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Shaw Street Improvements (Dupont St. to Harbord St.)

Shaw Street from Dupont Street to Dewson Street is scheduled for road resurfacing in 2020, which provides a good opportunity to make the street safer for everyone, especially for people walking and cycling. The City has received concerns from area residents regarding safety on Shaw Street, including high car volumes and speeds, people driving and cycling not obeying stop signs, and Shaw Street being used as a traffic shortcut. The City is proposing to implement changes in an effort to reduce cut-through traffic and to improve safety. These changes would maintain access for people driving to local destinations and accessing their homes and could have a small impact to the availability of permit parking.

The City sent notices inviting residents to a public consultation event that took place in November 2019. City staff presented four options for the section of Shaw Street from Dupont Street to Bloor Street West (Area 1) and two options for the section of Shaw Street from Bloor Street West to Harbord Street (Area 2). A total of 190 comment forms were received, and approximately 45 people attended the public consultation. Based on the feedback, **the changes illustrated below are being recommended**. A summary of the feedback and previous materials presented at the public consultation can be viewed at <u>Shaw Street Safety Improvements Website</u>

Area 1 – Changes on Shaw Street (Dupont Street to Bloor Street West)

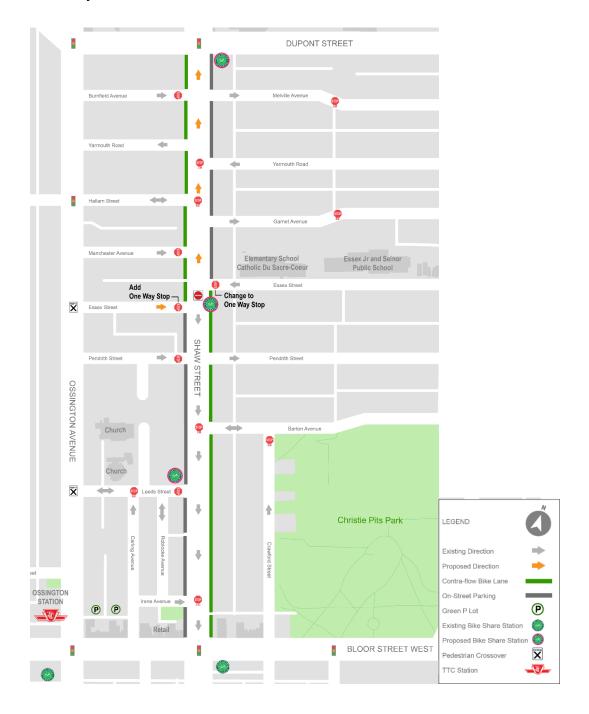
- Shaw Street from Dupont Street to Essex Street:
 - o Change to northbound-only travel for people driving.
 - o Provide southbound contra-flow bike lane on west side of street.
 - o Provide on-street parking on east side of street.
- Shaw Street from Essex Street to Bloor Street West:
 - o Maintain southbound-only travel for people driving.
 - o Provide northbound contra-flow bike lane on east side of street.
 - o Provide on-street parking on west side of street.
- Change Essex Street from Ossington Avenue to Shaw Street to eastbound-only travel for people driving and cycling.
- Shaw Street at Essex Street:
 - o People would not be permitted to drive north-south through along Shaw Street.
 - o People driving east on Essex Street must turn right and travel south on Shaw Street.
 - o People driving west on Essex Street must turn right and travel north on Shaw Street.
 - Emergency vehicles and people walking or cycling would be allowed to travel through north-south along Shaw Street.
- No changes to public lane or driveway access points.

These changes result in the removal of 18 on-street parking spaces in Permit Parking Zone 3L (which has 605 total spaces) in order to provide better sight-lines for all road users, City permit parking records show there are more on-street parking spaces available in the area than are currently being used



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Area 2 – Shaw Street (Bloor Street West to Harbord Street)

- Shaw Street, from Bloor Street West to Harbord Street:
 - o Change to northbound-only travel for people driving.
 - Change existing southbound sharrows on west side of street to southbound contra-flow bike lane.
 - Change existing northbound contra-flow bike lane on east side of street to northbound sharrows.
 - o Change existing on-street parking on west side to the east side of street.
- Change Roxton Road, from Harbord Street to Bloor Street West to southbound-only travel for people driving and cycling (to avoid having three parallel northbound-only streets).





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Next Steps

The recommended changes will be presented to the City's Infrastructure & Environment Committee on **March 11, 2020** and City Council on **April 1, 2020**. Find out more at <u>Toronto City Council and Committees Meetings, Agendas & Minutes</u>

A Construction Notice will be sent out before construction work on the road begins. The notice will also explain when you can expect these safety improvements to be implemented. After all work is completed, the City would observe the new behaviour, carry-out new traffic counts on Shaw Street and evaluate before and after conditions. If there are operational challenges, further changes would need to be considered.

NEED MORE INFORMATION?

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