

**City of Toronto  
Existing Pedestrian Policies, Programs and Actions**

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<b>Policy</b>			
<b>Official Plan</b> - The Official Plan policies focus on creating a walkable Toronto and highlights the importance of pedestrian activity as a part of a vibrant city. The following key areas are highlighted within the Plan: - Create a built form and urban environment that encourages and supports walking throughout the City - Ensure safe, comfortable, attractive and convenient pedestrian conditions - Access to public spaces and buildings for everyone - Streets to be designed to perform diverse roles, balancing the needs of all road users - Support of the Toronto Pedestrian Charter and programs that encourage walking in the City.	City Planning	Ontario Municipal Board issued Order No. 1928 on July 6, 2006 bringing majority of the Official Plan into force	<a href="http://www.toronto.ca/torontoplan/">www.toronto.ca/torontoplan/</a>
<b>Secondary Plans</b> - Part of Official Plan and lays out more detailed policies for specific areas in the City. These policies address streets and in terms of pedestrians most plans offer broad policy statements on pedestrian connections to transit and neighbourhood and concern with improving the streetscape environment. In addition some of these plans address pedestrian safety.	City Planning	various	<a href="http://www.toronto.ca/torontoplan/official_plan.htm">www.toronto.ca/torontoplan/official_plan.htm</a>
<b>Waterfront Plan</b> - The pedestrian and cycling strategy within the Waterfront Plan highlights these key themes: removing barriers and making connections, building a network of cycling and pedestrian facilities, creating dynamic and diverse communities through urban design and promote a clean and green environment. The Central Waterfront Pedestrian Plan is based on two key principles: 1. that all roads (except Gardiner) are pedestrian facilities and 2. continuous pedestrian access along the water's edge.	City Planning		<a href="http://www.toronto.ca/waterfront">www.toronto.ca/waterfront</a>
<b>Pedestrian Charter</b> - Adoption of the Toronto Pedestrian Charter encourages and supports walking in the City of Toronto as a safe, comfortable and convenient mode of urban travel. Prepared by the City's Pedestrian Committee.	City Planning/Transportation Services	Adopted by Council 2002	<a href="http://www.toronto.ca/pedestrian/">www.toronto.ca/pedestrian/</a>
<b>Our Common Grounds</b> - Adopted by Council as the Strategic Plan for Parks, Forestry & Recreation, OCG provides goals, targets and 53 specific recommendations to address environmental stewardship, social and physical development of children and youth and lifelong physical activity for all Toronto residents.	Parks, Forestry & Recreation	Adopted by Council 2004	<a href="http://www.toronto.ca/parks/renaissance.htm#common">www.toronto.ca/parks/renaissance.htm#common</a>
<b>Environment Plan</b>	Toronto Environment Office	Adopted by Council 2000, Status Reprot 2004.	
<b>Clean Air Action Plan</b>	Toronto Environment Office		
<b>Planning and Review (Processes)</b>			
<b>Transit Oriented Development Review</b> - Function is to review City of Toronto circulated development applications to review the quality of pedestrian-transit connections including waiting areas at stops, walkway distances between bus stops and developments, and entrance connections to subway stations.	TTC	Ongoing	

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<p><b>Development Approval Process</b> - A number of pedestrian improvements are considered during the review of applications, including new pedestrian linkages within the site and also connections to surrounding areas, public easements, direct connections to transit facilities, connections to the path system, streetscape improvements, consolidation and location of access points, etc.</p>	<p>City Planning, Transportation Services, Technical Services</p>		
<p><b>The Path Newtwork</b> - Opportunities for expansion through the development approval process, and other projects such as the Union Station Northwest Path EA</p>			<p><a href="http://www.toronto.ca/path">www.toronto.ca/path</a></p>

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<b>Guidelines</b>			
<b>Accessibility Design Guidelines</b> The Accessibility Design Guidelines can be used by all sectors to conduct accessibility audits and to plan developments as we work towards making Toronto a "barrier free" community.	City Manager	Adopted by Council 2004	<a href="http://www.toronto.ca/diversity/pdf/accessibility_design_guidelines.pdf">www.toronto.ca/diversity/pdf/accessibility_design_guidelines.pdf</a>
<b>Vibrant Streets</b> - Placement criteria for street furniture. Intended to standardize street furniture on arterial streets; including transit shelters, newspaper boxes, bicycle racks and waste and recycling bins.	City Planning /Transportation Services	Adopted by Council 2006	
<b>Pedestrian Refuge Islands Guidelines</b> The purpose of the Guidelines is to provide a consistent City-wide approach to the implementation of pedestrian refuge islands	Transportation Services	Report and Guidelines adopted by staff (2002/2004)	
<b>Drive-Thru Guidelines</b> Support new rules for drive-thrus to minimize negative impact on pedestrian environment. Drive-thrus are recognized as a separate land use category in 2004. The guidelines were based on OP policies to enhance the public realm, improve pedestrian environment and create a high quality "built form".	City Planning	Approved by Council June 2005 for Community Consultation	<a href="http://www.toronto.ca/planning/urbdesign/drivethrough.htm#guidelines">www.toronto.ca/planning/urbdesign/drivethrough.htm#guidelines</a>
<b>Streetscape Manual - Draft</b> Describes a streetscape hierarchy that identifies how different types of arterial streets are to be given different design details for urban design treatments on city or private developments. Linked with Civic Improvement Program	City Planning	Working draft that builds on the former City of Toronto Streetscape Manual of 1997	
<b>Design Guidelines (Area Specific)</b> These guidelines include development, context or area plans for large sites, guidelines for sites which will be developed in phases and guidelines for nodes or the development of discrete sections of Avenues or major streets.	City Planning	Adopted by Council July, 2004	<a href="http://www.toronto.ca/planning/urbdesign/guidelines.htm">http://www.toronto.ca/planning/urbdesign/guidelines.htm</a>
<b>Parking Lot Guidelines</b> - The Guidelines are based on two underlying design priorities: enhancing the built environment and supporting the natural environment. There is a specific section within the guidelines titled "Pedestrian Access and Circulation" which details design guidelines for pedestrian comfort, convenience and safety within and adjacent to surface parking lots	City Planning	Under development	
<b>Urban Design Handbook</b>	City Planning		
<b>Access Management Guidelines</b> - Allow for the systematic control of the location, spacing, design, and operation of driveways, median openings, interchanges, and street connections to a roadway. The guidelines will ensure access management is provided to vehicle access to land development in a manner that preserves the safety and efficiency of the transportation system, with due respect to other users of the right-of-way, such as: pedestrians, cyclists and transit.	Transportation Services	Under review	

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<b>Toronto Green Development Standard</b> - Adoption of enhanced targets for site and building design that address matters of sustainability. This includes pedestrian infrastructure such as pedestrian scaled building design, landscaping, lighting, signage and pedestrian paths to transit linkages. The purpose is to encourage walking as a clean air alternative.	City Planning	Adopted in principle by Council in July 2006	<a href="http://www.toronto.ca/environment/greendevlopment.htm">www.toronto.ca/environment/greendevlopment.htm</a>
<b>Design Criteria for Review of Tall Building Proposals</b> - Guidelines emphasis is on enhancing the public realm and ensuring that new tall buildings fit well within their existing and planned context. These guidelines instruct that new tall buildings should provide amenity for the adjacent street and open spaces and to ensure that these areas are attractive, comfortable and functional for pedestrians.	City Planning	Adopted by Council 2006	<a href="http://www.toronto.ca/planning/pdf/tallbuildings_udg_aug17_final.pdf">http://www.toronto.ca/planning/pdf/tallbuildings_udg_aug17_final.pdf</a>
<b>Urban Design Guidelines for Community Safety</b> - The guidelines outline ways to improve community safety through the proper and effective planning and design of the physical environment. One of the most important measures of public safety is how we feel on our streets. The guidelines emphasize how streets need to be organized and designed to support community safety goals.	City Planning	Under review	
<b>Travel Demand Management Guidelines</b>	City Planning	Under development	
<b>Technical Guidelines for Placement of Transit Stops</b> - The TTC's goal is to work with City staff to make the 9500 bus and streetcar stops comfortable, safe and fully accessible.	TTC	Ongoing	

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<b>Programs</b>			
<b>Pedestrian Crossover Enhancement - Arterial Roadways</b> 61 pedestrian crossovers (PXOs) on arterial roadways will be replaced with traffic control signals. The remaining 269 pedestrian crossovers on arterial roadways will undergo visibility enhancements to flashing beacons, signs and pavement markings.	Transportation Services	Adopted by Council 2006	
<b>Pedestrian Countdown Signals</b> - Transportation Services is installing count down signals to improve the safety of pedestrians by showing pedestrians the amount of time remaining to safely cross the street.	Transportation Services	Adopted by Council 2006	
<b>Essential Sidewalk Links</b> - City-wide program to construct new sidewalks on both sides of arterial and collector roads which currently lack sidewalks	Transportation Services	Adopted by Council 2002	
<b>Sidewalk Maintenance Capital Budget</b> - Funds are for reconstructing sidewalks in conjunction with road resurfacing, road reconstruction and with utility repairs projects. <b>Sidewalk Snow Clearance (Operating Budget)</b> - Funds are for mechanical sidewalk and manual clearing at narrow sidewalks, walkways, stairs, bus stops, crosswalk and sidewalk snow clearing for seniors and disabled persons registered in the City. Routine sidewalk inspection occurs year-round.	Transportation Services	Annual Transportation Capital and Operating Budgets	
<b>Audible Pedestrian Signals</b> - APS has been installed at 101 signalized intersections. Each year an additional 10 to 15 signalized intersections are installed with APS. Two audible tones are used to indicate the direction in which the pedestrian right-of-way is.	Transportation Services	Annual Transportation Capital Works Program	<a href="http://www.toronto.ca/transportation/traffic/ped_signals.htm">www.toronto.ca/transportation/traffic/ped_signals.htm</a>
<b>Neighborhood Action Committees (13)</b> which may identify pedestrian safety as one of their issues-Strong Neighborhoods Strategy.	Social Services		
<b>BIA Capital Cost Share Program</b> - This program is run by the BIA office and offers matching funds to BIA partners for streetscape beautification projects. These projects are intended to improve the quality of place in our Toronto neighbourhoods.	Economic Development	Annual Program	<a href="http://www.toronto.ca/bia/index.htm">http://www.toronto.ca/bia/index.htm</a>
<b>Civic Improvement Program/Public Realm Improvement Program</b> Intended to guide city decisions in capital investment for improvement of public spaces including streets, plazas, parks and public buildings. Linked with Streetscape Manual	City Planning	Annual Program	<a href="http://www.toronto.ca/planning/urbdesign/pdf/civicimprove_pt_report_09/60s.pdf">www.toronto.ca/planning/urbdesign/pdf/civicimprove_pt_report_09/60s.pdf</a>
<b>Accessible Transit Service Plans</b> This report details the TTC's plans to make their services more accessible to people who have mobility difficulties.	TTC	Plan and/or progress report produced annually.	<a href="http://www.toronto.ca/ttc/pdf/accessible_transit_service_plan_2005.pdf">www.toronto.ca/ttc/pdf/accessible_transit_service_plan_2005.pdf</a>

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<b>Promoting Walking</b>			
<b>Active and Safe Routes to School</b> - A school based program that encourages safe and active travel to and from school. A collaborative initiative amongst families, schools and community, Active and Safe Routes to School involves working with Transportation Services, Police Services and Green Communities Canada.	Public Health	Ongoing (Promotion and Implementation only)	<a href="http://www.toronto.ca/health/shs/jr_pap.htm">www.toronto.ca/health/shs/jr_pap.htm</a>
<b>Smart Commute</b> - A program that encourages the reduction of single occupant vehicle trips to worksites by offering a menu of sustainable transportation choices to employees. This menu can include strategies such as ride matching, discounted transit passes, vanpooling, cycling and walking promotional and infrastructure measures.	City Planning - Public Health	Funded until December 2007. Program will be reviewed at the end of this time	<a href="http://www.smartcommute.ca/">www.smartcommute.ca/</a> <a href="http://www.Saferoutestoschool.ca">www.Saferoutestoschool.ca</a>
<b>Get Your Move On-</b> To increase physical activity levels in Toronto by creating more opportunities and reducing barriers to enable all residents to be physically active where they live, work and play.	Public Health	On hold	<a href="http://www.toronto.ca/getyourmoveon/index.htm">www.toronto.ca/getyourmoveon/index.htm</a>
<b>Building Physically Active Communities</b> -A program that has four major components: a pedometer lending program in high priority neighbourhoods, establishment of new walking clubs with a built-in social support component, development of leadership opportunities for newcomers and recent immigrants, and implementation of Stairway to Health signage in public places.	Public Health	Beginning in Spring 2006	
<b>20/20 The Way to Clean Air</b> - A GTA social marketing campaign, promoting energy use and vehicle use reduction. The program provides participants with tips on alternative transportation including walking and running.	Public Health	Ongoing	<a href="http://www.toronto.ca/health/2020">http://www.toronto.ca/health/2020</a>
<b>Smog and your health</b> - Provides advice to Toronto residents on how they can protect their health from heat and poor air quality while being physically active	Public Health	Ongoing	<a href="http://www.toronto.ca/health/smog">http://www.toronto.ca/health/smog</a>
<b>Air Quality Health Index (AQHI)</b> The AQHI will be piloted in Toronto beginning in the summer of 2007. This tool will provide a scale of 1-10 and will provide guidance on ways to protect health while being physically active	Public Health	New	
<b>Parks &amp; Trails Map</b> - Shows system of trails, walking routes, access points, TTC stops, trail amenities etc. in city parks and open spaces in city wide format and in highlighted areas of the city.	Parks, Forestry & Recreation	Ongoing	<a href="http://www.toronto.ca/parks/maps.htm">www.toronto.ca/parks/maps.htm</a>
<b>Discovery Walks Program</b> -Ten walking routes in different parts of the city to highlight natural, cultural and heritage resources in the city. Way finding signs and free maps guide walkers.	Parks, Forestry & Recreation	Ongoing	<a href="http://www.toronto.ca/parks/recreation_facilities/discovery_walks/discover_index.htm">www.toronto.ca/parks/recreation_facilities/discovery_walks/discover_index.htm</a>
<b>Special Projects and Studies</b>			
<b>Union Station Pedestrian Study</b> - Information collected to study pedestrian movement in and around Union Station. Includes pedestrian count data.	City Planning	Phase 1 & 2 completed, Phase 3 to be Initiated	<a href="http://www.toronto.ca/union_station/pedestrian.htm">www.toronto.ca/union_station/pedestrian.htm</a>
<b>Union Station - Northwest Path E.A.</b> - To study path link alignment from Union Station (York/Front) to Wellington/Front to act as a relieve for central path network as it exists.	City Planning	on-going/completion end of 2007	<a href="http://www.toronto.ca/union_station/pdf/union_station_path_connection_public_meeting_docs.pdf">www.toronto.ca/union_station/pdf/union_station_path_connection_public_meeting_docs.pdf</a>

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<p><b>Pedestrian Collision Study</b> - To identify the most common types of collisions that occurred with the ultimate goal of developing countermeasures to reduce pedestrian/motor vehicle collisions.</p>	<p>Transportation Services</p>	<p>Completed early 2007</p>	<p><a href="http://www.insideto.toronto.ca/west/transprotation/tmc/tdscb/safety/ped_collision/online_exe_summary">www.insideto.toronto.ca/west/transprotation/tmc/tdscb/safety/ped_collision/online_exe_summary</a></p>
<p><b>Avenue Studies</b> - In the new Official Plan one of the areas where potential growth is encouraged is along the Avenues (as identified on Map 2 of the OP). Each year the Community Planning staff undertake specific Avenue studies. The studies not only identify the redevelopment potential, but the opportunities and constraints for height, density, massing, built form, transportation issues and community needs and desires. (Examples include: portions of Bloor St. W., Kingston Rd., Lakeshore Blvd).</p>	<p>City Planning</p>	<p>on-going/completion end of 2007</p>	<p><a href="http://www.toronto.ca/planning/newtoronto.htm#avenue">http://www.toronto.ca/planning/newtoronto.htm#avenue</a></p>
<p><b>Railway Corridor Crossings</b> - Opportunities for new grade separated pedestrian crossings. Examples of potential improvements include Liberty Village Tunnel connection to King Street West, West Donlands Bridge Connection to the east side of the railway/ Don River Corridor, and the Niagara Neighbourhood to Fort York Bridge connection. Opportunities to improve existing underpasses are also considered (eg. new teamways on York Street and Bay Street)</p>			

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<b>Licensing and Enforcement</b>			
<b>Boulevard Cafes</b> - Chapter 313, Former Toronto Municipal Code, Section 36 - Boulevard cafes. Permits industrial or commercial uses in the boulevard where they do not obstruct the sidewalk.	Municipal Licensing	Permit	<a href="http://www.toronto.ca/licensing/rdallow_permit.htm">www.toronto.ca/licensing/rdallow_permit.htm</a>
<b>Street Vending</b> - Chapter 313, Former Toronto Municipal Code, Section 13 - Shopkeepers vending on sidewalk adjacent to store. Permits industrial or commercial uses in the boulevard whereby they do not obstruct the sidewalk.	Municipal Licensing	Permit	<a href="http://www.toronto.ca/licensing/rdallow_permit.htm">www.toronto.ca/licensing/rdallow_permit.htm</a>
<b>Boulevard Marketing</b> - (Merchandise Displays) Chapter 313, Former Toronto Municipal Code, Section 35 - Temporary marketing enclosures. Permits industrial or commercial uses in the boulevard where they do not obstruct the sidewalk.	Municipal Licensing	Permit	<a href="http://www.toronto.ca/licensing/rdallow_permit.htm">www.toronto.ca/licensing/rdallow_permit.htm</a>
<b>A-Frame and Mobile Signs By-law</b> - By-Law regulates control of the placement, size, design and number of mobile signs displayed across the City where they do not obstruct the sidewalk.	Municipal Licensing	Permit	<a href="http://www.toronto.ca/licensing/rdallow_permit.htm">www.toronto.ca/licensing/rdallow_permit.htm</a>
<b>Research and Data Collection</b>			
<b>Annual Pedestrian Collision Leaflets</b> - Provision of pedestrian collision leaflets, pedestrian counts, intersection counts and other traffic counts	Transportation Services	Staff	
<b>Transportation Tomorrow Survey (TTS)</b> - This telephone survey is conducted every 5 years within Toronto and surrounding regions with a target of 5% random sample of households throughout the survey area. It contains detailed demographic information on members of a surveyed household and a ledger of travel information over an entire weekday. Walking information is incomplete because it only captures "Walk to Work and to School" data.	Data Management Group - U of T.	ongoing in 2006, complete 2007	
<b>Area Based Transportation Travel Surveys</b> - These surveys collect information on the am peak period travel characteristics in certain areas of the city. Trip purpose, mode and timing are all measured for individual members of a household. Areas where data has been collected include Waterfront, Kings, St. Clair, Scarborough Civic Centre, North York Civic Centre, Yonge/Eglinton, Kingston Rd.	City Planning	2 or 3 areas in 2007	
<b>Health Impact of Traffic on Health</b> - Will estimate the air pollution impact of traffic on health in Toronto and review policies that facilitate and promote active transport.	Public Health	Staff	

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<b>Safety and Injury Prevention</b>			
<b>Interactive Wheel Safety Display</b> - Staff promote wheel safety, summer safety, proper helmet and pedestrian safety at various community events across the City of Toronto.	Public Health	Ongoing Program (Responds to AD HOC Requests)	
<b>Injury Prevention Week/Safe Kids Week</b> - Staff provide consultation and resources to teachers to complement their curriculum throughout the year and during special awareness weeks such as on topics related to injury prevention - pedestrian safety could be one of the topics addressed.	Public Health	Ongoing Consultations	
<b>Request a Stop Program</b> - Improve pedestrian safety by allowing a passenger, in the evening, to request to be let off the bus at a location that is closer in walking distance to their destination.	TTC	Ongoing Program	
<b>Traffic/Pedestrian Safety Campaign</b> - Annual traffic safety/awareness campaign to encourage safer behaviour by both pedestrians and drivers.	Transportation Services	Annual Transportation Capital Works Program	<a href="http://www.toronto.ca/transportation/pedestrian/safety_programs.htm">www.toronto.ca/transportation/pedestrian/safety_programs.htm</a>
<b>Toronto Police Pedestrian Safety Campaign</b>	Toronto Police Services	Bi-annual Program	
<b>Zebra Crosswalk Policy</b> - Zebra crosswalk markings have been adopted as the standard crosswalk marking treatment for signalized intersections and pedestrian crossovers to increase the visibility of the crossing and to enhance pedestrian safety.	Transportation Services	Adopted by Council 2006	