

Sept 21, 2023

Installation of Road Safety Improvements and Cycling Connections on Palmerston Boulevard and Lennox Street

Start Date: Late September 2023 End Date: November 2023*

**Timeline is subject to change.*



An artist's rendering of changes to Palmerston Avenue between Dundas Street West and Queen Street West

The City of Toronto is preparing to install contra-flow bike lanes and safety improvements on Palmerston Boulevard from Bloor Street West to College Street and on Lennox Street from Palmerston Boulevard to Markham Street. The project was approved by City Council on December 15, 2021. These changes are being implemented to reduce cut-through traffic and create safer conditions for pedestrians and people cycling in the neighbourhood.

Project Overview

Upcoming installation on Palmerston Boulevard from Bloor Street West to College Street will take place after the completion of watermain replacements on Palmerston Boulevard and road reconstruction on College Street, which includes TTC track and cycle track upgrades.

Residents can expect new pavement markings with traffic direction changes, new permanent permit parking on Palmerston Boulevard and Lennox Street and car-sharing parking on Lennox Street, new parking signage to reflect these changes, traffic direction/prohibition signage, and traffic signal upgrades.



Key changes will include:

- One-way street conversions to reduce cut-through traffic and lower vehicular volumes to protect vulnerable road users
- Cycling allowed in both directions on Palmerston Boulevard and Lennox Street
- New bike signal heads added at some intersections along Palmerston Boulevard
- Pavement markings for pedestrian crossings converted to zebra markings at multiple locations
- On-street parking, including permit parking and car-share parking permanently relocated to one side of the street
 - Permit parking holders were previously notified to remain on the east side between Bloor Street West to Lennox Street and Harbord Street to Ulster Street
 - Relevant signs have been updated and permit holders are advised to follow signage instructions in any area they park
- A bioretention planter on Palmerston Boulevard at College Street to passively capture, treat and manage stormwater runoff from the road
- City services such as Fire, Emergency Medical Services and garbage pick-up will continue as usual

Installation of bike lanes and safety improvements were completed in summer 2022 on Palmerston Avenue from Dupont Street to Bloor Street West and College Street to Queen Street West, and Tecumseth Street from Queen Street West to Niagara Street.

To learn more about what is being installed and how it will impact you, visit the project web page: toronto.ca/PalmerstonTecumseth

Palmerston Boulevard: Bloor Street to Lennox Street

- Converted to **one-way northbound** for motor vehicles
- Permit parking made permanent on east side of the street
 - Permit holders were previously notified to remain on the east side on September 15, 2023
 - Signs have been updated to reflect this permanent change
- Contra-flow bike lanes added southbound and pavement markings added northbound (cycling will still be allowed in both directions)
- New bicycle signal head added at Bloor Street West intersection
- New pavement markings added for pedestrian crossing at Lennox Street intersection

Palmerston Boulevard: Lennox Street to Herrick Street

- **Remains two-way** travel for motor vehicles and cyclists
- Permit parking made permanent on west side of the street
 - Permit holders are advised to remain on the west side as of September 15, 2023
 - New signs will be installed to reflect this permanent change
- Pavement markings added in both directions
- New pavement markings added for pedestrian crossing at Herrick Street intersection

Palmerston Boulevard: Herrick Street to Harbord Street

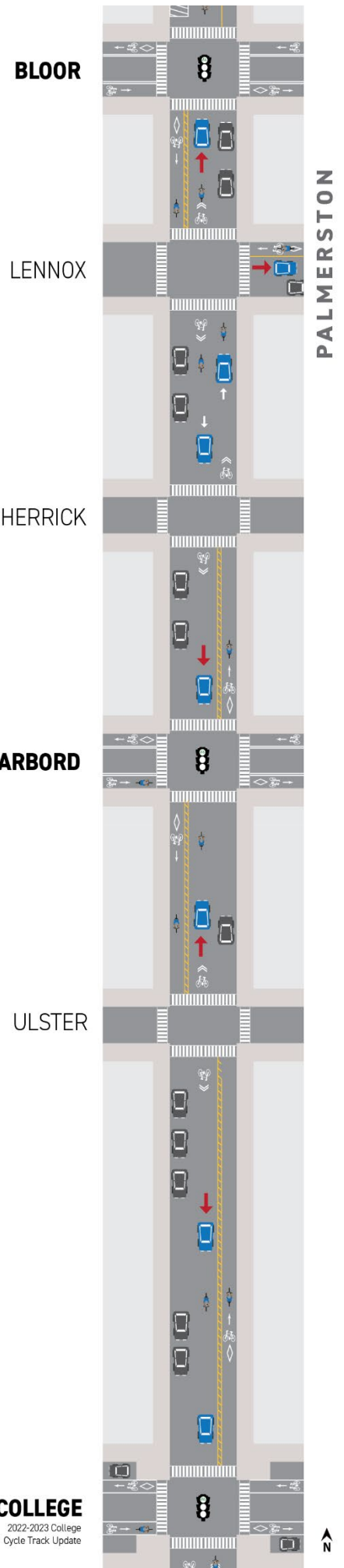
- Converted to **one-way southbound** for motor vehicles
- Permit parking made permanent on west side of the street
 - Permit holders are advised to remain on the west side as of September 15, 2023
 - New signs will be installed to reflect this permanent change
- Contra-flow bike lanes added northbound and pavement markings added southbound (cycling will still be allowed in both directions)

Palmerston Boulevard: Harbord Street to Ulster Street

- Converted to **one-way northbound** for motor vehicles
- Permit parking made permanent on the east side of the street
 - Permit holders were previously notified to remain on the east side on September 15, 2023
 - Signs have been updated to reflect this permanent change
- Contra-flow bike lanes added southbound and pavement markings added northbound (cycling will still be allowed in both directions)
- New bicycle signal heads added at Harbord Street intersection
- New pavement markings added for pedestrian crossing at Ulster Street intersection

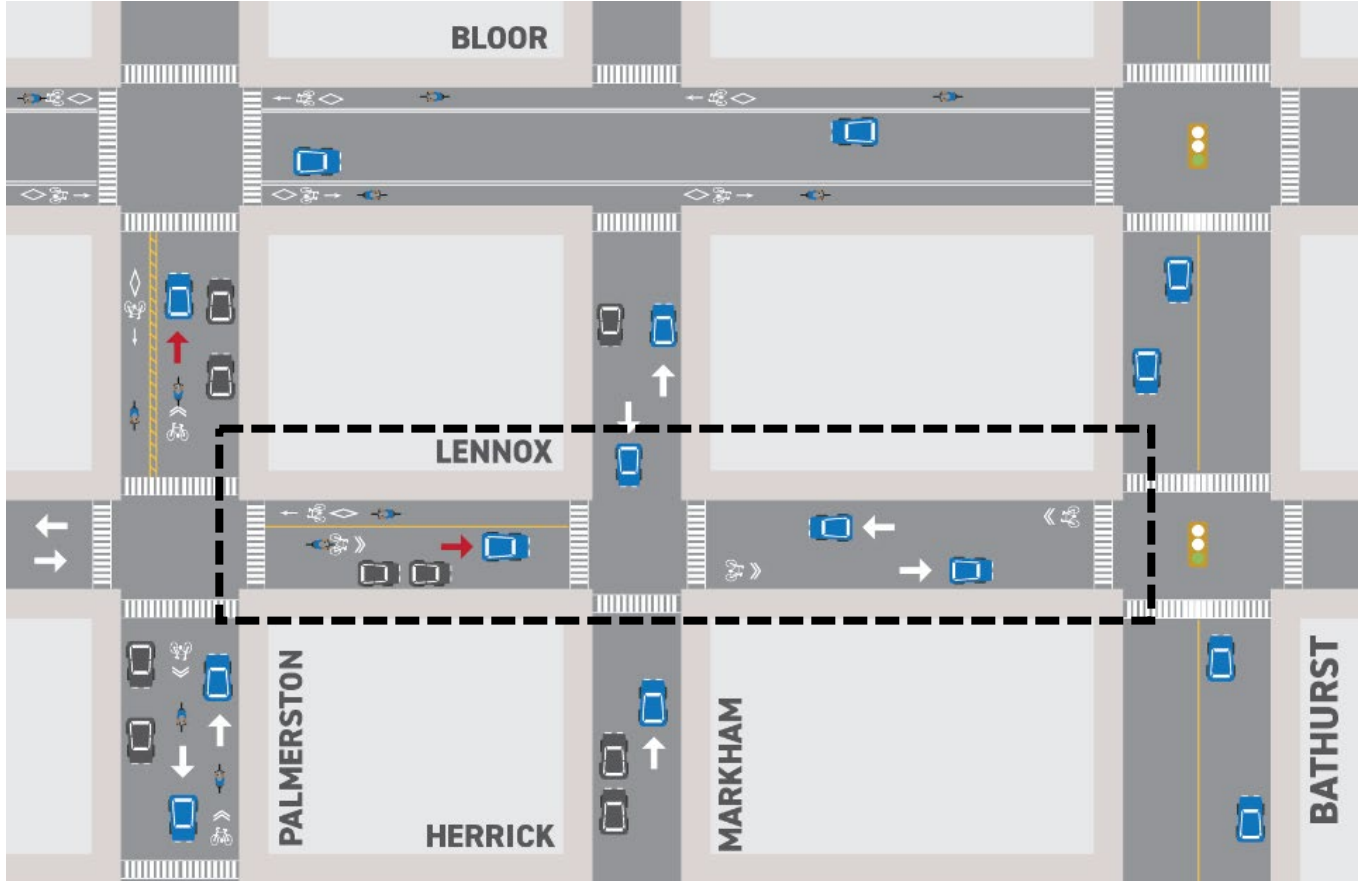
Palmerston Boulevard: Ulster Street to College Street

- Converted to **one-way southbound** for motor vehicles
- Permit parking made permanent on the west side of the street
 - Permit holders are advised to remain on the west side as of September 15, 2023
 - New signs will be installed to reflect this permanent change
- Contra-flow bike lanes added northbound and pavement markings added southbound (cycling will still be allowed in both directions)
- New bicycle signal head added at College Street intersection
- Bio-retention planter added at the southwest corner of Palmerston Boulevard at College Avenue to capture and manage stormwater on the roadway



Lennox Street: Palmerston Boulevard to Bathurst Street

- Converted to **one-way eastbound** for motor vehicles
- Permit parking made permanent on the **south side** of the street
- **Eastbound** and **westbound** cycling movements maintained through shared lane
- Shared-lane wayfinding markings added



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| | Shared Lane Wayfinding Markings | | Cyclist | | New Bike Signal |
| | Bike Lane/Cycle Track | | On-street Parking | | Existing Vehicular Traffic Flow |
| | Contra-flow Bike Lane | | Moving Vehicle | | New Vehicular Traffic Flow |
| | Buffered Contra-flow Bike Lane | | Existing Traffic Signal | | |

Please follow all signs for on-street permit parking. All signs will be updated to the permanent parking changes by October 2nd, 2023.







What to Expect During Installation

The City will make 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 new signage
- Install traffic signal equipment

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| | Work Hours: Work will take place from 9 p.m. to 6 a.m. (overnight), Sunday to Friday with effort to have the noisiest work before 11 p.m. |
| | Traffic Management: Efforts have been made to manage traffic in the area for the safety of workers, road users and residents. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Road Access: In order to complete the work in a safe manner, there will be partial or full road and sidewalk closures within the work zone. |

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|  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Driveway Access: The contractor will notify you of any temporary restrictions to your driveway access. If your property has two entrances, one entrance will be kept open at all times. • Side Street Access: Turns through the work zone will be restricted and signed. • Emergency Services: Access for emergency vehicles will be maintained at all times. |
|  | <p>People Cycling: If travelling on Palmerston Boulevard, please share the traffic lane in the active work zones.</p> |
|  | <p>Parking and Loading: Parking in the active work zone is not permitted due to space requirements for construction equipment and materials. 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 ensure you park in a legal parking spot at all times.</u> 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 construction work, please do one of the following within 15 days of the notice date in order 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 construction, please exercise patience with neighbours who are experiencing construction 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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| <p>Senior Consultation Coordinator</p> | <p>Dominic Cobran Dominic.Cobran3@toronto.ca 416-338-2986</p> |
| <p>TTY Hearing Impaired Service</p> | <p>416-338-0889 (Daily 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., closed holidays)</p> |
| <p>General inquiries</p> | <p>311</p> |
| <p>Project Website</p> | <div style="text-align: right;">  </div> <p style="text-align: center;">toronto.ca/PalmerstonTecumseth</p> |

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