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Avenue Road Study

Road Safety and Cycling Improvements

The City is studying Avenue Road from St. Clair Avenue West to Bloor Street West. The objectives of the study are to:

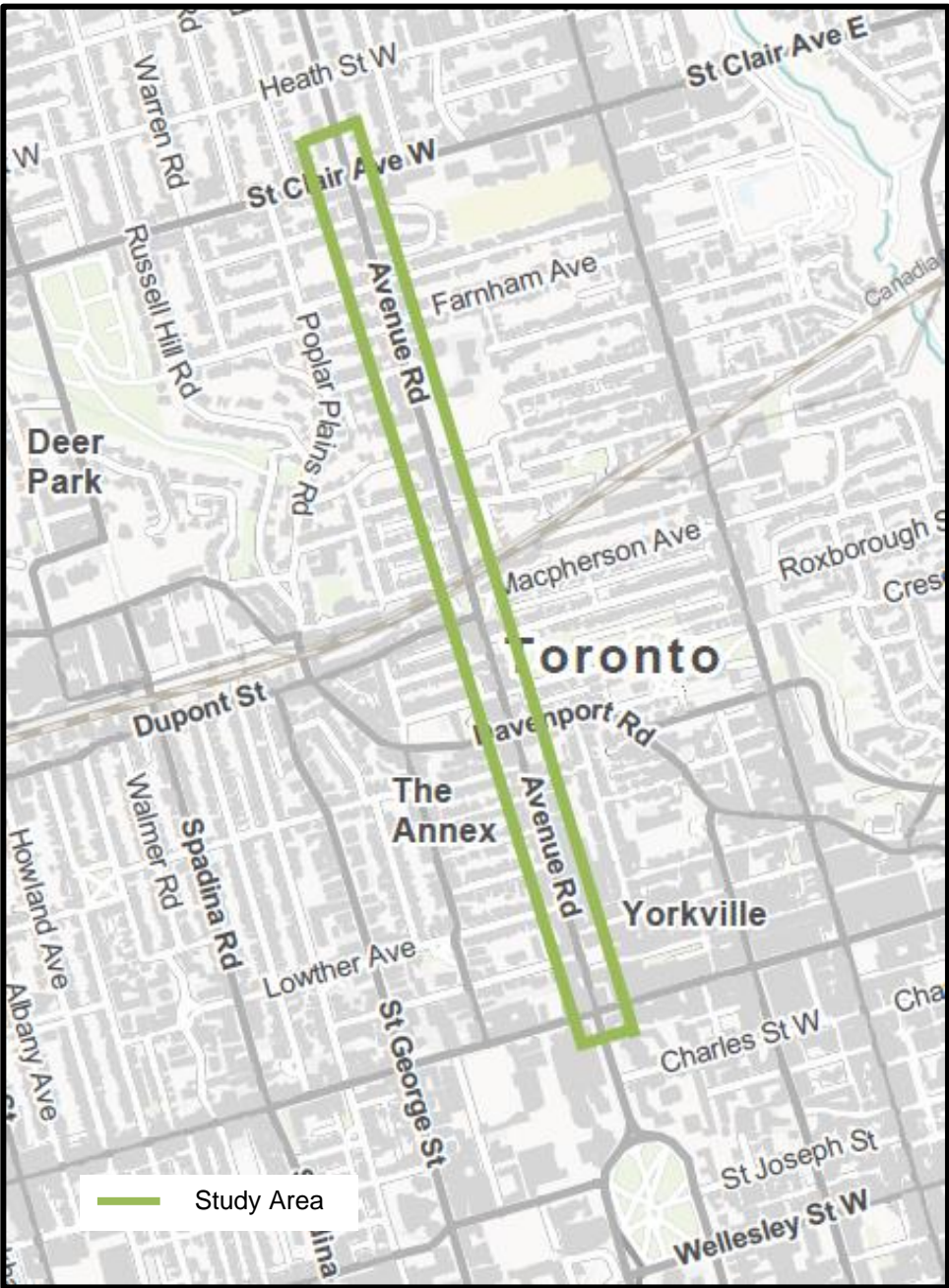
- Develop a **vision** for the future of the road to make it **safer** for all road users
- Identify **interim actions** that can be taken to move toward the vision, in advance of full road reconstruction

City Council directed staff to undertake the Avenue Road Study to address concerns from many residents about Avenue Road, including the speed of traffic, the narrow widths of many sections of sidewalk, and the lack of bikeways.

The study is premised on the understanding that full reconstruction of Avenue Road is not scheduled in the City’s Ten-Year Capital Plan for major roadwork. As such, the study focuses on actions that can be implemented in advance of the full reconstruction of the road, subject to availability of funding, resources, and the City’s competing priorities.

The types of actions being proposed include:

- **Pedestrian spaces** at road level using barriers, planters and pavement markings to increase the amount of space for pedestrians beyond the sidewalk, including ramps to provide access to the existing sidewalk
- **Cycle tracks**, bike lanes separated with barriers at road level, to provide a north-south connection and link between existing bikeways on Bloor Street, University Avenue and Davenport Road
- **Loading/buffer zones** to create more space between pedestrians and motor vehicle traffic, and to create spaces for delivery vehicles to safely operate
- **Curb extensions** to reduce pedestrian crossing distances and encourage drivers to turn slowly
- **Medians** to prevent left-turns at some unsignalized intersections in order to improve safety
- **Additional on-street parking north of Davenport Road** to enable visitors, shoppers, pick-up and drop-off activities, as well as to increase space between motor vehicle lanes and pedestrians



Residents and businesses are invited to provide feedback on the proposed actions before November 2, 2023.

<div>Learn More</div> <div></div> <div>View the project webpage, including a slide deck and survey:</div> <div>www.toronto.ca/AvenueRoadStudy</div>	<div>Attend the Event</div> <div></div> <div>Public Drop-in Event October 19, 2023</div> <div>Join any time between 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Timothy Eaton Memorial Church 230 St. Clair Ave. W West Assembly Hall</div>	<div>Provide Feedback</div> <div></div> <div>Complete the online survey or request a printed copy.</div> <div>Submit comments by email, mail or phone: toronto.ca/AvenueRoadStudy Comment deadline: Thursday, November 2, 2023</div>
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Proposed Actions: St. Clair Avenue West to Davenport Road

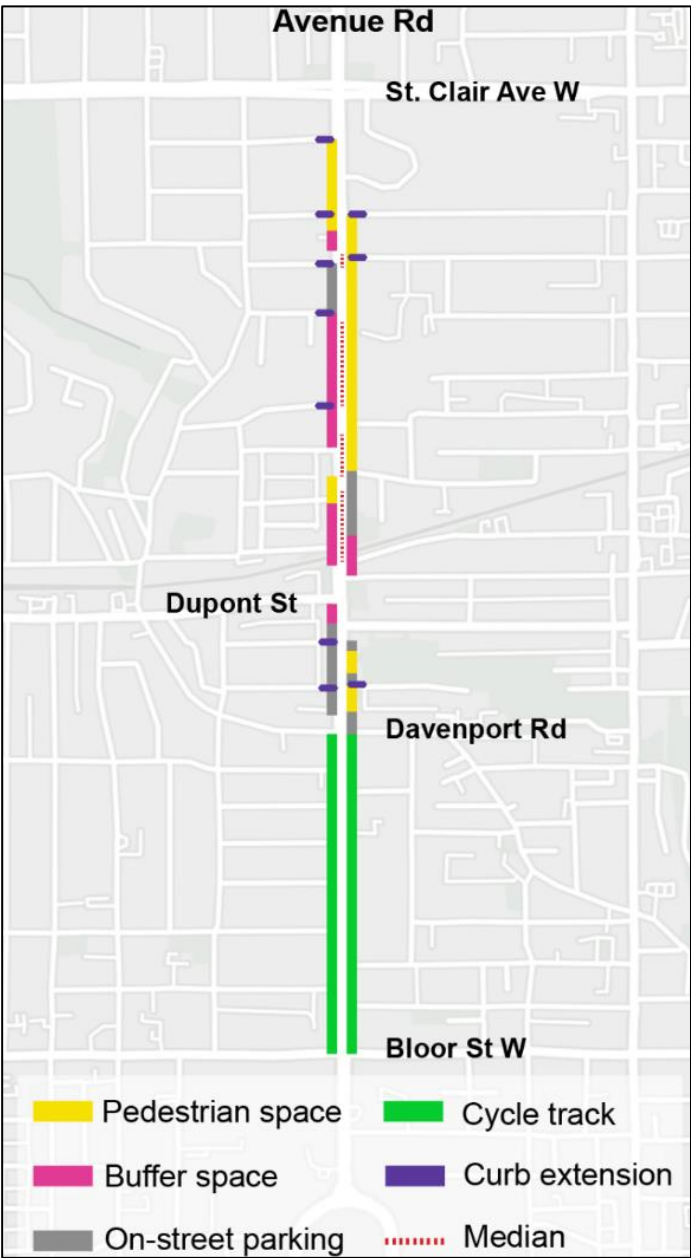
Changes proposed depend on existing conditions such as: the width and grade of the sidewalk, and proximity to schools, senior residences, parks, and other key destinations. In some segments, there is a preferred design as well as an alternative for discussion. Review the materials and see all options being considered at toronto.ca/AvenueRoadStudy.

1. St. Clair Avenue West to Cottingham Street:

- Enhanced pedestrian space in front of Brown School, from Lynwood Avenue to Balmoral Avenue
- Curb extensions on Lynwood Avenue, Balmoral Avenue, Farnham Avenue, Clarendon Avenue, Edmund Avenue, Poplar Plains Crescent, and Oaklands Avenue
- A center median OR left-turn prohibitions in afternoon peak hours at Farnham Avenue
- Pedestrian spaces and additional on-street parking along the east and west curb lanes
- Buffer zones along the west curb lanes OR a centre lane median between Edmund Avenue and Cottingham Street with additional left-turn lanes at Edmund Avenue and Oaklands Avenue
- Installation of a permanent automated speed enforcement camera

2. Cottingham Street to Davenport Road:

- Curb extensions at Cottingham Street, McMaster Avenue, Dupont Avenue, Chicora Avenue, and Pears Avenue
- Pedestrian spaces and additional on-street parking along the east and west curb lanes
- Buffer zones OR a centre lane median between Cottingham Street and Macpherson Avenue with additional left-turn and right-turn lanes



Cycle Tracks from Davenport Road to Bloor Street West

In May 2020, City Council directed Transportation Services to study installation of cycle tracks on Avenue Road north of Bloor Street West as an extension of the ActiveTO cycling project on University Avenue.

The cycle tracks would provide a connection between Midtown (St. Clair Avenue & Poplar Plains Road / Russell Hill Road bike lanes) and downtown via existing Davenport Road, Bloor Street, and University Avenue cycle tracks. Additionally, Avenue Road would provide an alternative north-south cycling connection during expected TTC construction of a new subway station at Bloor/Yonge station beginning in 2024.

Between Davenport Road and Bloor Street West **one way physically separated cycle tracks in each direction are proposed**, alongside 2 motor vehicle lanes in each direction.

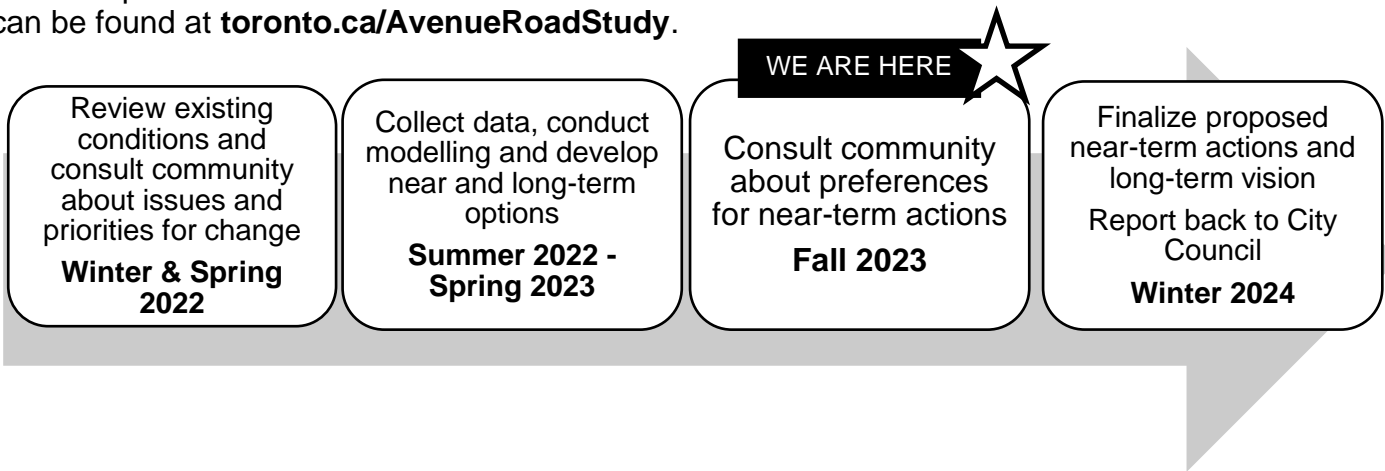
The proposed design would result in a net removal of 16 on-street parking spots.

- Where there is currently parking on one or both sides of the street, parking is proposed to be maintained on one side of the street only
- Where there is currently no parking, no new parking is proposed

The study considers the impact of potential changes on the city-wide road network and adjacent local streets. **More information about the data collected to inform the study, including traffic modelling can be found on the project website.**

Study Process & Next Steps

The Study will conclude with a staff report to City Council in early 2024. Next steps on implementation will be determined by availability of funding, resources, and the City's competing priorities. Prior consultation was conducted in spring 2022 to listen to community concerns and priorities about Avenue Road from St. Clair Avenue West to Bloor Street West. The summary report of what was heard can be found at toronto.ca/AvenueRoadStudy.



More Information



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