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## Road Safety Upgrades on The Esplanade and Mill Street Phase 1: Lower Sherbourne Street to Bayview Avenue

**Start Date: Week of October 17, 2021**

**End Date: End of November 2021**

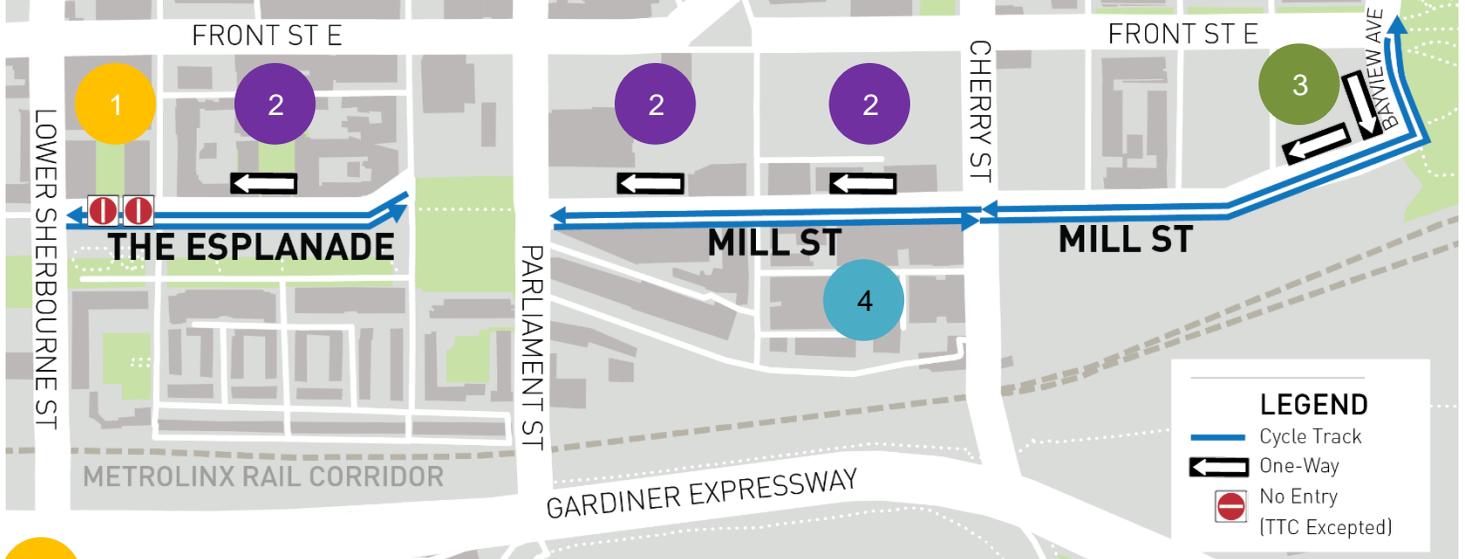
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The City of Toronto is installing road safety upgrades on The Esplanade and Mill Street from Lower Sherbourne Street to Bayview Avenue, which include:

- Two-way cycle tracks (protected bike lanes) on the south side of The Esplanade and Mill Street
- New bike signals and phasing at signalized intersections, including at Cherry Street, Parliament Street and Lower Sherbourne Street
- Speed limit reduction on The Esplanade from 40km/h to 30km/h
- Traffic changes to reduce non-local traffic infiltration, improve TTC bus service, and repurpose space

This project was approved by City Council on June 8, 2021. The City conducted stakeholder and public engagement activities from fall 2019 to winter 2021, including a virtual public meeting held on February 25, 2021. Learn more at: [toronto.ca/EsplanadeMill](https://toronto.ca/EsplanadeMill)

### PHASE 1 MAP: CHANGES FOR PEOPLE DRIVING AND CYCLING



**1 Buses only:** The Esplanade between Lower Sherbourne Street and Princess Street will be for buses only.

**2 New one-way blocks:** The Esplanade between Berkeley Street and Princess Street, as well as Mill Street between Cherry Street and Parliament Street will become one-way westbound.

**3 Existing one-way blocks made permanent:** In May 2021, Bayview Avenue from Front Street East to Mill Street, and Mill Street from Bayview Avenue to Tannery Road were converted to one-way southbound and westbound, respectively, as part of ActiveTO Bayview. This change will become permanent.

### THE ESPLANADE AND MILL STREET DESIGN



Above: the reconfiguration of Mill Street from Cherry Street to Trinity Street. The project has been designed to respect the unique character and the right-of-way uses within each block.

The cycling trail north of Parliament Square Park to connect The Esplanade and Mill Street is planned for installation in spring 2022 pending archeological assessments.

## CHANGES TO PARKING AND LOADING DURING AND AFTER INSTALLATION



### EMERGENCY NO PARKING ON THIS SIDE OF STREET

An **Emergency No Parking** sign will be placed on poles when work is imminent. Parking in the active work zone is not permitted due to space requirements for installation equipment and materials. If your parked vehicle affects the installation work, it will be re-located at no charge. If your vehicle is moved, please contact parking control for its location at: **416-808-2222**.

## WORK DETAILS

- The City's contractors will complete the following work:
- Install pavement markings and physical separators, such as planters, concrete curbs and flexible bollards
  - Install new traffic signals and signage

## INFORMATION ABOUT COVID-19 AND INSTALLATION WORK IN THE CITY OF TORONTO

During installation, the contractor is responsible for the Health & Safety on site under the Ontario Occupational Health and Safety Act and is expected to implement COVID-19 mitigation practices. For more information on the City's response to COVID-19, please visit: [toronto.ca/covid-19](https://toronto.ca/covid-19).

## WHAT TO EXPECT

- Work crews will mark the area where upgrades will be installed on City-owned land (right-of way)
  - The City will not be responsible for damage to any privately owned items on City property
- You may experience noise and other inconveniences. The City will make efforts to reduce the impacts. We appreciate your patience.

	<b>Overnight Work Hours:</b> Work will take place overnight and during daytime hours. Noisy work will be limited to daytime hours as much as possible. Weekday work will take place mostly in the off-peak hours/evenings to limit traffic disruptions. During this phase, on-street parking will not be allowed.
	<b>Physical Distancing:</b> There are times when contractors may need to communicate with you. Contractors will be identifiable by their high-visibility clothing. Please practice physical distancing with workers so everyone can remain safe.
	<b>Road and Sidewalk Access:</b> In order to complete the work in a safe manner, there will be temporary partial lane closures within the installation work zone.
	<b>Driveway Access:</b> The contractor will notify you of any temporary restrictions to your driveway access. <b>Side Street Access:</b> Turns through the work zone may be restricted and signed. <b>Emergency Services:</b> Access for emergency vehicles will be maintained at all times. <b>Traffic Management:</b> No significant delays are expected during installation.
	<b>Cyclists:</b> If travelling through this area, please share the traffic lane in the active work zones or consider taking alternative east-west routes, such as the Martin Goodman Trail.
	<b>Garbage &amp; Recycling:</b> Please follow your normal routine. If required, the contractor will move bins to an appropriate location and return them. Please label your bins with your address.
	<b>Accessible Accommodation:</b> The City's contractor must ensure safe and accessible walkways and entryways are maintained for everyone during installation. Any temporary access disruptions will be communicated as soon as possible. If you experience a disruption or have a specific access need or related accommodation request, please contact us.

## NEED MORE INFORMATION?

If you have questions about this project and the upcoming work, please contact us:

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Thank you for your patience. Building a great city takes time. Better infrastructure for all of us is worth the wait.