

### Knox Ave Bikeway Connection | Eastern Ave to Lake Shore Blvd Public Consultation February 2022



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## **Project Description and Rationale | Why Now?**

- Roadwork is programmed for Knox Avenue between Eastern Avenue and Lake Shore Boulevard in 2022
- City Council directed Transportation Services to take a complete street approach as part of state-of-good-repair roadway reconstruction projects
- Roadwork provides the opportunity to make changes to Knox Avenue that connects the existing multi-use trail on Lake Shore Boulevard to the existing contra-flow bike lane north of Eastern Avenue and improves safety for all road users



## Why Consider Change? | Policy and Rationale for Road Safety





#### **Official Plan Goals**

Make Toronto a "walking city"



#### Complete Streets Guidelines

Create streets for people, place making and prosperity

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Road to Health: Healthy Toronto by Design

Increase physical activity to reduce illness and disease



Reduce Reliance on Motor Vehicles

Provide alternatives to driving and use roadways more efficiently



Vision Zero Road Safety Plan

Prevent fatalities and serious injuries



Encouraging People of All Ages and Abilities to Ride

Encourage people who are "interested but concerned" to ride by creating safe bikeways

#### TransformTO: Climate Action Strategy

Target 75% of school/work trips under 5 km are walked, cycled or by transit by 2030



#### Office of Recovery and Rebuild COVID-19

Adopt healthy, less cardependent and connected streets created during COVID-19



# Why Consider Change? | Cycling Network Plan

The Cycling Network Plan was approved by Toronto City Council in 2021 and seeks to build on the existing network of cycling routes with the following goals:





Grow

Grow the cycling network into new parts of the city



## Renew

Renew the existing cycling network routes where there are opportunities to improve quality



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# Existing Conditions | Eastern Ave to Lake Shore Blvd \*

- Roadway Width: 9.7 m curb to curb
- Vehicle Lanes:
  - One motor vehicle lane in each direction
  - No dedicated turn lanes
- **On-Street Parking:** No parking on both sides
- Driveways:
  - East side Canada Post employee parking and loading bays/service road
  - West side Toronto Fire and EMS Training Centre
- **Sidewalks:** Sidewalk on west side only
- Bikeway Connections:
  - Contra-flow bike lane north of Eastern Ave
  - Path connection to Lake Shore Boulevard trail at the southern terminus of Knox Ave

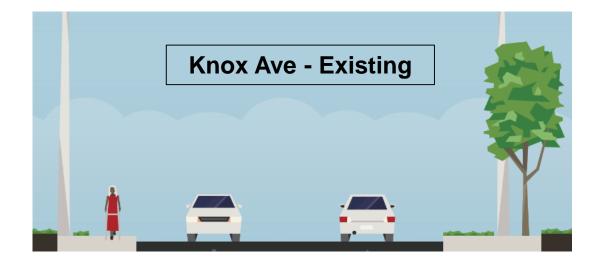


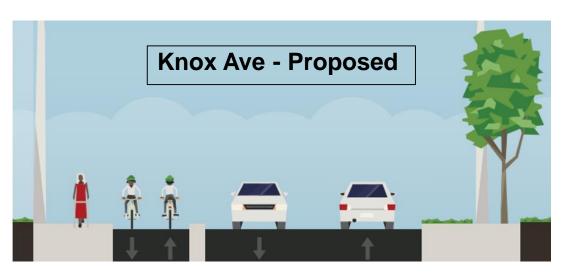


## **Proposed Design | Cross-Sections**

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- Proposed two-way cycle track on the west side to eliminate conflicts at Canada Post driveways and service road
- Cycle tracks are proposed to be physically separated from motor vehicle traffic by a cast-in-place curb/median and at the same level as the street
- The west side sidewalk is proposed to be widened
- New road base and surface for people driving and cycling







## **Street Level Cycle Tracks | Examples**





Wellesley Street two-way street level cycle track



Cast-in-place curb separation on Wellesley Street near Bay Street



# **Proposed Design | Transition at Eastern Ave**

- The two-way cycle track on Knox Avenue south of Eastern Ave will need to transition to one-way bikeways on the north side of Eastern Ave
- A bike crossing on the south side of the intersection will provide a transition for people cycling northbound to cross to the east side of Knox Ave to continue in the contra-flow lane north of Eastern Ave



**Example: Wellesley St and Queens Park Cres** 



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## **Next Steps**

### **Upcoming Dates**

- Public Feedback Deadline February 28, 2022
- Engagement summary posted on project web page – March 14, 2022
- Report to Infrastructure and Environment Committee and City Council – March/April 2022
- Installation Summer/Fall 2022



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