

NOTICE OF MOTION

Pedestrian Safety Improvements Surrounding Yonge Street and Eglinton Avenue

Moved by:

Councillor Matlow

Seconded by:

Councillor Colle

SUMMARY:

With an average of 4,500 pedestrians per hour, Yonge Street and Eglinton Avenue is one of the busiest pedestrian intersections in Toronto. As the local community is keenly aware, pedestrian congestion extends well beyond the intersection and into the surrounding neighborhood. With the long-awaited opening of the Eglinton Crosstown LRT, it is time to reimagine the Yonge and Eglinton corridor to better serve the tens of thousands of pedestrians who navigate the crossings every day.

This motion recommends the installation of a pedestrian priority phase, also known as a “pedestrian scramble,” at two intersections: Yonge Street and Eglinton Avenue, and Roehampton Avenue and Orchard View Boulevard.

At both intersections, a pedestrian scramble would minimize pedestrian delay, accommodate the significant crossing demand associated with the TTC and LRT stations, reduce pedestrian-vehicle conflicts and improve the overall pedestrian experience in the neighborhood. Coordinating the introduction of these scrambles with signal retiming at neighboring intersections ensures that improved pedestrian safety and convenience can be achieved while mitigating congestion concerns.

Pedestrian safety concerns along Roehampton Avenue and Broadway Avenue are also addressed in this motion. In 2021, one-way designations were introduced along both streets to support significant construction activity in the area. This motion proposes additional signage to support the current functioning of the roadways and outlines a plan to comprehensively review the one-way designations once construction diminishes.

This motion represents a rare win-win: an opportunity to improve pedestrian safety and convenience at two of Toronto’s busiest pedestrian intersections without sacrificing commuter travel times. As the Yonge-Eglinton neighborhood continues to grow, I ask Council to support my motion to bring much needed pedestrian safety improvements to the Yonge Street and Eglinton Avenue area.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. City Council request the General Manager, Transportation Services to proceed with detailed design and operational analysis for a Pedestrian Priority Phase at Yonge Street and Eglinton Avenue to be implemented in 2027, subject to consideration through the 2027 budget process and Council approval of the funding and resource requirements, taking into account other City priorities.
2. City Council request the General Manager, Transportation Services to evaluate the implementation of an exclusive pedestrian phase at Yonge Street and Roehampton Avenue/Orchard View Boulevard to be implemented in 2027 as part of the same initiative, subject to consideration through the 2027 budget process and Council approval of the funding and resource requirements, taking into account other City priorities.
3. City Council request the General Manager, Transportation Services to undertake coordinated signal timing optimization for the Yonge Street corridor between Soudan Avenue/Berwick Avenue and Montgomery Avenue/Broadway Avenue to minimize impacts on traffic operations, subject to consideration through the 2027 budget process and Council approval of the funding and resource requirements, taking into account other City priorities.
4. City Council request the General Manager, Transportation Services to report back to City Council in 2030 with recommendations on the feasibility of returning Broadway Avenue and Roehampton Avenue to two-way operations.
5. City Council request the General Manager, Transportation Services to install additional signage and pavement markings along Broadway Avenue and Roehampton Avenue to improve the temporary one-way operation of both streets and enhance pedestrian , subject to consideration through the 2027 budget process and Council approval of the funding and resource requirements, taking into account other City priorities.
6. City Council request the General Manager, Transportation Services to monitor the operation of the Pedestrian Priority Phases introduced through this initiative, and report back in the first quarter of 2028 on their effectiveness.

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