

ATTACHMENT 2

Western Beaches Public Realm Plan Near-Term Priorities

The following section outlines the near-term priority actions for the Western Beaches Public Realm Plan.

| Priority Action | Related Theme |
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| Explore Indigenous placekeeping near Mouth of Humber River | All themes |
| Water's Edge Strategy (study) | All themes |
| Meadow no-mow areas of parkland | Climate Resilience & Natural Environment |
| Design for water retention and filtration | Climate Resilience & Natural Environment |
| Pilot small floating wetland | Climate Resilience & Natural Environment |
| Explore feasibility of real-time water quality and CSO monitoring system | Water Quality & Access |
| Promote City's progress on improving CSOs | Water Quality & Access |
| Safe rowing and paddling corridors, separate from swimming zones | Water Quality & Access |
| Improve water infrastructure interface on parkland and public education | Visitor Experience & Park Amenity |
| Reinforce Sunnyside Pavilion as a community asset (study) | Visitor Experience & Park Amenity |
| Reimagine the Joy Oil Station as a visitor centre | Visitor Experience & Park Amenity |
| Initiate a wayfinding plan | Visitor Experience & Park Amenity |
| Improve safety at the Humber Bay Arch Bridge | Mobility, Access & Connectivity |
| Improve underpasses beneath the CN Railway and the Gardiner Expressway | Mobility, Access & Connectivity |
| Improve pedestrian crossings at intersections along Lake Shore Blvd West | Mobility, Access & Connectivity |
| Address conflicts along Martin Goodman Trail | Mobility, Access & Connectivity |
| Surface parking optimization (study) | Mobility, Access & Connectivity |
| Improve Bike Share servicing | Mobility, Access & Connectivity |
| Improve transit to Western Beaches | Mobility, Access & Connectivity |

The following is a detailed list of near-term priority actions outlined in the chart above:

All Themes

- Explore Indigenous placekeeping near the mouth of the Humber River in collaboration with the Indigenous Affairs Office (IAO), Rights Holders and Indigenous communities.
- Develop a Water's Edge Strategy that explores a coordinated approach to the water's edge considering existing and future space allocation for continuous public access, public docks, viewing platforms, integration of water's edge programs and recreational activities, shoreline restoration, flood mitigation and increasing aquatic habitat.

Climate Resilience & Natural Environment

- Identify and install meadow no-mow areas of parkland in strategic locations to reduce the amount of highly manicured lawn area and increase climate resiliency, biodiversity and stormwater absorption.
- Design for water retention and filtration by installing rain gardens, bioswales, wetlands and holding ponds to slow, store and filter runoff near parking lots, service areas, trail intersections, low points, storm outfalls and sheltered coves before it reaches Lake Ontario.
- Pilot a small floating wetland near the mouth of the Humber River

Water Quality & Access

- Explore feasibility of real-time water quality monitoring systems at combined sewer outflows (CSO) and swimming zones within the study area, including the reporting and public display of information.
- Work with Toronto Water to increase public awareness of the City's progress on improving combined sewer overflows (CSOs) by increasing communication about active and planned improvements.
- Define and mark dedicated rowing and paddling lanes parallel to the shoreline and separate from swimming zones using colour-coded buoys and shore-based maps.

Visitor Experience & Park Amenity

- Collaborate with Toronto Water on visitor experience, including exploring ways to improve the interface of existing and future water infrastructure at grade in parkland, and opportunities for on-site public education about water quality and stormwater treatment.

- Complete a cultural heritage study and coordinated plan to reinforce Sunnyside Pavilion as an iconic, all-season gathering space and revive its historic spirit of leisure and entertainment to strengthen its role as a vibrant waterfront destination.
- Reimagine the Joy Oil Station as a year-round visitor centre and gateway.
- Improve wayfinding by developing a comprehensive Wayfinding Plan for Western Beaches, in alignment with City's TO360 Wayfinding Program (within the right-of-way, led by Transportation Services) and Parks & Trails Wayfinding (within parkland, led by Parks and Recreation).

Mobility, Access & Connectivity

- Improve safety at the Humber Bay Arch Bridge, by managing conflicts where the multi-use trail and viewing areas overlap.
- Improve the underpasses by lighting, maintenance enhancement and addition of public art where feasible.
- Explore improvements to pedestrian crossings at intersections along Lake Shore Boulevard West bundling with planned and upcoming road work. For example, removal of the north right-turn channel at Parkside Drive as part of the Parkside Drive study and conversion to a T-intersection at Dunn Avenue as part of the Parkdale Bridges replacement.
- Address conflicts between pedestrians, cycling and vehicles along the Martin Goodman Trail (MGT) at driveways, parking access points and trail intersections.
- Work with Toronto Parking Authority (TPA)
 - To develop a Surface Parking Optimization Study to reimagine surface parking areas as welcoming gateways with pick-up and drop-off areas (PUDOs), create safer pedestrian connections, integrate food and beverage zones, support year-round use and better integrate with parkland through green climate resilient design.
 - To address existing Bike Share capacity and servicing improvements at stations located in the study area to increase availability of bikes and docking stations, especially during peak use, seasons and events.
- Work with Toronto Transit Commission (TTC) to improve transit to the Western Beaches.