

Adapting Toronto's Streets

This podcast is about how we get from here to there, exploring climate adaptation in the transportation sector and the ways that climate data can make us more resilient as a society.

Episode 1 provides a glimpse into adaptation thinking, featuring a range of professionals who work with the transportation sector to help advance climate resilience in the streets of Toronto.

EPISODE HIGHLIGHTS

In this episode you'll hear stories about:

- The climate phenomena impacting Toronto's streets including heat waves, extreme weather events, flooding, and urban heat islands
- How adapting roads is about more than moving people - it's about how we move water and deal with rising temperatures. We look at the Queens Quay project as an example of adapting Toronto's streets using nature-based solutions
- The people impacted by transit systems and how disruptions to transportation impact the experiences of immigrant women on the edges of the city
- A glimpse into adaptation thinking and how climate data services help transportation professionals as they design, plan, and maintain infrastructure



Climate data in action

One tool that transportation professionals can use to adapt to increased extreme rainfall events is climate change-scaled intensity duration frequency (IDF) curve data.







Episode 1 Host



Rachel Malena-Chan, climate storyteller and creator of Eco-Anxious Stories

Episode 1 Guests



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Brent Raymond is a Planner, Landscape Architect, and Partner at DTAH in Toronto, Ontario. He holds a Bachelor of Design in Environmental Planning and a Master of Landscape Architecture. Brent has an interest in all dimensions of city building, working across scales and with experience in a wide range of project types.



Trevor Murdock is a Climate scientist with a degree in Physics and Astronomy and an MSc in Earth and Ocean Sciences. Trevor currently leads the Data Products Office of the Canadian Centre for Climate Services. He has over 20 years of experience applying climate information to assist decision-making and planning.

Deeper Dive

- ClimateData.ca Transportation Sector Module
- IDF Data and Climate Change
- Queens Quay
- Canada's National Adaptation
 Strategy



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