Bloor Street

Christie Pits Park

Bloor St

Shaw St

Bathurst St

Spadina Ave

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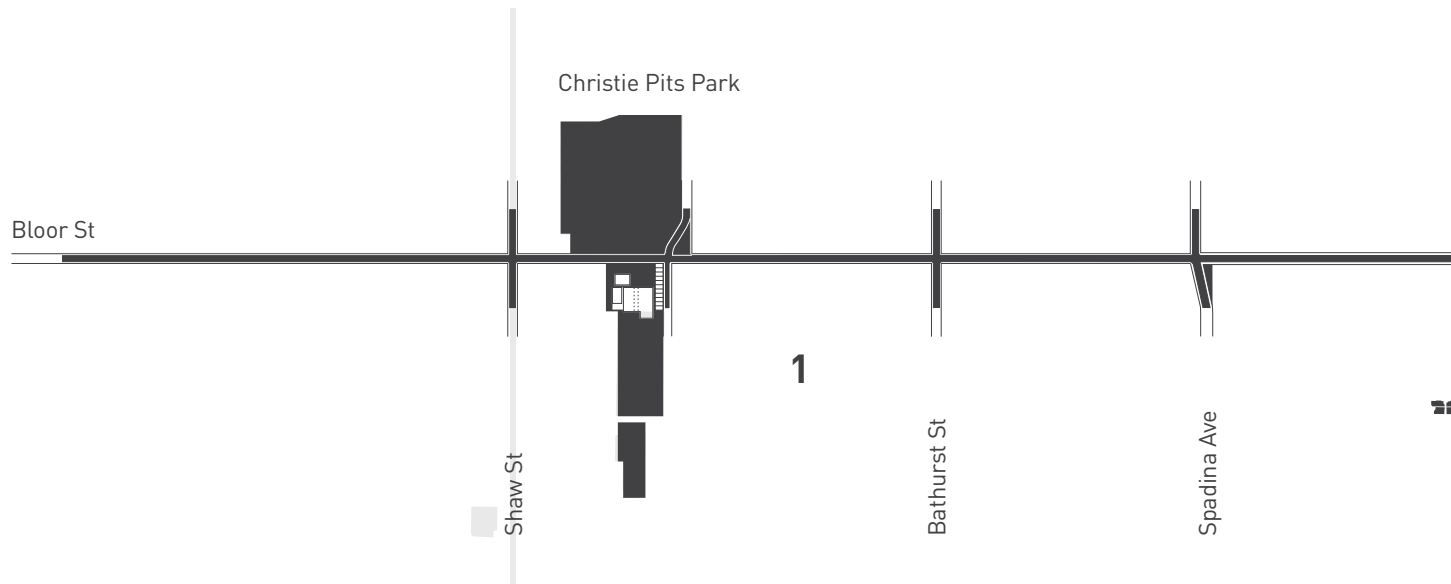
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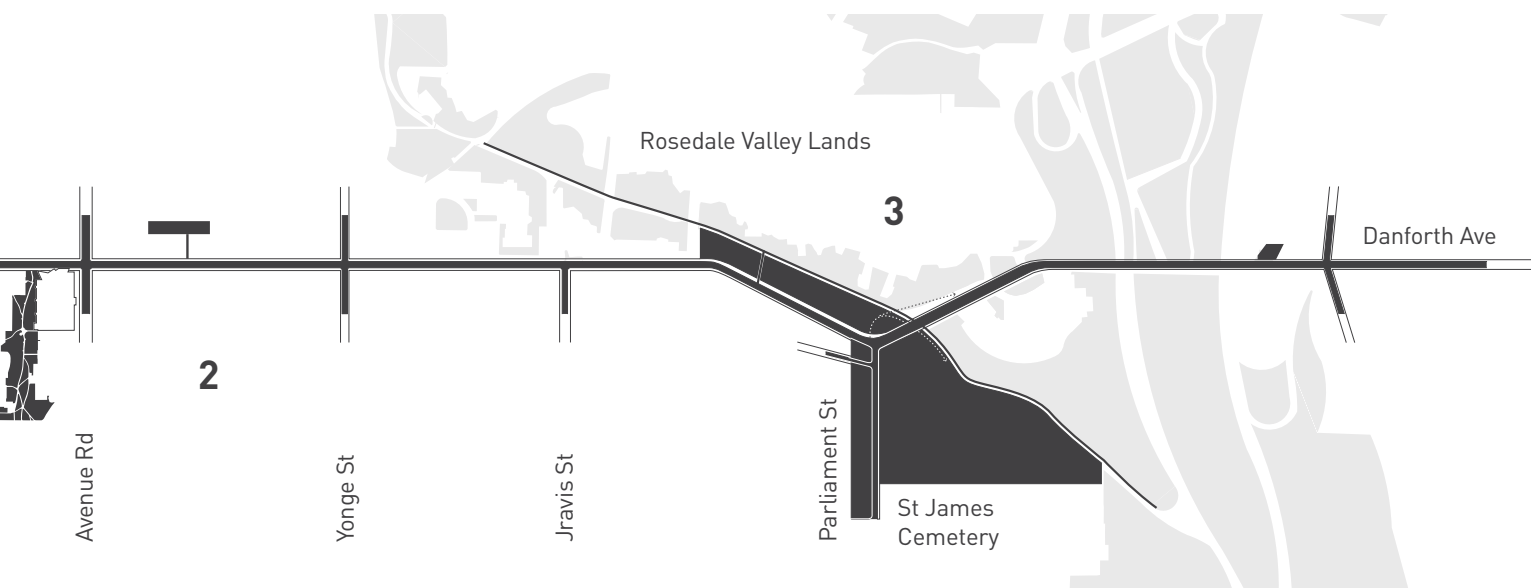
The vision for Bloor Street recognizes the three established character districts of Bloor Street West, Central and East as the organizing structure of this primary civic spine.

1. Bloor Street West – Permanent Protected Cycling and Enhanced Public Realm

In the west, improve the now-permanent cycling infrastructure, and provide an enhanced pedestrian realm with amenities such as seating and large-canopy street tree planting where feasible.

(right) A model for the Bloor Street East 'ravine portal' overlook and access passage, Alexandra Arch and Forest Walk introduces lookouts and a gradual passage from the city to the wilderness, Telok Blangah Hill Park, Singapore

Rosedale Valley Lands

3

Danforth Ave

2

Avenue Rd

Yonge St

Jravis St

Parliament St

St James Cemetery

2. Bloor Street Centre – Streetscape Revitalization

In the centre, explore adding protected cycling facilities to the granite streetscape, and provide a generous and enhanced pedestrian realm that reflects the institutional and residential characters with street tree planting and landscaping in open planters where feasible.

3. Bloor Street East – Potential 'Ravine Portal' Overlook and Access Passage at Parliament Street

At the ravine, celebrate and amplify the ravine with an overlook and access passage into the Rosedale Valley. Provide an enhanced pedestrian realm and intensive landscaping that responds to adjacent parks and open spaces.

Bloor Street East – Potential 'Ravine Portal' Overlook and Access Passage to the Rosedale Valley and Don River Valley Ravine, Toronto, Canada

(right) A model for the Bloor Street East 'ravine portal' overlook and access passage, Boisé de Tequenonday opens a gradual portal for the public to enjoy convenient access to nature, Quebec City, Canada

Goals

Recognize the significant public realm improvements along Bloor Street and extend and enhance the streetscape to highlight Bloor Street as north Downtown's most significant east west street connecting the University of Toronto to Rosedale Ravine, and the Don Valley at Castle Frank.

• Create a unified streetscape while recognizing and enhancing the distinct character areas along Bloor Street.
• Create a continuous protected cycling experience.
• Support economic vitality of the Retail Street.
• Improve the streetscape for walking, transit stops, social gathering, public outdoor seating, café seating and landscaping.
• Improve connections to the Rosedale Valley Ravine and the Don Valley at Castle Frank.
• At the west section (Bathurst to Spadina), provide an enhanced pedestrian realm with amenities such as seating and street tree planting where feasible.
• At the central section (Spadina to Church), provide where feasible a generous and enhanced pedestrian realm that reflects the institutional and residential characters and street tree planting design that is consistent with the current character.
• At the east section (Sherbourne to Castle Frank), provide an enhanced pedestrian realm and a seamless connection through landscaping that responds to adjacent parks, ravines and open spaces such as church yards, forecourts and the Rosedale Valley Ravine and Don Valley.

Actions

• Implement a permanent design for the Bike Pilot on Bloor Street West.
• Assess opportunities to potentially extend cycling infrastructure east and west of the Bloor Street Bike Pilot area.
• In coordination with the Downtown Mobility Strategy, investigate options for cycling facilities on Bloor Street between Avenue Road and Sherbourne Street.
• Investigate a ravine 'overlook' and access passage to Rosedale Valley Ravine from Bloor Street East.

Bayview Avenue

CONCEPTUAL RENDERING

| 3.0m Multi-use Trail | Three Vehicular Lanes | Cycling Facility / Planted Buffer | 5.0m Pedestrian Trail |

Existing R.O.W. 20.5m

Bayview Avenue, looking north to Evergreen Brickworks, showing potential improved edge condition and access to the future Don River Valley Park with re-purposed space on Bayview Avenue and a re-aligned or elevated rail corridor, Proposed Concept

Recreate Bayview Avenue to enhance its Scenic Street character, reinforcing its riverside location and the spacious nature of the Don Valley and enhancing the experience of the surrounding natural environment and ravine landscape for all modes of travel including where feasible pedestrians, bicycles and vehicles. Re-harmonize Bayview Avenue's relationship to the ravine landscape by prioritizing the health of the ravine's ecological systems and providing protected active transportation infrastructure along the corridor.

(right) Stanley Park Drive is a model for a scenic landscape experience along a roadway that provides safe, separated travel space for pedestrians, cyclists and vehicles, Vancouver, Canada

CONCEPTUAL RENDERING

Don River Valley Park

When track rehabilitation occurs, work with Metrolinx to consolidate parkland and maximize the opportunity to create more space for pedestrians and cyclists and improve access to the future Don River Valley Park. Explore opportunities to create a linear riverside park and promenade along the length of Bayview Avenue. Between Bloor Street East and Eastern Avenue, consider opportunities to leverage bridges as access points and expand the ravine experience with strategic connections between the city and the river valley.

Bayview Avenue, looking north to Evergreen Brickworks, showing potential improved edge condition and access to the future Don River Valley Park with re-purposed space on Bayview Avenue and a re-aligned or elevated rail corridor, Proposed Concept

(right) Allegheny Riverfront Park seeks every opportunity to create an experientially rich pathway from an urban upper level down to a lower level park at the river's edge, Pittsburgh, United States

Goals

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- Improve conditions and connections for pedestrians and cyclists with improved and/or protected infrastructure where appropriate.
- Explore opportunities to maximize the park experience and to transform Bayview Avenue into a Scenic Street.
- Improve access to Bayview Avenue from ravines, portal parks and other open spaces including Riverdale Park, St. James Cemetery, the historic Winchester Street right-of-way, Castle Frank, the Vale of Avoca and Moore Park Ravine.
- Preserve, protect and enhance scenic views and vistas.
- Design in a resilient manner to respond to fluctuations in the water level in the Don Valley.

Actions

- Undertake a Functional Design Study for Bayview Avenue with an emphasis on pedestrian safety and connectivity.
- Improve Bayview Avenue's relationship with adjacent connecting streets including Front Street, River Street, Bloor Street through the ramps, Rosedale Valley Road and Pottery Road.
- Explore opportunities to develop connections from bridges at Gerrard and Dundas Street.
- North of Gerrard Street, study enhanced sidewalks and bicycle infrastructure.
- Remove fences along Bayview Avenue where not necessary for safety at Riverdale Park and Castle Frank School playing field.
- Explore pedestrian and cycling connections between Rosedale Valley Road and Riverdale Park.
- Celebrate the bridges at Bloor, Gerrard, Dundas and Queen Street and other industrial infrastructure and integrate into the streetscape of Bayview Avenue.
- Enhance planting along Bayview Avenue in consultation with Parks, Forestry & Recreation Division and TRCA.
- Work with Metrolinx to align any future investments in the resiliency of rail corridors within the Don Valley to maximize the opportunity to consolidate parkland and/or to create a linear riverside park along Bayview Avenue.