

NOTICE OF MOTION

Merton Street Streetscape Improvements

Moved by:

Councillor Matlow

Seconded by:

Councillor Chernos Lin

SUMMARY:

Merton Street, from Yonge Street to Mount Pleasant Road, is experiencing a convergence of pressures driven by concentrated construction activity and shifting traffic patterns. The street supports a diverse and unique mix of residential, and businesses uses, including facilities for seniors, individuals with disabilities and a daycare. Situated close to Davisville TTC Station, the Beltline Trail and Mount Pleasant Cemetery, Merton Street also serves as a key connector to local green spaces, cycling infrastructure, and transit.

As mobility patterns along Merton Street continue to shift, residents have increasingly raised concerns with pedestrian safety, citing narrow sidewalks, limited sightlines, unsafe mid-block crossings, and a need for enhanced wayfinding. While some public realm improvements will be delivered through development applications as part of the Midtown Public Realm Strategy (2022), this motion seeks to address the gaps along the street with the goal of creating a unified and safe corridor.

This motion requests that Transportation Services engage in consultation with the Merton Street community, between Yonge Street and Mount Pleasant Road, and report back in the fourth quarter of 2027 with recommendations for streetscape improvements that can be delivered through future short-term quick-build installations and bundled into broader capital projects and development applications.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. City Council request that the General Manager, Transportation Services, in consultation with the Executive Director, Development Review, Chief Planner & Executive Director City Planning, local residents, and the local Councillors' office, report back in the fourth quarter of 2027 with recommendations for streetscape improvements along Merton Street, between Yonge Street and Mount Pleasant Road, in line with the vision identified in Midtown Parks and Public Realm Plan (2018) and Midtown Public Realm Implementation Strategy (2022).

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