



Charles Street West Two - Way

Dear Toronto and East York Community Council members:

SUMMARY:

Charles Street West is a busy street close to Yonge Street and Bloor Street, which is currently restricted to one-way westbound for one short block between Yonge and Balmuto.

For more than four years, the Bloor Yorkville BIA and the Greater Yorkville Residents' Association have requested that this portion of Charles Street West be reopened to two-way traffic, to help manage congestion at the Bloor/ Yonge intersection, including severe, prolonged impacts from long-term TTC and private sector construction.

In 2021, by [TE26.83 - Two-way Operation of Charles Street West between Balmuto and Yonge Street](#), Toronto and East York Community Council directed the General Manager, Transportation Services, to review and report back to Toronto and East York Community Council in the first quarter of 2022 on the feasibility of permitting two-way traffic flow on Charles Street West, between Yonge and Balmuto Streets. The General Manager did not do so. Repeated followup requests to Transportation Services have gone unanswered.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

It is recommended that:

1. Toronto and East York Community Council direct the General Manager, Transportation Services, to evaluate reopening Charles Street West to two-way traffic between Yonge Street and Balmuto Street, and to report back to Toronto and East York Community Council in Q4 2025 with all necessary details for implementation in Q1 2026.

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