



ActiveTO: Bloor Street East | Update

In 2020, ActiveTO was created as a quick-start COVID-19 response program to help connect the City's cycling network and support residents' physical and mental health. Through ActiveTO, temporary cycle tracks were installed on Bloor Street between Sherbourne Street and Avenue Road to fill a key gap in the Bloor/Danforth bikeway.

Since installation of the new Bloor Street cycle tracks, cycling volumes have nearly doubled. In August 2021, the existing Bloor Street bike lanes between Sherbourne Street and Castle Frank Road will be upgraded to improve safety, increase cycling comfort, and normalize motor vehicle movement through construction areas.

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ActiveTO Bloor Street 2021 and Construction

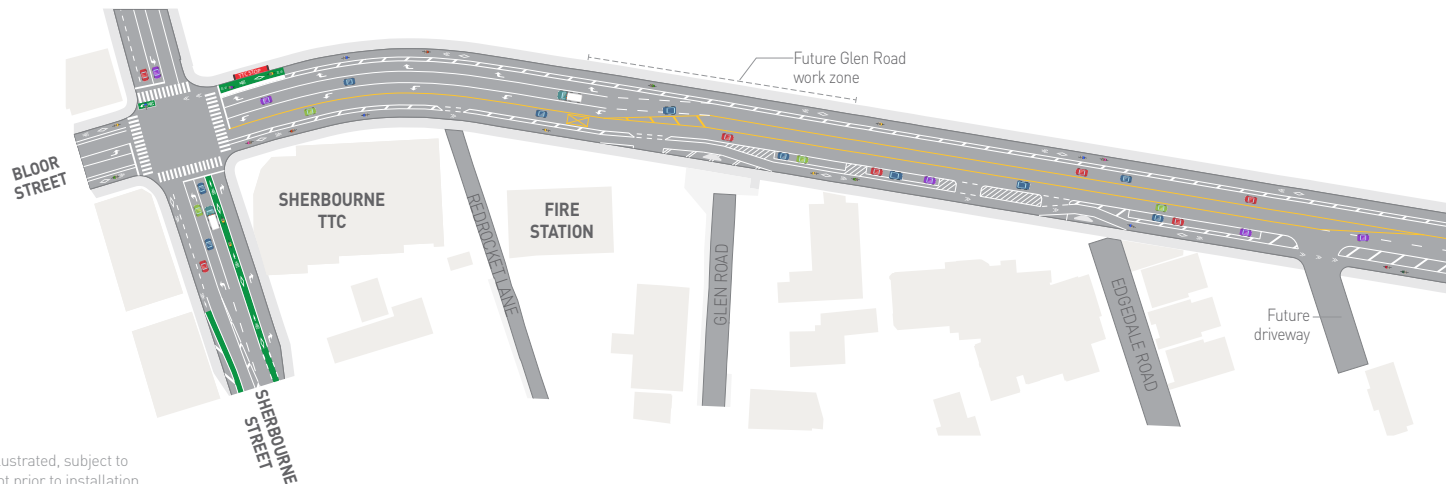
Why Now?

In 2020, new protected bike lanes (cycle tracks) were installed on Bloor Street between Shaw Street and Runnymede Road and between Sherbourne Street and Avenue Road and on Danforth Avenue between Broadview Avenue and Dawes Road.

Today, Bloor Street between Sherbourne Street and Castle Frank Road is the only remaining stretch along the 15 km-long Bloor-Danforth bikeway without protection for people cycling from motor vehicles. It is also the only section with multiple motor vehicle lanes in either direction. Further, there are several upcoming construction projects including the Glen Road Bridge reconstruction and the Castle Frank TTC Station Accessibility upgrades that will reduce the number of motor vehicle lanes.

Through the use of traffic volume and travel time data collected in 2020 and 2021, Bloor Street East has seen an increase in cycling traffic and a decrease in motor vehicle traffic with minimal impacts to travel time.

These circumstances have provided an unique opportunity to pilot a new temporary configuration on Bloor Street between Sherbourne Street and Castle Frank Road that will improve safety, increase cycling comfort, and normalize motor vehicle movement through construction areas.



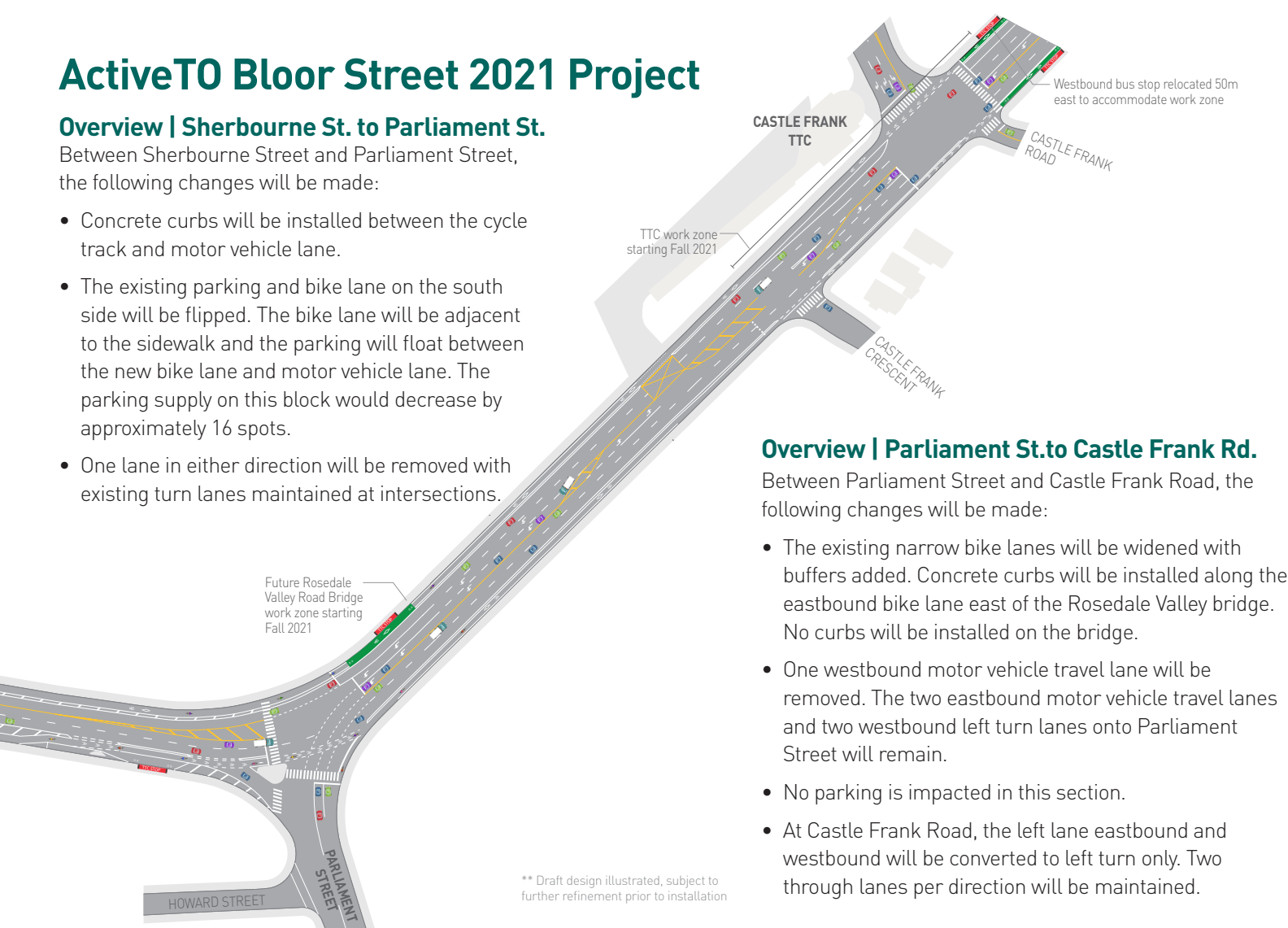
** Draft design illustrated, subject to further refinement prior to installation

ActiveTO Bloor Street 2021 Project

Overview | Sherbourne St. to Parliament St.

Between Sherbourne Street and Parliament Street, the following changes will be made:

- Concrete curbs will be installed between the cycle track and motor vehicle lane.
- The existing parking and bike lane on the south side will be flipped. The bike lane will be adjacent to the sidewalk and the parking will float between the new bike lane and motor vehicle lane. The parking supply on this block would decrease by approximately 16 spots.
- One lane in either direction will be removed with existing turn lanes maintained at intersections.



Overview | Parliament St. to Castle Frank Rd.

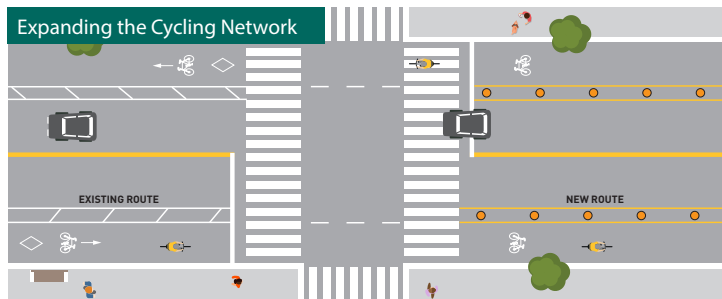
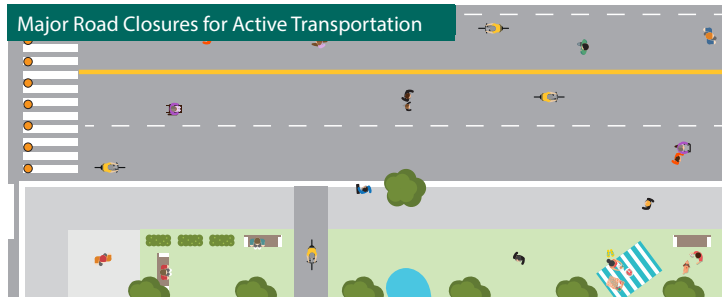
Between Parliament Street and Castle Frank Road, the following changes will be made:

- The existing narrow bike lanes will be widened with buffers added. Concrete curbs will be installed along the eastbound bike lane east of the Rosedale Valley bridge. No curbs will be installed on the bridge.
- One westbound motor vehicle travel lane will be removed. The two eastbound motor vehicle travel lanes and two westbound left turn lanes onto Parliament Street will remain.
- No parking is impacted in this section.
- At Castle Frank Road, the left lane eastbound and westbound will be converted to left turn only. Two through lanes per direction will be maintained.

ActiveTO

ActiveTO is a temporary COVID-19 program to provide space for people to get around while respecting physical distancing. ActiveTO is a measured and data driven approach to support essential trips, and the physical and mental health of residents.

ActiveTO Initiatives in 2021 include closing major roads for active transportation and expanding the cycling network.



Monitoring and Next Steps

The City is monitoring traffic flow, travel time impacts, motor vehicle, pedestrian and cycling volumes over the summer and fall, as well as collecting public feedback. The City will report to Toronto City Council on future recommendations.

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