

# The Peanut Streets Plan

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## Public Consultation Report September 2024



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## Consultation Summary

Public consultation for Phase 1 of The Peanut Streets Plan took place from March 8 to April 17, 2024. 13,000 notices were delivered in the project area, along with 45 placed lawn signs, both featuring key text translated into Chinese (Simplified) and Persian. Emails were sent to 18 local community interest groups.

The project web page ([toronto.ca/PeanutStreets](https://toronto.ca/PeanutStreets)) was viewed by 1,426 unique visitors. The online interactive map received over 400 comments and 44 residents attended the March 27 public drop-in event, sharing insights, concerns and suggestions about road safety with staff.

The top issues raised by participants both online and in-person included:

- The long distances between pedestrian crossings and the long wait times for the existing crosswalks signals has resulted in frequent unsafe pedestrian crossings at locations on Don Mills Road, on Van Horne Avenue and Fairview Mall Drive
- Frequent speeding on Don Mills Road
- Wrong-way movements at the intersections along the one-way segments of Don Mills Road
- Traffic queues and potential conflicts at key intersections
- Non-compliance with stop signs by people driving
- Lack of bikeways and frequent cycling on sidewalks

A second phase of consultation is planned for late 2024 to present and receive feedback on proposed short-term actions and long-term changes to address the identified transportation issues in the neighbourhood.

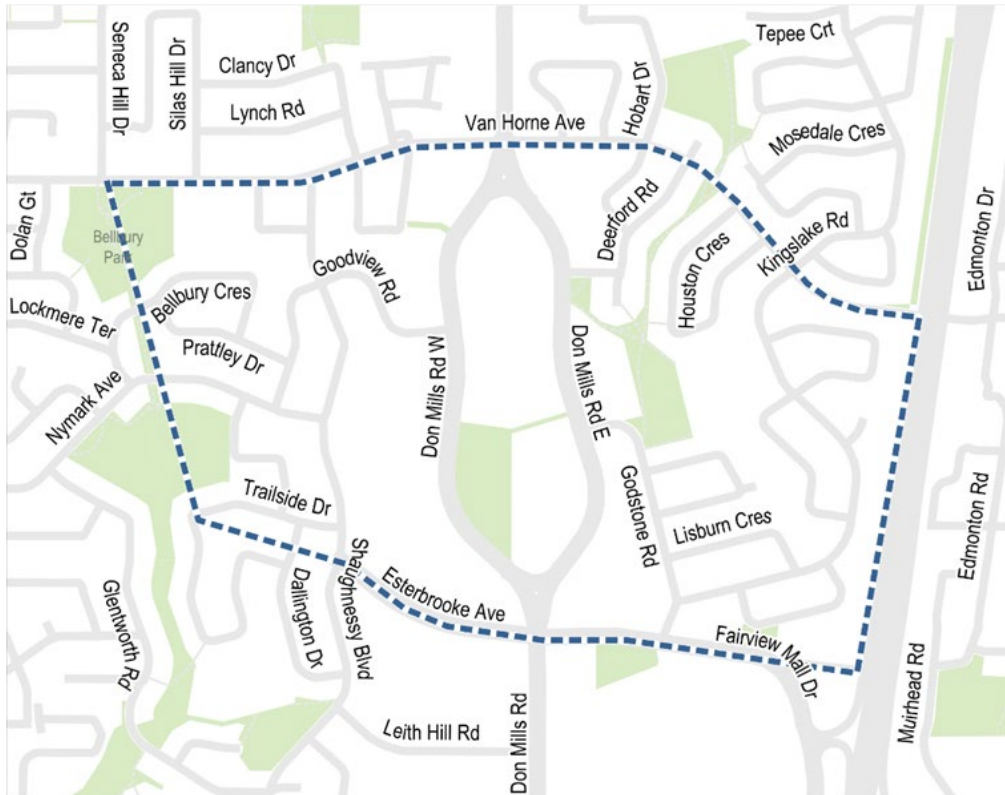
More information about the project can be found at [toronto.ca/PeanutStreets](https://toronto.ca/PeanutStreets).

## Project Overview

In consultation with the local community, the City is developing a Neighbourhood Streets Plan for The Peanut area to address three main areas of concern:

- Road safety for vulnerable road users (e.g. pedestrians, children, older adults and people cycling)
- Excessive speeding
- Excessive non-local motor vehicle traffic on local streets

The project area is located between Van Horne Avenue to the north, Highway 404 to the east, Esterbrooke Avenue and Fairview Mall Drive to the south and Bellbury and Lescon Parks trail system to the west.



# Overview of Communications and Consultation Activities

## Communication Activities

A variety of methods were used to notify people of the project and the opportunities to participate:


- Project web page [toronto.ca/PeanutStreets](https://toronto.ca/PeanutStreets) (1,426 unique visitors, including ~90 who viewed in translated Chinese or Persian)
- Notice delivered by Canada Post to 13,000 addresses in the project area: Van Horne Avenue to the north, Highway 404 to the east, Esterbrooke Avenue and Fairview Mall Drive to the south and Bellbury and Lescon Parks trail system to the west)
- E-notification to project subscribers (60 contacts in March 2024)
- Email to interest groups including residents' associations, community groups, organizations, institutions and elected officials (18 contacts)
- Lawn signs (45 locations)

The notice and lawn sign featured key text translated into Chinese (Simplified) and Persian, with complementary translation buttons featured on the web page. Language interpreters were also available at the in-person event. Local Councillor Shelley Carroll shared the consultation details in her e-newsletter and social media posts.



Example of project lawn sign next to sidewalk on Don Mills East

## Image of Web Page




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## Image of Notice Front and Back



## Public Consultation

March 11, 2024

### The Peanut Streets Plan

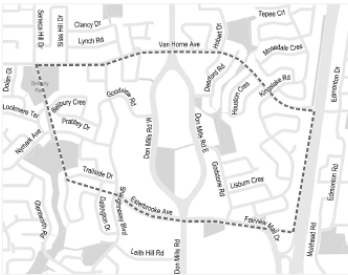
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#### Project Area

The project area is located between Van Horne Avenue to the north, Highway 404 to the east, Esterooke Avenue and Fairview Mall Drive to the south and Bellbury and Lescon Parks trail system to the west.



The City invites residents to learn more about the project and participate in identifying issues, opportunities, and ideas for the neighbourhood.


#### Learn More



View information on the webpage including display panels presented at the public event and project details.

[toronto.ca/PeanutStreets](http://toronto.ca/PeanutStreets)


#### Attend the Drop-In Event



View information panels, provide comments, ask questions and speak with the project team.

**Wednesday, March 27, 2024**  
**6 to 8 p.m.**  
**Georges Vanier Secondary School\***  
**3000 Don Mills Rd. E.**  
**Mandarin, Persian (Farsi) and Cantonese interpreters will be present.**

#### Provide Feedback




Take the online survey and tell us about your transportation issues and ideas using an interactive map.

Submit comments by email, mail or phone.  
**Comment deadline: Wednesday, April 10, 2024**

\*This location is wheelchair/mobility device accessible. If you have a specific accessibility need or require other accommodation, please contact us.

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## 花生街 (Peanut Streets) 计划

与社区协商后，市政府正在为花生街 (The Peanut) 社区定制一项小区街道规划，该规划将应对三个主要问题：

1. 弱势道路使用者（例如行人、儿童、老年人和骑车者）的道路安全
2. 超速行驶
3. 街道车辆流量过多

我们希望了解社区的居民们对于道路安全的担忧。您的意见可以帮助我们计划如何改善该区的街道。

市政府希望邀请居民进一步了解该项目，一起找到社区的问题、潜能和创意所在。

#### 了解更多



在网页上查看活动的信息，包括公众活动中展示的展板和项目的详情。

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#### 参加免费预约活动



查看信息板、提供评论、提出问题并与项目团队交谈。

**2024 年 3 月 27 日 星期三**  
**下午 6 点至晚上 8 点**  
**Georges Vanier 中学\***  
**3000 Don Mills Rd.E.**  
 活动将提供口译服务

#### 提出意见



参加在线调查，并使用交互地图告诉您您的交通问题和想法。

您可通过电子邮件、邮寄信件或电话提交意见。  
**意见收集的截止日期：**  
**2024 年 4 月 10 日 星期三**

\*该地点为轮椅/行动辅助装置使用。如果您有特殊的无障碍需求或需要便利措施，请联系我们。

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## Consultation Activities

Public and stakeholder comment on the project was received through the following consultation and engagement activities:

Activity	Date	Participation
Drop-In Public Event	March 27, 2024	44 attendees
Online Survey	March 8 – April 17	28 responses
Online Interactive Map	March 8 – April 17	436 comments (137 unique location comment markers, 299 discussion comments on markers from 169 unique contributors)
Email/Phone	March 8 – April 17	comments received from 30 individuals

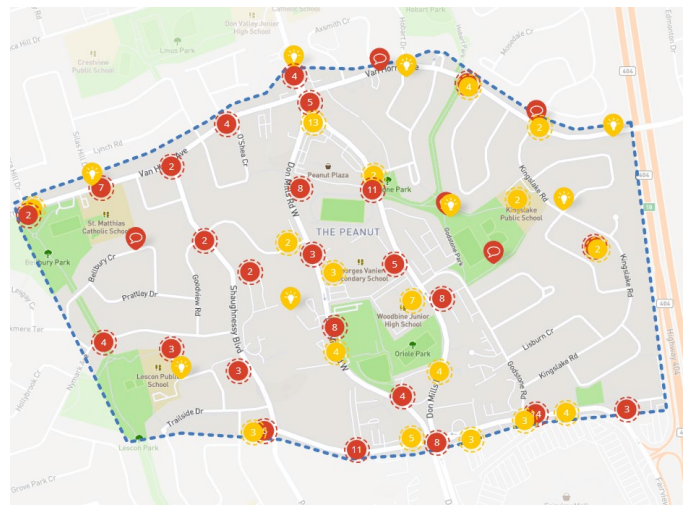
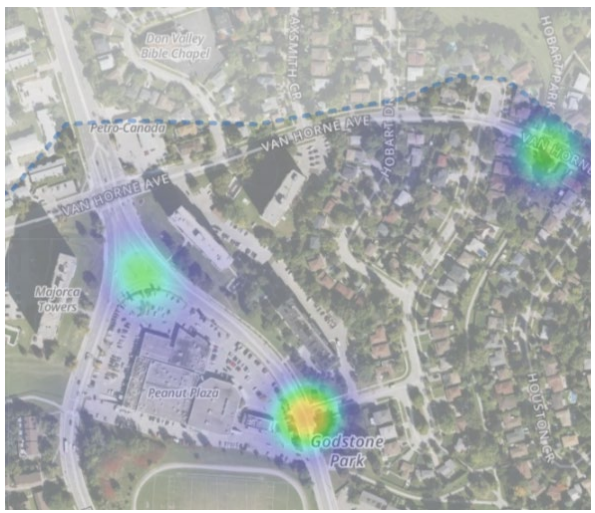
### Photo of Participants at March 27, 2024 Drop-in Event



# What We Heard

Some of the issues raised in the public consultation include:

- The long distances between pedestrian crossings and the long wait times for the existing crosswalks signals has resulted in frequent unsafe pedestrian crossings.
  - Two crosswalks on Don Mills Road West have long wait times for signals to activate.
  - At both the top and bottom of The Peanut, many pedestrians frequently cross to and from the road islands with no crosswalk, going to and from the plaza, schools, community centre or east-west destinations.
  - Don Mills Road and Godstone Road intersection is inconvenient for many pedestrians with the lack of crosswalk on south side of intersection and long wait for crossing signal results in frequent crossing on no-crossing signal.
  - Park trails lead across Van Horne Avenue but there is no crosswalk provided.
- Concerns about dangerous and wrong-way movements at the driveways in and out of the Peanut parking lots, including the Plaza and schools.
- Complaints about signal timing, long queues and dangerous movements at Don Mills Road and Van Horne Avenue, Don Mills Road and Fairview Mall Drive, and Fairview Mall Drive and Godstone Road.
- Parked cars on Esterbrooke Avenue (east of Shaughnessy Boulevard) block sightlines at busy driveways for parking lots and garages.
- Lack of bikeways and frequent cycling on sidewalks.

Image Of Interactive Map Comment Markers	Image Of Online Comment Map Showing Hot Spots of Noted Problematic Pedestrian Crossings
	



## Interactive Map and Survey

The online interactive map invited respondents to identify specific locations where they experienced concerns or saw opportunities for transportation changes. An associated short survey asked respondents questions about their travel habits, relationship to the community and basic demographics (see Appendix for Survey Participants Profile).

Comments received through the survey are presented in this section.

Topic	Location	Comment Summary
<b>Traffic</b>		
<b>Speed</b>	Van Horne Avenue; Deerford Road; Don Mills Road all around Peanut; Kingslake Road; Shaughnessy Boulevard; Esterbrooke Avenue / Fairview Mall Drive	Frequent speeding, pedestrians crossing, especially dangerous near schools and around bends
<b>Signal timing / intersection configuration</b>	Don Mills Road and Van Horne Avenue; Don Mills Road and Fairview Mall Drive	Complaints about signal timing, queues, dangerous turns with pedestrians, etc.
	Don Mills Road West at crosswalk	Complaints about short pedestrian crossing and long waits for pedestrian signal
	Don Mills Road East and Godstone Road	Suggestion to install stop signs instead of signal; lacks south crosswalk; not convenient for pedestrians; dangerous
	Godstone Road and Fairview Mall Drive; Fairview Mall Drive and Fairview Mall Drive	Complaints about signal timing and congestion
<b>Volume</b>	Van Horne Avenue at St. Matthias School	Many parents dropping off kids by car and walking (when school is open)
	Shaughnessy Boulevard	Rush hours high volume to avoid the traffic on Don Mills Road.
	Godstone Road and Fairview Mall Drive	Complaints about signal timing and congestion
	Fairview Mall Drive	Complaints about congestion
<b>State of Good Repair</b>	Van Horne Avenue at St Matthias School	Potholes from construction trucks
	Van Horne Avenue at Don Mills Road and east; Shaughnessy Boulevard	Complaints about poor surface, especially for cycling
	Kingslake Road east of Godstone Road; Gleneagle Crescent; Fairview Mall Drive east of Fairview Mall Drive	Complaints about poor surface
<b>Road Safety and Active Transportation</b>		
<b>Compliance</b>	Lescon Public School	Vehicles often do not stop when exiting onto road from driveway at corner
	Van Horne Avenue and Seneca Hill Drive; Van Horne Avenue at Kingslake Road; Nymark Avenue and Lescon Road; Shaughnessy Boulevard at Goodview Road;	Vehicles not always stopping at stop signs

	Shaughnessy Boulevard at Nymark Avenue; Shaughnessy Boulevard and Esterbrooke Avenue; Godstone Road at Kempself Crescent	
	Don Mills Road (all around the peanut)	Vehicles sometimes enter the intersection when the traffic signal is red
<b>Pedestrian Demand</b>	Don Mills Road south of Van Horne Avenue	Pedestrians cross to/from island with no crosswalk, to the plaza or east-west destinations; requests for curb cuts for strollers, shopping carts, etc.
	Van Horne Avenue at Shaughnessy Boulevard	Many pedestrians (especially children) crossing north-south (e.g. for Don Valley Junior School) with no crosswalk
	Van Horne Avenue at Clancy Drive	Many pedestrians crossing with no pedestrian crossing
	O'Shea Crescent at pathway	Missing sidewalk; Pedestrians walk on road or dirt because of missing sidewalk connection to pathway across the street
	Don Mills Road East and Godstone Road	Missing crosswalk on south side of intersection is inconvenient for many pedestrians; Long wait for crossing signal results in frequent crossing on no-crossing signal
	Middle of Peanut south of plaza	Walking between Deerford Road to west side pathway, there is no pathway, just a parking lot, grass and fences
	Van Horne and Hobart Park Trail; Don Mills Road (south end of Peanut)	Frequent pedestrian crossing with no crosswalk
	Fairview Mall Drive east of Godstone Road	Frequent pedestrian crossing between mall and condo, with no crosswalk
	Kingslake Road at Waddington Crescent	Pedestrians crossing with no crosswalk, including kids going to Kingslake School
	Space between Don Mills Road and Shaughnessy Boulevard.	Many children in the tower buildings can not get directly to Lescon PS or Dallington PS and must take long route on Esterbrooke Avenue. Requests for direct pathways between Don Mills Road and Shaughnessy Boulevard (one used to exist).
	Shaughnessy Boulevard and Esterbrooke Avenue	Pedestrians crossing with no crosswalk.
	Nymark Avenue at trail crossing from Bellbury Park to Lescon PS	Pedestrians (especially children) crossing between trails with no crosswalk.

<b>Cycling Demand</b>	Van Horne Avenue and Seneca Hill Drive	With park and school it's a good cycling route and destination; could use Bike Share docking station
	Van Horne Avenue	Many cyclists seen here; cyclists on sidewalk
	Don Mills Road (all around the peanut)	Dangerous for cyclists; cyclists on sidewalk; needs proper bikeway
	Van Horne Avenue at trail crossing	Good route with good location for Bike Share
	Kingslake Road	A popular route to bike to Fairview Mall
	Fairview Library	Popular bike destination
	Shaughnessy Boulevard	Lacks continuation of bike lane
<b>Wrong Way Movements</b>	Don Mills Road West at Plaza exit	Vehicles entering the exit driveway
	Don Mills Road West	Vehicles going wrong way (after exiting driveways)
	Don Mills East	Vehicles going wrong way (after exiting driveways, especially McDonalds)
	Fairview Mall Drive at Fairview Mall Drive and mall access	Drivers going straight from westbound left turn lane
<b>Sightline concerns</b>	Don Mills East, entrance to McDonalds and Plaza	Entrance seems to surprise people who slam on their brakes
	Don Mills East at Georges Vanier SS	Rise on the driveway when exiting Georges Vanier makes it difficult to see traffic and pedestrians crossing
	Esterbrooke Avenue, east of Shaughnessy Boulevard	Parked cars block sightlines at busy driveways for parking lots and garages
	Lescon Road bend	Parked cars block sightlines
	Nymark and Lescon Road	Parked cars block sightlines
	Goodview Road	Parked cars block sightlines, especially at parking garages
<b>General</b>	Van Horne Avenue and Silas Hill	Request stop sign or crosswalk signal, especially for kids going to park Cars not stopping Speeding too
	Don Mills Road West at O'Shea Walkway	Long wait for crossing signal results in frequent crossing on no-crossing signal Drivers exiting parking lot don't always stop for pedestrian signal
	Don Mills Road West at Peanut Plaza access	Switch the car entry and exit to Peanut Plaza (so the entry should be the southern entry, and the exit the northern entry). Rationale: people turning right from Van Horne need to cut aggressively 3 lanes to be able to get into the plaza, and people exiting from the plaza are too close to the pedestrian crossing.
	Van Horne Avenue at Kingslake Road	Cars don't stop Poor visibility around corner and of signage; High speed

	Fairview Mall Drive and Godstone Road	Complaints about lane reductions, volumes, pedestrian safety, signal timing. YRT buses also occupy lane and cause other concerns
	Fairview Mall Drive at medical office entrance west of Library	Drivers often turn around (avoid parking lot parking fare) and conflict with pedestrians on sidewalk
	Fairview Mall Drive and Don Mills Road	Various concerns about dangerous turning and weaving in the intersection
	2980 Don Mills West	Vehicles exit high speed and dangerous for pedestrians
<b>Other</b>	Van Horne Avenue	Don't like slower 40km/h speeds limits; Don't like middle of road signs
	Don Mills Road	Don't like speed cameras
	General	Support walkability
<b>Parking Management</b>		
	Esterbrooke Avenue, east of Shaughnessy Boulevard	Parked cars block sightlines at busy driveways for parking lots and garages
	Fairview Mall Drive in front of the condos	Vehicles routinely stop/stand/park in no parking/stopping zone; dangerous and congestion
<b>Street Environment</b>		
	General	Too much littering
	Don Mills Road (north end of Peanut)	Old concrete island is very ugly; could use some art or greenery.
<b>Other</b>		
<b>Parks</b>	Oriole Park	Need higher fences to protect from baseballs going on to Don Mills Road W
	Trail next to Godstone Park	Poor trail surface

## Public Drop-in Event

The public drop-in event held on March 27, 2024 invited attendees to view information panels about the project, speak with members of the project team, and record comments using sticky-notes on maps of the study area. Participant comments are summarized below.

Topic	Location	Comment Summary
<b>Traffic</b>		
<b>Speed</b>	Don Mills Road East and Godstone Road; Goodview Road and Nymark Avenue; Kingslake Road; Nymark Avenue and Lescon Road; Nymark Avenue between Shaughnessy and Lescon Road; Shaughnessy and Goodview Road; Goodview Road	Frequent speeding,
<b>Signal timing / intersection configuration</b>	Van Horne Avenue and O'Shea Cres	Request pedestrian crosswalk with signal
<b>Volume</b>	Goodview Road and Nymark Avenue	Vehicles cut through between Don Mills Road to Leslie Street
<b>Road Safety and Active Transportation</b>		
<b>Compliance</b>	Don Mills Road West and O'Shea Walkway	Vehicles exiting plaza parking lot turn into crosswalk not seeing walking signal
	Shaughnessy Boulevard and Goodview Road	Vehicles not always stopping at stop signs
<b>Pedestrian Demand</b>	Deerford Road and Don Mills Road E	Long wait for crossing signal results in frequent crossing on no-crossing signal
	Don Mills Road south end	Request pedestrian crossing to access Advent Lutheran Church and garden; frequent youth pedestrian crossing mid-block
	Middle of Peanut	Request pedestrian path from Don Mills Road West to Don Mills Road East
	Don Mills Road East (near Peanut Plaza)	No crossing controls; crossing is dangerous
	Don Mills Road north end at parking lot	Request curb cut
	Don Mills Road East and Godstone Road	Request addition of south side crosswalk
	Fairview Mall Drive and Godstone Road	Frequent pedestrian crossing between mall, library and condo, with no crosswalk
	Fairview Mall Drive below Allenbury Gardens	Frequent pedestrian crossing with no crosswalk
	Shaughnessy Boulevard and Van Horne Avenue	Concerns about intersection safety for people at disabled home, school busses, children walking to school and seniors.
	Van Horne Avenue and Hobart Park Trail	Pedestrian crossing with no crosswalk



	Van Horne Avenue and Kingslake Road	A common path to Fairview mall (bypass Hwy 404) – suggest prioritizing as pedestrian and bike route.
<b>Cycling Demand</b>	Don Mills Road and Fairview Mall Drive	Suggest bikeways for community destinations e.g. library, mall.
	Godstone Road and Kempself Cres	Frequent youth with bikes and e-scooters traveling to Fairview Mall; suggest bikeways
<b>Wrong Way Movements</b>	Don Mills Road West at O'Shea Walkway	Vehicles going wrong way (after exiting driveways)
<b>Sightline concerns</b>	Don Mills Road East at parking lot	Hard to read entrance/exit Plaza signs, not visible to drivers until late
<b>General</b>	Fairview Mall Drive and Godstone Road	Safety concerns at intersection; frequent collisions
	Godstone Road and Kingslake Road	Concern about sidewalk at intersection
<b>Other</b>	Don Mills Road West and Van Horne Avenue	Pedestrian railing damaged
	Van Horne Avenue between Shaughnessy Boulevard and Tumbleweed Road	Very steep section is dangerous for bikes and scooters
<b>Parking Management</b>		
	Lescon Road; Muirhead Road and Edmonton Drive	"No stopping" zone but parents stop at school every day
<b>Street Environment</b>		
	Don Mills Road E	Request more green spaces along Don Mills; work with school to add programming, shade trees, etc.
	Don Mills Road East and Van Horne Avenue	Concrete island could use plantings
	Middle of peanut around schools	Walking late is scary
	Lescon Park Trail	Request to improve path and add lighting
<b>Other</b>		
<b>State of Good Repair</b>	Goodview Road and Don Mills Road	Poor surface for cycling
<b>TTC</b>	Don Mills Road and O'Shea Walkway	Request TTC bus stop at this corner
	Don Mills Road and Leslie	Request through bus route between Don Mills Road and Leslie
	Near Don Mills Road and O'Shea Walkway	Southbound TTC stop is far

## Additional Feedback

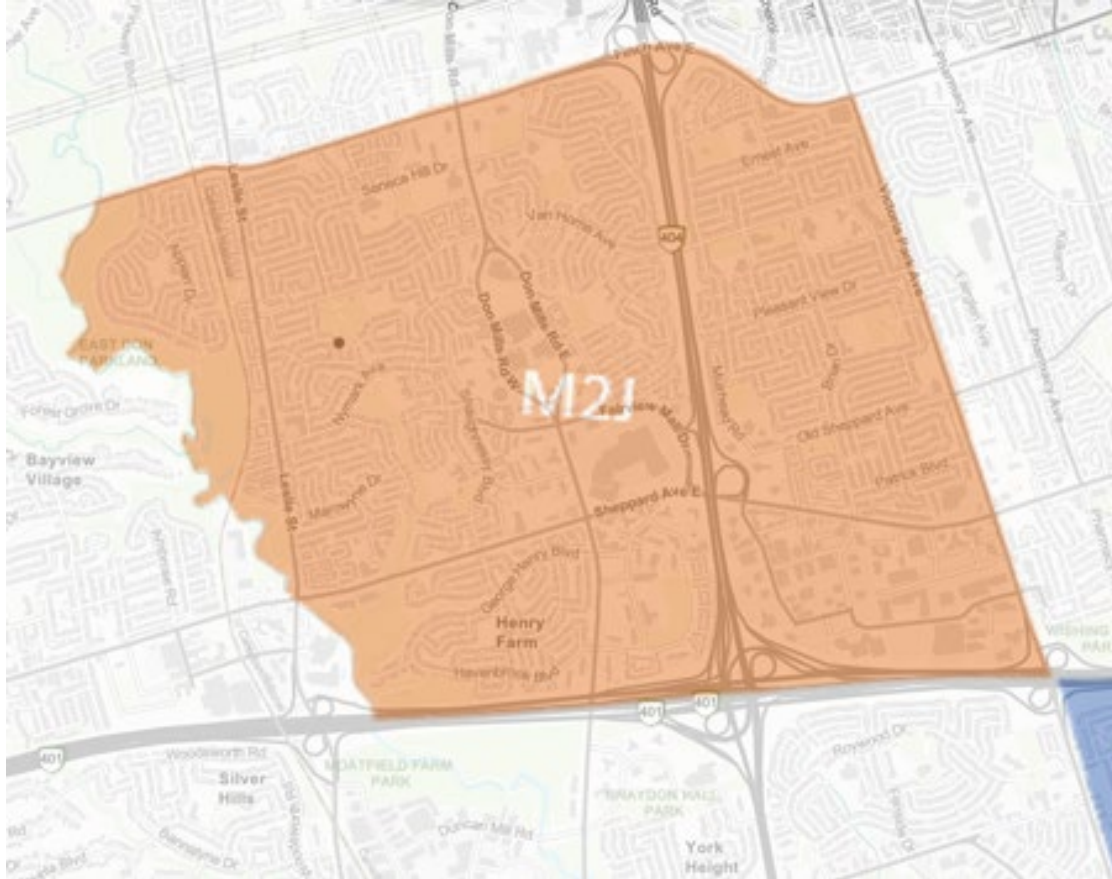
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<b>Road Safety and Active Transportation</b>	Don Mills Road West	Vehicles going wrong way (after exiting driveways)
	Van Horne and Hobart Park Trail	Frequent pedestrian crossing with no crosswalk, including kids, caregivers with strollers, etc.
	Van Horne Avenue at Shaughnessy Boulevard	Many pedestrians (especially children) crossing north-south to school and parks
	Don Mills Road south of Van Horne Avenue	Pedestrians cross to from island with no crosswalk; request curb cuts too
	Van Horne Avenue and Silas Hill Drive	Suggest roundabout
	Busy intersections	Suggest ban turning right on red
<b>Other</b>	General	Don't like Vision Zero interventions or bike lanes etc; Expand the study area south of Sheppard Avenue; Pedestrian don't follow rules; Install more Bike Share Stations

## Appendix - Survey Responses - Participant Profile

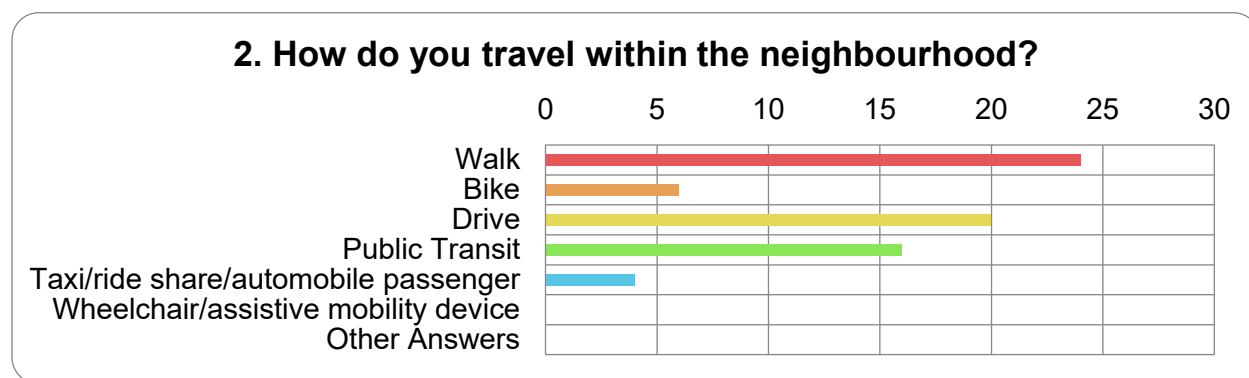
28 of the 169 unique online contributors answered the participant profile survey. Below is a summary of the survey responses.

### 1. What are the first 3 digits in your postal code?



26 out of 27 respondents were from the M2J postal code, which includes all of the study area, and surrounding neighbourhoods.

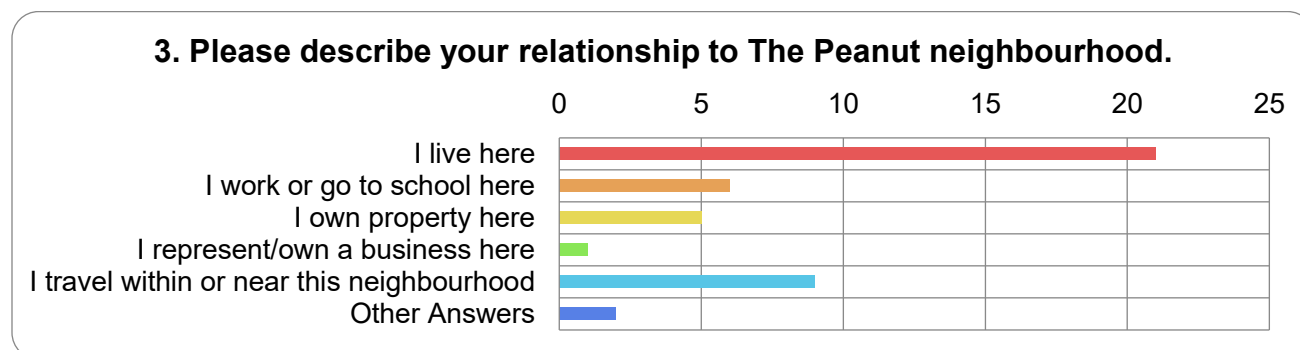
## 2. How do you travel within the neighbourhood?



Walk	24	85.71%
Bike	6	21.43%
Drive	20	71.43%
Public Transit	16	57.14%
Taxi/ride share/automobile passenger	4	14.29%
Wheelchair/assistive mobility device	0	0.00%
Other Answers	0	0.00%
<b>Answered</b>	<b>28</b>	

Almost all respondents walk, most drive, just over half use public transit and only 21% bike and 14% said the travel by Taxi/ride share/automobile passenger. No respondents said they use Wheelchair/assistive mobility device.

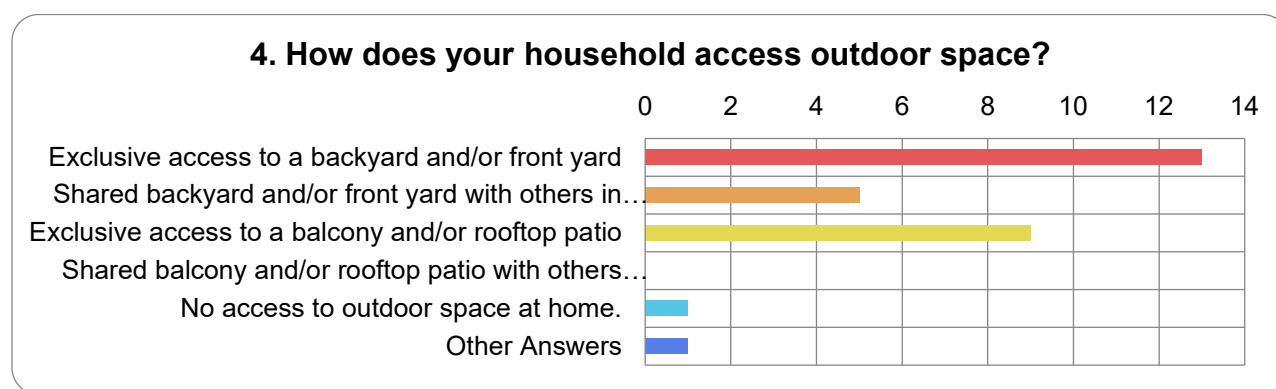
## 3. Please describe your relationship to The Peanut neighbourhood.



I live here	21	75.00%
I work or go to school here	6	21.43%
I own property here	5	17.86%
I represent/own a business here	1	3.57%
I travel within or near this neighbourhood	9	32.14%
Other Answers	2	7.14%
<b>Answered</b>	<b>28</b>	

Most of the respondents (75%) live in the area.

#### 4. How does your household access outdoor space?



Exclusive access to a backyard and/or front yard	13	48.15%
Shared backyard and/or front yard with others in my building	5	18.52%
Exclusive access to a balcony and/or rooftop patio	9	33.33%
Shared balcony and/or rooftop patio with others in my building	0	0.00%
No access to outdoor space at home	1	3.70%
Other Answers	1	3.70%

About half of respondents have an exclusive private yard.

#### 5. How did you hear about this project?



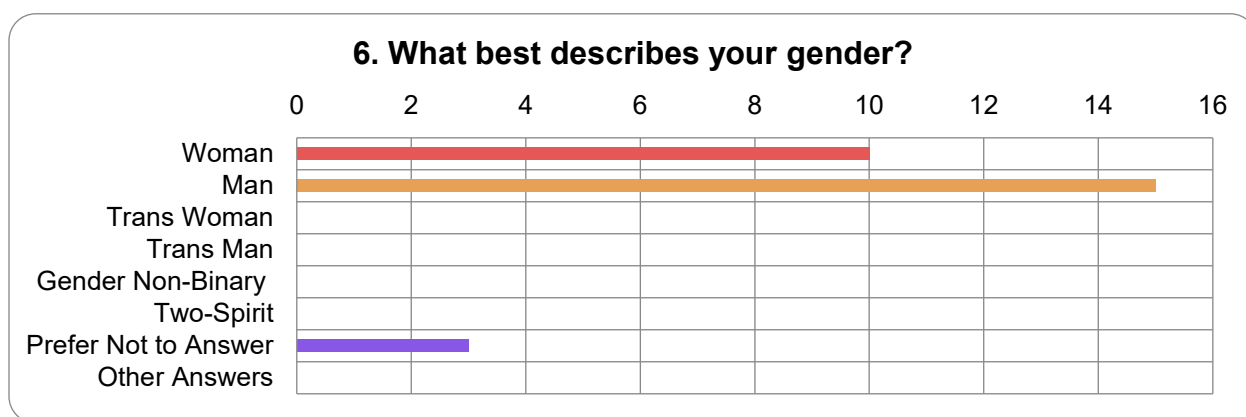
Flyer Notice	19	67.86%
Lawn sign	3	10.71%
City of Toronto email	1	3.57%
My City Councillor	3	10.71%
Other e-mail list (e.g., community association)	1	3.57%



Social Media (e.g., Facebook, Instagram)	0	0.00%
News story	0	0.00%
City of Toronto website	0	0.00%
Other website	0	0.00%
Friend, family, or neighbour	2	7.14%
Other Answers	5	17.86%

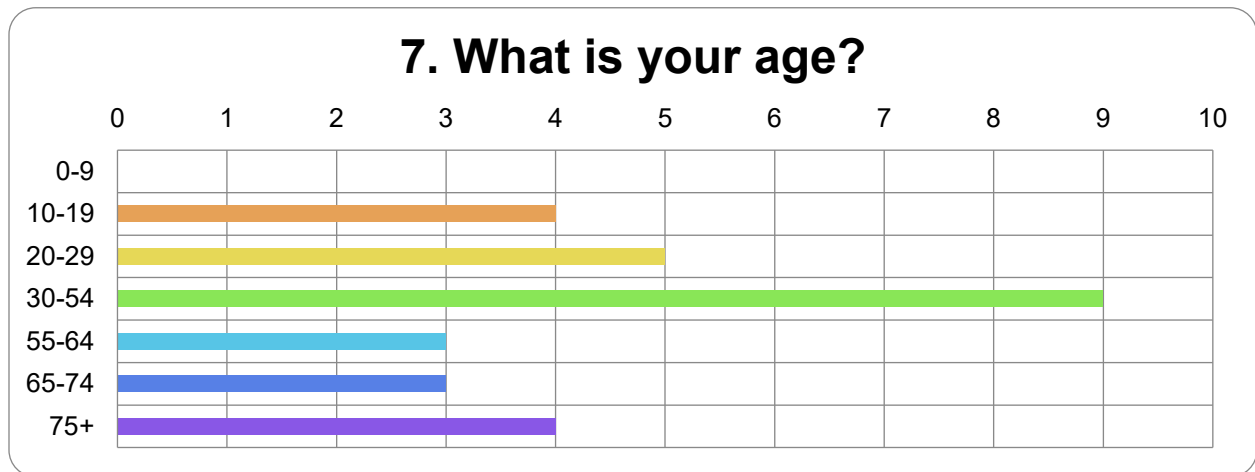
Two-thirds of respondents learned about the project from the flyer notice.

## 6. What best describes your gender?



Woman	10	35.71%
Man	15	53.57%
Trans Woman	0	0.00%
Trans Man	0	0.00%
Gender Non-Binary	0	0.00%
Two-Spirit	0	0.00%
Prefer Not to Answer	3	10.71%
Other Answers	0	0.00%

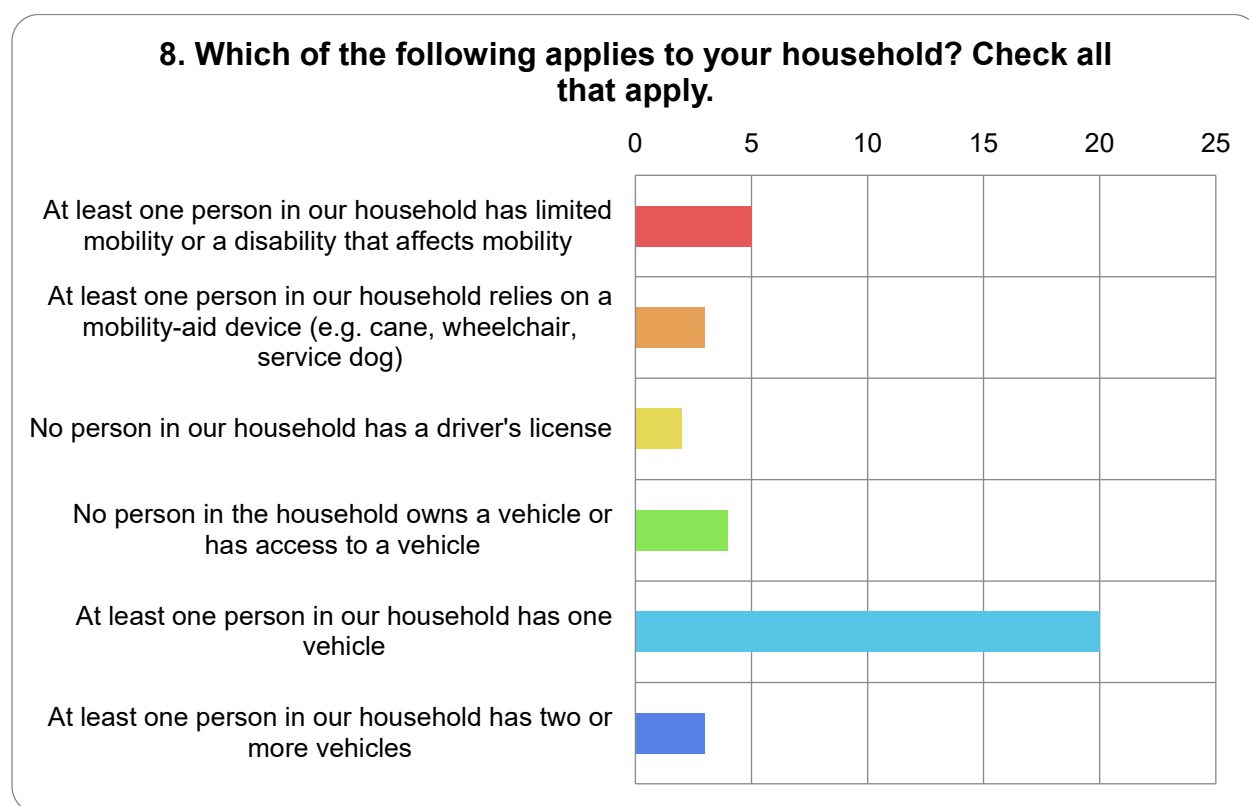
## 7. What is your age?



0-9	0	0.00%
10-19	4	14.29%
20-29	5	17.86%
30-54	9	32.14%
55-64	3	10.71%
65-74	3	10.71%
75+	4	14.29%

Participants represent a very balance range of ages from youth to seniors.

**Q8. 8. Which of the following applies to your household? Check all that apply.**



At least one person in our household has limited mobility or a disability that affects mobility	5	17.86%
At least one person in our household relies on a mobility-aid device (e.g. cane, wheelchair, service dog)	3	10.71%
No person in our household has a driver's license	2	7.14%
No person in the household owns a vehicle or has access to a vehicle	4	14.29%
At least one person in our household has one vehicle	20	71.43%
At least one person in our household has two or more vehicles	3	10.71%

Most respondents (71%) were from a household with a vehicle, and 17% were from a household where at least one person has limited mobility or a disability that affects mobility.

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