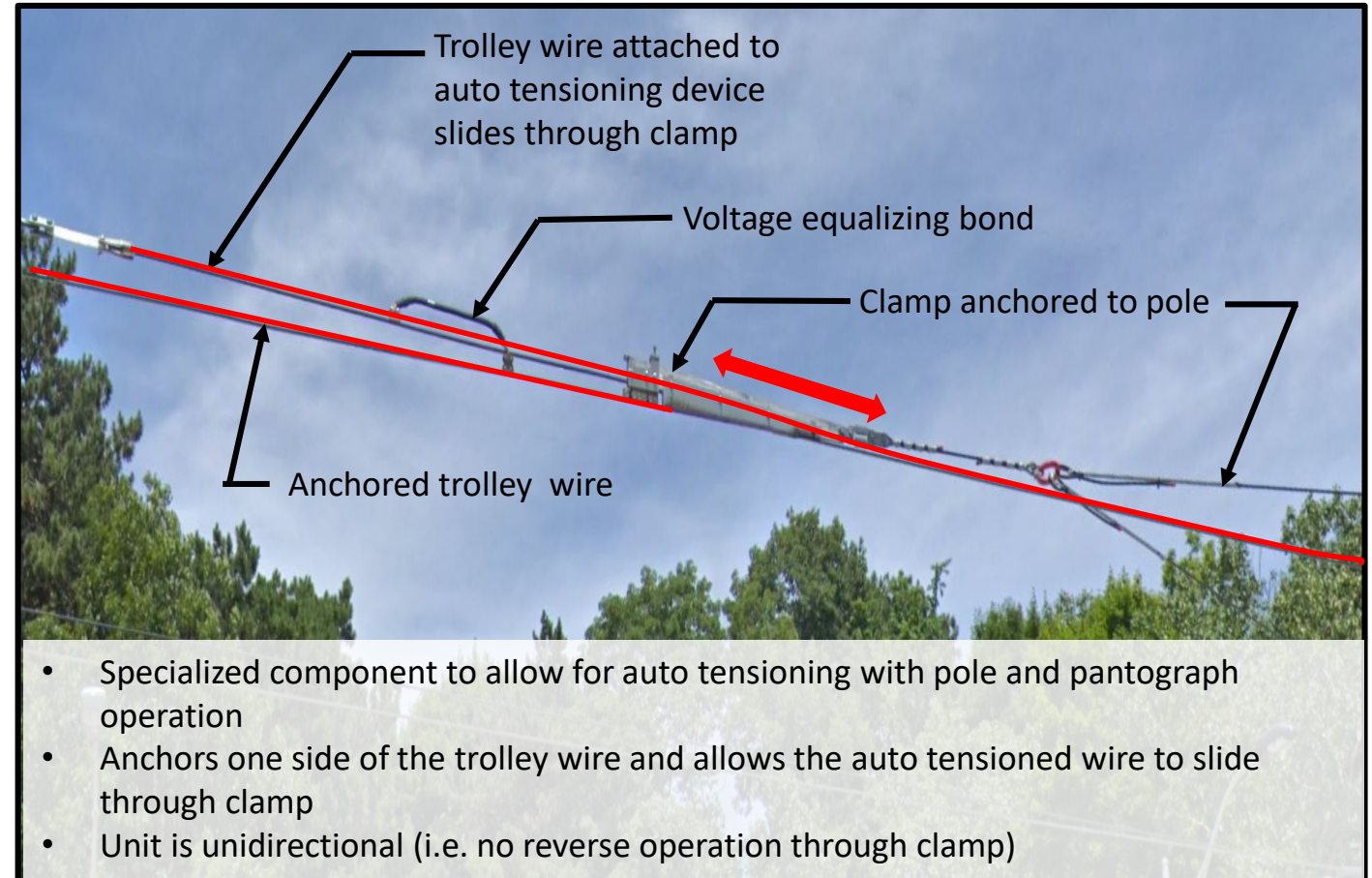
Pole & Pantograph Operation

POLE TO PANTOGRAPH CONVERSION

Hybrid Auto Tensioning



Cam/Spiral – Constant Tensioning Device



Pole & Pantograph Compatible
Overlap Transition Clamp

CHANGES TO OPERATIONS

New facility - Design and delivery of new Assets

- **Wheel lathe**
- **Lifting units - Hoist**
- **Sanding Units**
- **Automatic wheel profiling**
- **Flushing carts**

CHANGES TO OPERATIONS

MAINTENANCE – POLE VS PANTOGRAPH SYSTEM

Pole System

Pros:

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- ✓ Minimizes Yard Movements
- ✓ Faster Pre-Servicing

Cons:

- × Exposure To Inclement Weather
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- × 1-2 Day Frequency – Carbon Replacement

Pantograph System

Pros:

- ✓ Eliminates Exposure To Inclement Weather
- ✓ Reduces Slips, Trips, Falls & Strains
- ✓ 2 Month Frequency – Carbon Replacement

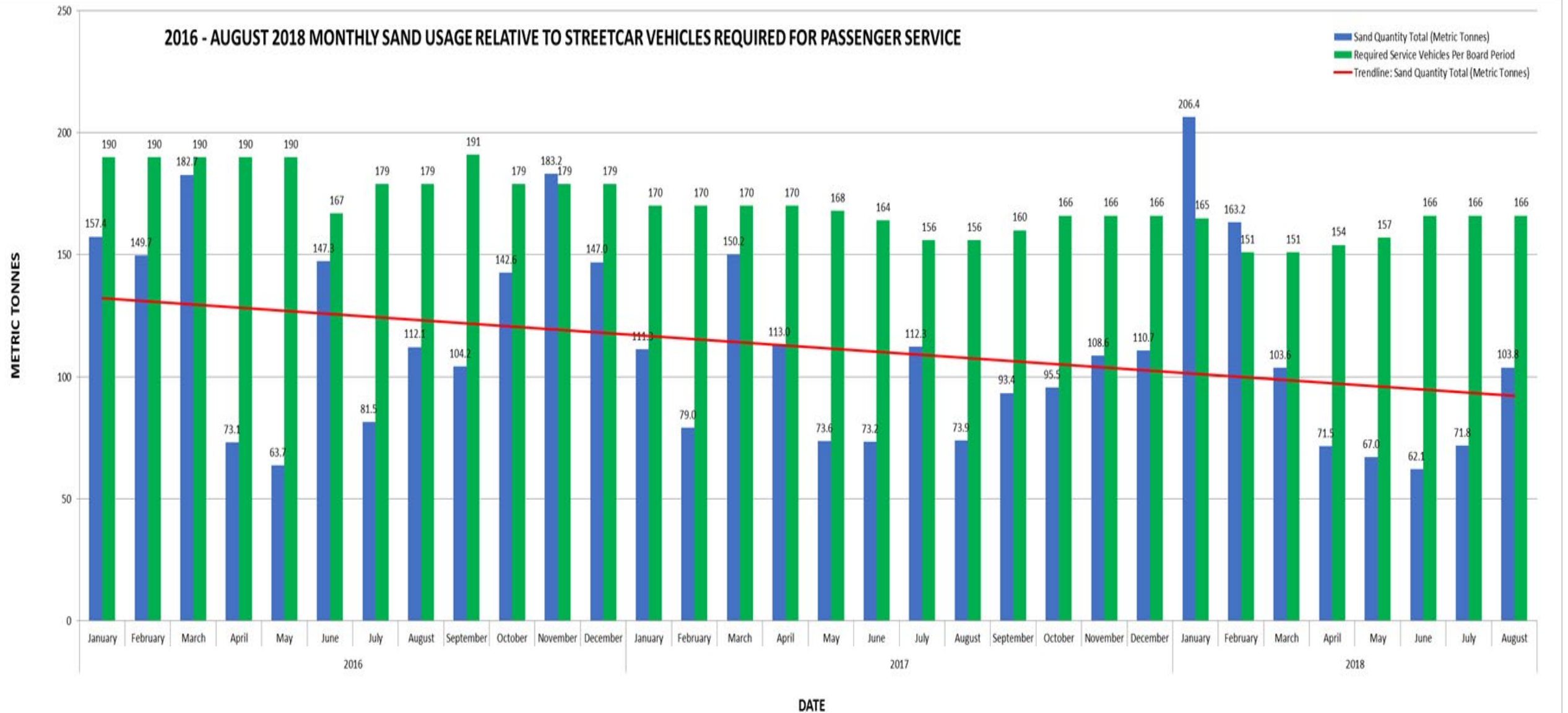
Cons:

- × Increases Yard Movement
- × Increases Servicing Time – Power Cut



CHANGES TO OPERATIONS

Sand Consumption



CHANGES TO OPERATIONS

POLE VS PANTOGRAPH



Pole System



Pantograph System



Challenges:

- Maintenance of 2 Systems
- Pole/Panto/Overhead Interface
- Panto Drops Damage & Inventory Supply

Benefits After Conversion:

- 2month inspection vs. daily

OPERATIONS CHALLENGES

Challenges

- Customer Education
 - Passenger Activated Doors
- Operator Discipline
 - All Doors Boarding
 - Pole & Pantograph Areas
 - Operating Speeds At Intersections and Under Passes