

July 2024

Installation of Road Safety Improvements and Bikeways on Avenue Road from Davenport Road to Bloor Street West

Start date: Mid-July 2024 End date: Late July 2024* *Timeline is subject to change.

The City of Toronto is preparing to install road safety improvements including protected cycle tracks on Avenue Road from Davenport Road to Bloor Street West. These changes were approved as part of the Avenue Road Study by Toronto City Council in June 2024.

This complete street redesign is being implemented based on traffic analysis, corridor conditions, and public feedback to improve comfort and safety for all road users, particularly for pedestrians and people cycling. The protected cycle tracks on Avenue Road will provide an alternative north-south cycling connection during expected TTC construction of a new subway station at Bloor/Yonge, and provides connections to existing bikeways on Davenport Road, Bloor Street West and Queen's Park/University Avenue.

Additional pedestrian safety improvements on Avenue Road from Dupont Street to Davenport Road were also approved by Toronto City Council in June 2024 and are expected to be installed in fall 2024. A separate installation notice for those changes will be mailed in advance.

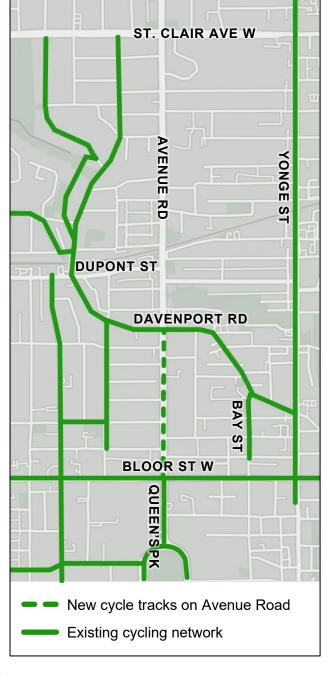
Project Overview

Residents can expect new pavement markings and changes to signage and parking.

Key changes will include:

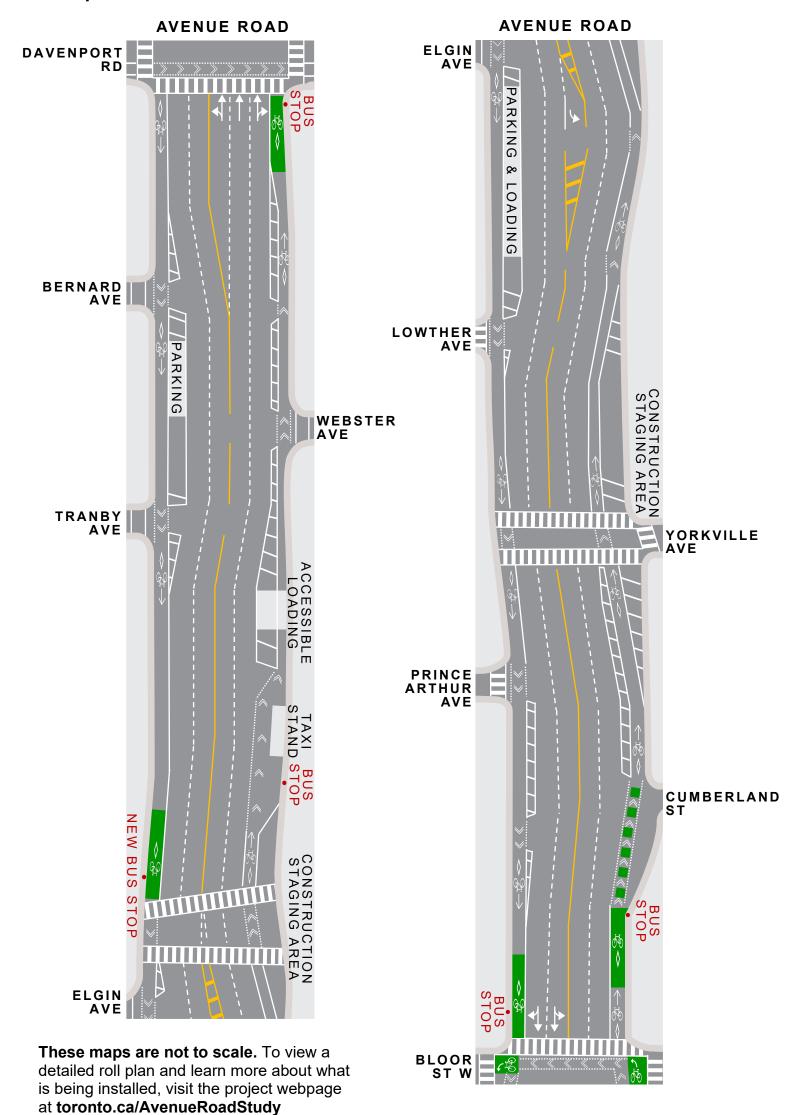
- New northbound and southbound cycle tracks, one on each side of Avenue Road from Davenport Road to Bloor Street West (painted buffer with physical separation, where possible)
- Two motor vehicle lanes maintained in each direction (reduction from six lanes to four total lanes)
- Relocation of some TTC bus stops
- Changes to on-street parking, including new provision of all-day parking, and a net reduction of approximately 18 on-street parking spaces and one loading zone

City services such as Fire, Paramedics and garbage pick-up will continue as usual.



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Maps Showing Lane Configurations and Cycle Tracks on Avenue Road Between Davenport Road and Bloor Street West



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Key Changes

Avenue Road: Davenport Road to Bernard Avenue

- On-street cycle tracks on both sides of the street
- Two motor vehicle lanes maintained in each direction (reduction from six lanes to four total lanes) with a shared northbound left-turn and through lane at the intersection of Avenue Road and Davenport Road
- Removal of four on-street parking spaces on the west side of the street and five on-street parking spaces on the east side

Avenue Road: Bernard Avenue to Cumberland Street

- On-street cycle tracks on both sides of the street, with unprotected bike lanes around the approved construction staging areas at 89 Avenue Road and 33-49 Avenue Road/136-148 Yorkville Avenue
- Two motor vehicle lanes maintained in each direction (reduction from six lanes to four total lanes)
- No change to the centre turn lane at 87 Avenue Road to accommodate southbound left-turns into the Whole Foods Market underground parking garage
- Addition of one on-street parking space to existing seven spaces on the west side of the street between Bernard Avenue and Tranby Avenue
- Removal of four on-street parking spaces and one loading zone on the west side of the street between Tranby Avenue and Elgin Avenue and six on-street parking spaces on the east side of the street between Webster Avenue and Elgin Avenue
- Existing accessible loading zone at 111 Avenue Road shifted away from the sidewalk, with the cycle track located adjacent to the curb and an accessible platform added across the cycle track
- No change to existing nine on-street parking spaces and loading zone on the west side of the street between Elgin Avenue and Lowther Avenue
- New southbound TTC bus stop at 88 Avenue Road (near traffic signal adjacent to Whole Foods Market) and removal of bus stops at 96 and 38 Avenue Road
- To be implemented following the clearance of lane occupancies from construction staging areas:
 - Protected cycle tracks to be installed at 89 Avenue Road and 33-49 Avenue Road
 - Existing taxi stand at 103 Avenue Road to be shifted away from the sidewalk, with the cycle track relocated adjacent to the curb
 - New northbound TTC bus stop at 87 Avenue Road (near traffic signal adjacent to Whole Foods Market) and removal of bus stops at 101 and 55 Avenue Road

Avenue Road: Cumberland Street to Bloor Street West

- On-street cycle tracks on both sides of the street
- Two motor vehicle lanes maintained in each direction (reduction from five lanes to four total lanes) with the removal of the designated southbound right-turn lane at Bloor Street West

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 or permanently remove on-street parking spaces and loading zones
- Remove existing pavement markings and install new markings
- Remove existing signage and install new signage as required
- Install precast concrete curbs and flexible bollards



Work Hours: Pavement marking changes will take place overnight from 9 p.m. to 6 a.m. Daytime work will take place mostly in the off-peak hours/evenings to limit traffic disruptions.



Traffic Management: Efforts have been made to manage traffic in the area for the safety of workers, road users and residents. Road users should expect delays and increased traffic.

Road and Sidewalk Access: In order to complete the work in a safe manner, there
will be partial road closures within the work zone. Sidewalks will remain open.



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- **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.
- **Emergency Services:** Access for emergency vehicles will be maintained at all times.
- Transit: TTC buses will continue to operate.



Parking and Loading: Parking in the active work zone will not be 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.



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:

- 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.

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).

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.



Garbage and Recycling: Please follow your normal routine. If required, the contractor will move bins to an appropriate location and return them. *Please ensure that you label your bins with your address.*



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.

Need More Information?

If you have questions about the upcoming installation work, please contact us:

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General Inquiries	311	
Project Webpage	toronto.ca/AvenueRoadStudy	

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