

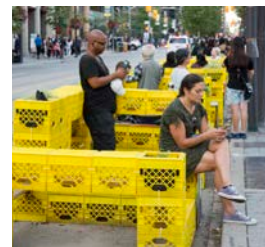


Public Spaces

Everyone is King Competition

In January 2018, the City launched a design build competition to encourage individuals, arts and community groups, not-for-profit organizations, and institutions to share design and animation ideas for the public spaces. This competition facilitated the creation of two durable destination parklets (designed for long-term use) and ten temporary public space installations, which included art installations, interactive displays, seating areas, and road murals.

Most installations remained on King Street until November 2018. Four have remained out for use over the winter months.



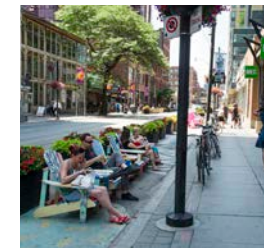
Curb Lane Cafés

Nine restaurants established licensed cafés within curb lane spaces.



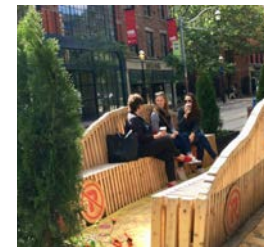
Public Seating Areas

Ten seating areas were built for public use. Two were privately sponsored by local businesses and eight were established by the City.



Ryerson SHAPELab

The City partnered with Ryerson University to design and develop public space installations for the King Street corridor. Four interactive installations were built along the corridor.



Urban Forestry Saplings + Planters

The City's Urban Forestry section donated 40 saplings to create "King's Grove". The trees have since been planted in Centennial Park as part of the Urban Forest Renewal Program. The corridor also had 160 planters delineating the curb lane spaces.



Bicycle Infrastructure

Five Bike Share stations and four bike parking corrals were added to the corridor.



Linear Art Gallery

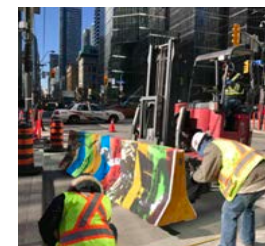
Open Field Collective, an arts organization, established a series of eight miniature art galleries along the corridor to showcase artwork by local artists.



TTC Stops

Jersey Barrier Art Call

The City sought submissions from artists to create designs for the barriers to animate and beautify the area. Designs were digitally reproduced on two-dimensional vinyl wraps, memorializing King Street's rich history in a contemporary style.



Road Murals

The 2016 NXT City winners implemented two streetcar safety murals at the Eastbound and Westbound Church Street stops. The murals brought awareness to the passenger waiting areas.



Programming and Activation

Fall/Winter Pop-Up Activities

The City collaborated with Park People to facilitate activations to encourage people to enjoy the cold weather. Activities included an acoustic musician series, building on the St. Lawrence Market BIA's Pumpkin Parade, and a weekend bonspiel.



FUTURE PUBLIC REALM INITIATIVES

King Street
Transit Pilot ★



*Subject to Council approval, the following initiatives are proposed for implementation.

Public Spaces

Durable + Temporary Parklets **ENHANCED**

Durable and temporary parklets are proposed to be installed throughout the corridor. These installations would continue to add visual interest and opportunities for seating along the street.

Durable parklets would be built to last for up to five years and withstand winter weather.

Temporary parklets would last for approximately five months. These lower cost installations would achieve fun and creative pieces that would be built each season.



Photo Credit: Yasmin Al-Samarrai



Photo Credit: Josh Fullan



Curb Lane Cafés **ENHANCED**

The proposed plan provides more opportunities for businesses to establish a curb lane café. It is anticipated that approximately 15 businesses will operate curb lane cafés this season. This season all participants will be required to utilize a decking structure.



Sidewalk Extensions

Sidewalk extensions are proposed to provide additional space for pedestrians at pinch points. They are an efficient way to gain extra public space with relatively low cost. Two extension structures would be built to improve pedestrian traffic flow at busy locations.



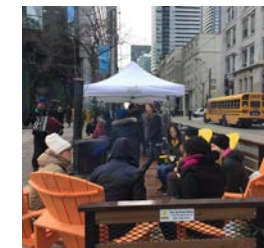
Halifax, NS - Image: twitter.com/reynoldgregor



London, UK - Image: twitter.com/betterbankside

Public Seating Areas **ENHANCED**

The corridor is proposed to continue to have dedicated space for public seating. Some may be operated by businesses.

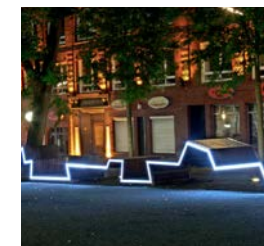


Enhanced Lighting

City staff will explore opportunities to implement enhanced pedestrian-focused lighting along the corridor with emphasis on the public spaces.



Image: IBI Group



Hamburg, Germany - Image: Le Pamphlet.com

Urban Forestry Saplings + Planters

In addition to the 160 planters, the City's Urban Forestry Division would install up to 40 trees for "the King's Grove" to provide shade and added comfort to the public space at Pecaut Square. Planters would continue to delineate the curb lane spaces.



Bicycle Infrastructure

Bike Share Stations and bike parking corrals would continue to be located along the corridor. City staff will work to add bike parking in high demand areas.

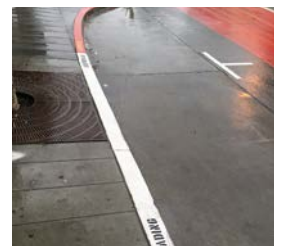


Wayfinding and Signage **NEW**

City staff will explore different strategies to make it easier for pedestrians, cyclists, and motorists to use King Street and take advantage of the various uses within the curb lanes.



Image: orangetraffic.com



San Francisco, US - Image: www.sfmta.com

TTC Stops

Jersey Barrier Art

Jersey barriers would continue to be an opportunity for placemaking through public art by replacing the existing wraps with new wraps or painted murals by Toronto street artists.



Stops Enhancements **NEW + ENHANCED**

Additional enhancements proposed for existing streetcar stops would increase visibility and comfort and accessibility for users. These include additional road murals, raised platforms, and relocating transit shelters where feasible.



Barcelona, SP - Image: www.bikeportland.org



Programming and Activation

Community Partnerships **NEW**

There are opportunities to work with community organizations and various City divisions to facilitate events and programming in the new curb lane public spaces.

