William Street

Location: ByWard Market Heritage Conservation District, Ottawa ON. / Completed 2021

Client: Parsons & City of Ottawa

Closed to vehicular traffic in 1994, William Street has become a busy gateway and multi-modal

connector, drawing people back and forth between home and work, shopping and galleries, workday,

and nightlife. At William’s south end, daily commuters and thousands of visitors exit the new

contemporary portal of the O-Train Rideau station and busy bus platform on Rideau Street and step

onto the welcome mat of William Street. The north end of William ushers pedestrians onto George

Street and into the perpetual pulse of the oldest farmer’s market in North America.

Renewal of the streetscape included new pedestrian paving, traditional and custom granite furniture, a decorative, weathering steel ‘timeline’ trench drain and catenary LED lighting.