

August 3, 2023

Installation of Road Safety Improvements, Cycle Tracks and Public Realm Upgrades on Bloor Street West from Runnymede Road to Aberfoyle Crescent

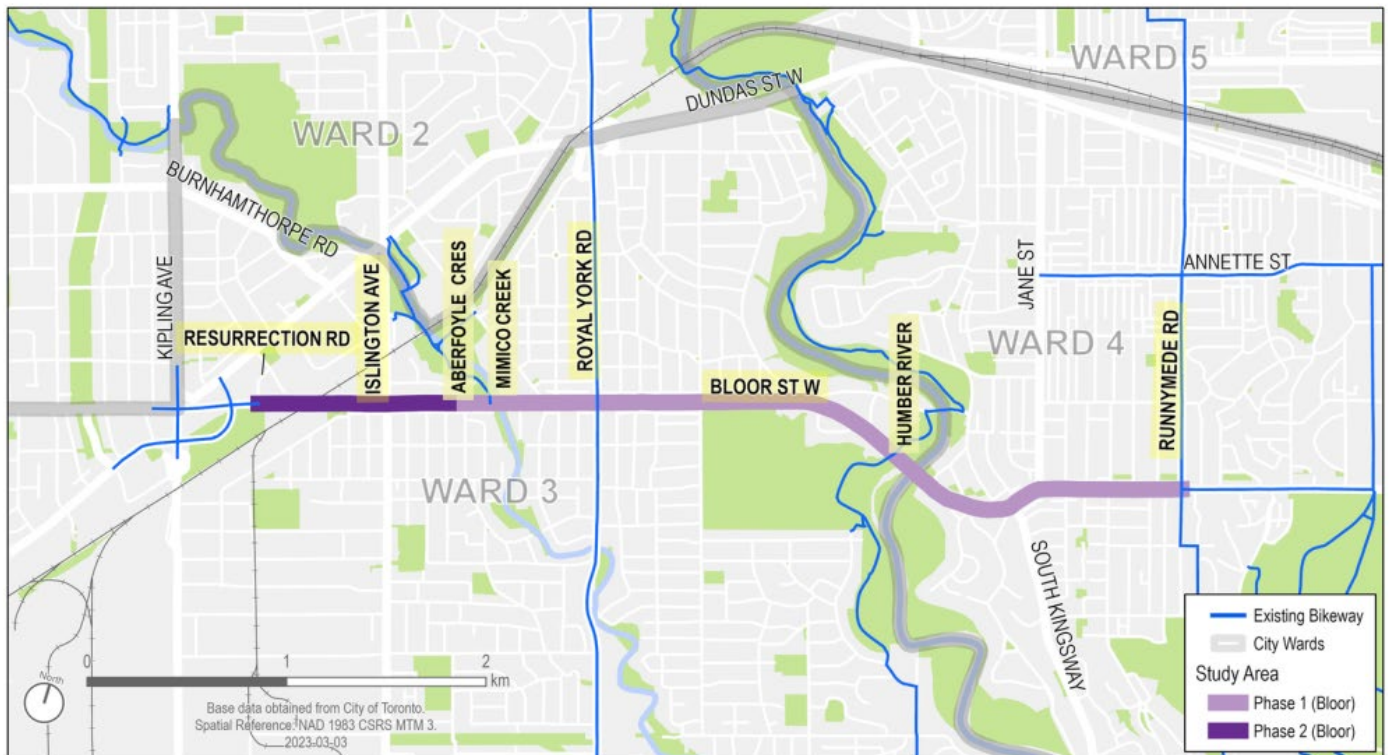
Start Date: August 21, 2023 End Date: December 2024

**Timeline is weather dependent and subject to change.*

The City of Toronto will begin the installation of Phase 1 of the **Bloor Street West Complete Street Extension** between Runnymede Road and Aberfoyle Crescent on August 21, 2023. The project will provide road safety improvements, cycle tracks, and public realm upgrades to meet Toronto’s Vision Zero Road Safety Plan and Climate Change Action Plan goals. The complete street upgrades are designed to make travel on the street safer, more inviting, and attractive for everyone. The project was approved by City Council on June 14, 2023.

Changes to Bloor Street West will be made with materials such as bollards, roadway paint, planters, and signage. Phase 2, Aberfoyle Crescent to Resurrection Road, is planned to be installed in 2024.

Project Overview



Residents can expect new pavement markings and several changes to parking signage, traffic direction/prohibition signage, and traffic signal operation. City services such as Fire, Paramedics and garbage pick-up will continue as usual during and after installation.

Key changes on Bloor Street West from Runnymede Road to Aberfoyle Crescent include:

- New cycle tracks on both sides of the street.
- One motor vehicle lane in each direction.
- A new painted median over the Humber River and the Mimico Creek bridges.
- Centre lane or median converted to new, centre left-turn lane from Armadale Avenue to South Kingsway; Old Mill Drive to Riverside Drive; Old Mill Trail to Kingscourt Drive; and Royal York Road to Aberfoyle Crescent.
- New westbound bus lane and right-turn lane on the north side of Bloor Street West from Armadale Avenue to Jane Street.
- One painted pedestrian lane on the south side of Bloor Street West between Kingscourt Drive and Prince Edward Drive to address the missing sidewalk before a permanent sidewalk can be built.



The following will be maintained:

- The centre median between Kingscourt Drive and Royal York Road.
- Existing turn lanes at major intersections between Prince Edward Drive and Aberfoyle Crescent.
- On-street parking will be provided on both sides of the street from Runnymede Road to Armadale Avenue, and from Armadale Avenue to Aberfoyle Crescent. In the summer, on-street parking can become curb lane cafés as part of the CaféTO program.

Additional changes to Mossom Road and the intersection of Bloor Street West, South Kingsway, Riverview Gardens and Mossom Road include:

- Closing the eastern entrance of Mossom Road at Bloor Street. Mossom Road will be converted to two-way travel to provide residential access. A new left-turn lane will be provided at Riverside Drive, and the existing left-turn restriction from Bloor Street West will be removed.
- Extending the left-turn lanes for drivers turning from Bloor Street West onto South Kingsway and Jane Street.
- Adding more green signal time for the busiest motor vehicle movements.

To view maps and learn more about what is being installed, visit the project webpage:

toronto.ca/BloorWest







What to Expect During Installation



The City makes efforts to reduce the impacts of noise and other inconveniences. We appreciate your patience. During installation, the City’s contractors will complete the following work:

- Temporarily remove on-street parking.
- Remove existing pavement markings and install new markings.
- Install precast concrete curbs, bollards and planters.
- Install new signage, as required.

The road reconfiguration is planned to be complete in 2023. Localized upgrades are planned for 2024 between Runnymede Road and Aberfoyle Crescent. At some locations, the City will:

- Form and construct areas for cycling facilities and new/upgraded sidewalks.
- Pour concrete and install accessible tactile plates, where required.
- Install traffic signal equipment.

	<p>Work Hours: Work can take place 24 hours a day, seven days a week, with noisy work taking place prior to 11 p.m., whenever possible.</p>
 	<p>Traffic Management: No significant delays are expected during installation.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Road and Sidewalk Access: One traffic lane per direction will be maintained during installation. Sidewalks will remain accessible, and pedestrians will be safely detoured around the work area. • Driveway Access: The contractor will notify you of any temporary restrictions to your driveway access. • Emergency Services: Access for emergency vehicles will be maintained at all times. • Transit: TTC buses will continue to operate and access to subway stations will be maintained.
	<p>People Cycling: If travelling on Bloor Street West, please share the traffic lane in the active work zones.</p>
	<p>Parking and Loading: During each installation phase, on-street parking on both sides of the street will be temporarily unavailable until new road markings, curbs, bollards and signs are in place.</p> <p>Parking in the active work zone is not permitted. If your parked vehicle affects installation, it will be relocated with no charge to the owner. If your vehicle is moved, please contact parking control for its location at 416-808-2222. Changes to the parking by-laws will be signed.</p>
	<p>Parking Violation Notices: <u>Please park in a legal parking spot at all times.</u></p> <p>If parking enforcement is called to a street, officers will issue a yellow parking violation notice (ticket) to vehicles in violation of parking by-laws. If you receive a yellow notice during this installation work, please do one of the following within 15 days of the notice date to avoid additional fines or records being kept of non-payment:</p>

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Pay the parking violation (follow instructions on the back of the yellow parking violation notice) or 2. File a Parking Violation Dispute with the City online, by mail, or in person (follow instructions on the back of the yellow parking violation notice). As part of the dispute process, you may submit a copy of this notice. <p>Please note: Violation notices cannot be cancelled if vehicles are parked in illegal parking spots (i.e. in front of a fire hydrant or in No Parking zones).</p> <p>In an effort to reduce ticketing due to installation, please exercise patience with neighbours who are experiencing impacts and may need to temporarily park on your street.</p>
	<p>Garbage & Recycling: Please follow your normal routine. If required, the contractor will move bins to an appropriate location and return them. <i>Please ensure that you label your bins with your address.</i></p>
	<p>Accessible Accommodation: 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, have a specific access need or related accommodation request, please inform the contact listed below.</p>

Need More Information?

If you have questions about the upcoming installation 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.**