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Road Safety Improvements on Cummer Avenue Bayview Avenue to Leslie Street

Project Overview

The City of Toronto is proposing safety improvements on Cummer Avenue between Bayview Avenue and Leslie Street as part of a scheduled road reconstruction in 2021. These improvements include reducing roadway widths, lowering speed limits, improving pedestrian crossings, and adding protected bicycle lanes (cycle tracks). The road reconstruction also includes replacing damaged sections of the road, curb, and sidewalk.

On Cummer Avenue, speed studies have shown that people are consistently driving above the posted speed limit. Speeding poses a risk to all road users. From 2015 to 2019, two hundred and thirty one (231) vehicle collisions occurred on Cummer Avenue. Two of those collisions resulted in serious injury and one resulted in a fatality.

The City's Vision Zero Road Safety Plan is focused on reducing traffic-related fatalities and serious injuries by making our roads safer for everyone, especially vulnerable road users such as seniors, school children, and people walking and cycling.

Project Goals

1. Improve safety for people walking, cycling, and driving
2. Enhance the walking, cycling and transit experience
3. Maintain or enhance greening

Project Design Summary

- Sidewalks will be widened, along with the addition of new street trees, grass plantings, and other green infrastructure features, where possible. Bus stops and waiting areas will be widened and improved.
- Raised crosswalks are planned for Ruddington Drive, Simeon Court, Snowcrest Avenue West and Mallaby Road due to their proximity to schools. Curb extensions are planned for Pineway Boulevard and Mallaby Road. Both are used to encourage slower speeds and make it safer for people to walk and cycle.
- Speed limit is proposed to be lowered to 40 km/h on Cummer Avenue from Bayview Avenue to Leslie Street.
- The curb lane between Pineway Boulevard and Leslie Street is proposed to be converted into a boulevard with trees, a protected bike lane and a wider sidewalks. One travel lane in each direction will remain.
- Cycling signage and markings will be installed between Bayview Avenue and Pineway Boulevard to direct people cycling to the East Don River and Finch Trail systems.
- The roadway width is not proposed to be changed between Bayview Avenue and Pineway Boulevard. Off-peak parking would remain as today on the south side from Simeon Court to Pineway Boulevard.

Proposed Design Elements Description



A **Cycle Track** (protected bike lane) is proposed between Pineway Boulevard and Leslie Street to provide a safe crossing under the GO rail corridor. Cycle tracks are separate lanes for people cycling that are adjacent to the roadway, but separated from motor vehicle traffic. Cycle tracks help distinguish the area for cycling from motor vehicle traffic and help slow speeds. By designating an area for people cycling, the protected bike lane reduces conflicts on sidewalks between people walking and cycling.



Raised crosswalks are proposed near the three local schools at the intersections of Ruddington Drive, Simeon Court, Snowcrest Avenue West, Pineway Boulevard and Mallaby Road. Raised crosswalks improve pedestrian visibility and increase the overall awareness of crosswalks for people driving. By requiring drivers to slow down, they improve compliance with stop signs and signals at intersections. Raised crosswalks reduce the ponding of water, slush and ice that pedestrians have to walk through or around, which improves the experience for people walking and reduces their potential for injury.



Green infrastructure is proposed across the corridor. Between Pineway Boulevard and Leslie Street, the curb lane will be converted into a boulevard with trees and a permeable protected bike lanes. Permeable materials allow for improved stormwater storage and to passively irrigate plantings. Bioswales, grass plantings and other green infrastructure features will be installed where possible. Bioswales are channels designed to concentrate and convey stormwater. They can also recharge groundwater, reduce erosion and enhance water quality flowing into the East Don River.

Virtual Public Meeting

Based on the expert advice of our Medical Officer of Health to practice physical distancing, to help reduce the spread of COVID-19 and to protect the health and safety of Toronto residents and our staff, this consultation event will be conducted online, by phone and by mail only. At the virtual public meeting, staff will present the project and provide an opportunity to ask questions. A copy of the presentation will be available on the website.



Wednesday December 9, 2020

Presentation and Question & Answer period 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

Join by computer, smart phone or tablet	Join by phone (audio only)
<p>Visit the project web page and register for the meeting: toronto.ca/CummerAve</p> <p>You will receive an email with instruction on how to join the event via your device.</p> <p>If you do not register in advance, you can visit the project web page on the day of the event to find the login information.</p>	<p>View information material ahead of time on the project web page OR request material by email or mail</p> <p>5 minutes before the meeting starts, call 416-915-6530 and enter access code 177 829 1349.</p>

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