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# **REimagining Yonge Street** (Sheppard Avenue to Finch Avenue)



Yonge Street is the central transportation corridor and pedestrian promenade within North York Centre, one of four centres in the City focused on transit-based employment and residential growth. Inconsistent urban features, from sidewalks, crossings, and medians, to the lack of dedicated cycling facilities present challenges. The City of Toronto is carrying out a study that will evaluate opportunities to improve the streetscape and public realm along Yonge Street from Sheppard Avenue to Finch Avenue.

We invite you to attend the second Public Open House to learn about the study and review the preliminary preferred alternative and design options for Yonge Street. Staff will be available to answer your questions and receive your comments.

## Monday, July 25, 2016

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### Time: Drop-in anytime from 11:00am – 2:00pm Place: Mel Lastman Square 5100 Yonge Street (information booths will be set up in the Square)

OR

Time: Drop-in anytime from 5:00pm – 8:00pm Place: North York Memorial Hall 5110 Yonge Street (one level below the NY Central Library)

## Please note that the same information will be available at both events. You are encouraged to choose one event to attend.

### **Transforming Yonge Street**

In evaluating alternative streetscape solutions for Yonge Street and reviewing public feedback, the City is recommending a transformation of Yonge Street. This means, a full reconstruction of Yonge Street within the City's existing right-of-way to include: wider sidewalks, enhanced pedestrian crossings, street trees, dedicated cycling facilities and planters, public art and street furniture throughout.

Transforming Yonge Street provides the greatest opportunity to create a street that serves all users, offers flexibility and capacity to evolving trends in transportation and offers the ability to create a unique identity and achieve design excellence for this important central corridor within North York Centre.

### Your thoughts about Yonge Street

We've heard from hundreds of people about what they like and don't like about Yonge Street. With over 1,000 responses to our on-line and field survey, people told us that they like Yonge Street's convenience for walking and transit service but do not like the high traffic volume and lack of streetscape design. Pedestrian safety and mobility was one of the most common concerns we heard.

When we asked people what one change they would make, here's what they told us:





#### **Design Options to Transform Yonge Street**

At last month's design charrettes, participants had the opportunity to create their own streetscape using various elements such as vehicular travel lane, sidewalks of varying widths, bike lane, curbside lane (for cars, buses and on-street parking), planting and furnishing zones and a median option of varying widths. It can be a challenging exercise to incorporate all of these features.

There are different ways to implement the preferred alternative solution to transform Yonge Street. The design options that are being considered will feature:

- Wider sidewalks
- Enhanced pedestrian crossings
- Street trees
- Dedicated cycling facilities
- Options for parking
- Planters, public art and street furniture
- Minimum of 4 traffic lanes

Design options will be considered on a block-by-block basis. The image below illustrates an example of a cross-section, which includes some of the elements noted above.



#### We would like to hear from you:

If you have questions, please contact us. If you are unable to attend the public open house, you will be able to view the materials online, fill out a comment form, and submit feedback until August 8, 2016.

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