

93 Communications were received from January 24, 2024 10:52 a.m. to January 29, 2024 at 11:01 p.m. with text similar to the following:

Dear Mayor Olivia Chow and my City Councillor,

Public transit must get faster and more reliable to fix traffic congestion and meet our climate goals. More people will choose to take the TTC if they can rely on it.

That's why it's time to put the "rapid" in RapidTO! More transit-only lanes will increase ridership, reduce crowding, and help Toronto meet its 2040 Net Zero targets.

Toronto's plan to install priority measures on more bus and streetcar routes has been stalled for too long. A bus lane on Jane Street was due to be installed in 2021. Fast-forward to 2024, and there are still more rounds of consultation planned for this route.

A new report* about the RapidTO plan recommends designing and consulting the public about three more routes, but there are no timelines for when the next RapidTO route will be implemented! And Steeles West, which is supposed to be one of the next corridors, has been delayed indefinitely.

I encourage you to vote in favour of speeding up study, design, and consultation work on all four of the next RapidTO routes in 2024: Finch East, Lawrence East, Dufferin, and Steeles West, and to fast-track at least one route for installation this year.

Bus lanes will make transit more reliable, but they should not make transit less accessible. When bus lanes were installed on Eglinton East, Kingston, and Morningside, approximately 40% of local bus stops were planned for removal, which resulted in the TTC no longer meeting its own service standards on some parts of the route.** I urge you to clearly communicate about which bus stops are planned for removal as part of a RapidTO plan, versus which stops are planned for removal as part of VisionZero.

It's been almost four years since RapidTO was first introduced. It's not fair to transit users to wait years longer just to complete more study of the next RapidTO routes.

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