

September 2024

Installation of Road Safety Improvements and Pedestrian Spaces on Avenue Road from Dupont Street to Davenport Road

Start date: Late September 2024

End date: October 2024*

**Timeline is subject to change.*

The City of Toronto is preparing to install road safety improvements including new pedestrian spaces on Avenue Road from Dupont Street to Davenport Road. These changes were approved by Toronto City Council in June 2024 as part of the Avenue Road Study.

Avenue Road’s current road design includes narrow sidewalks and a wide roadway that encourages speeding. Widening the sidewalks would require moving stormwater catch basins and other underground utilities, which would require a full road reconstruction. Avenue Road is not scheduled for reconstruction within the next ten years.

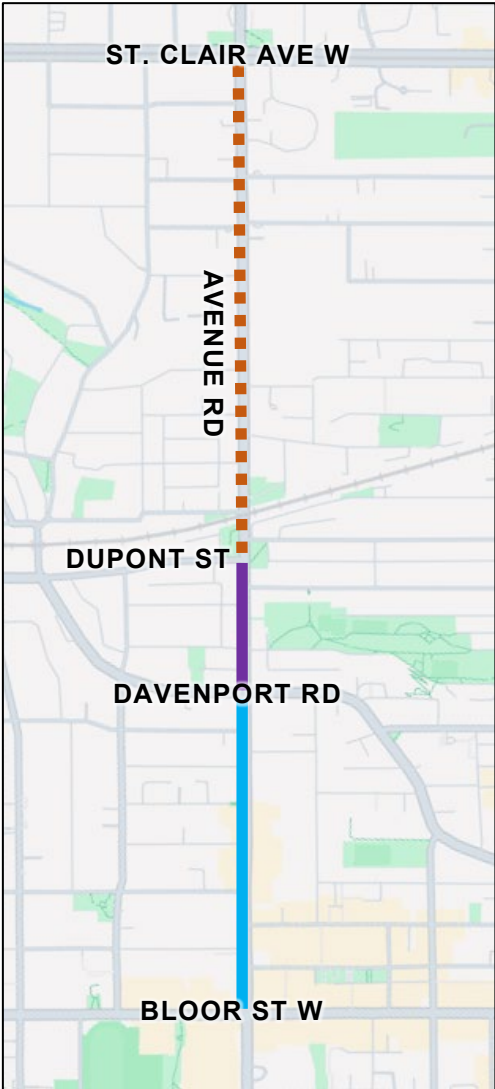
The Avenue Road Study reviewed traffic data, roadway conditions and public feedback to identify near-term actions that could be implemented quickly to increase space, comfort and protection for pedestrians and reduce speeding. These near-term actions include the provision of street level pedestrian spaces in the existing curb lanes where feasible.

A final Avenue Road Study report will be presented at a future meeting of City Council’s Infrastructure and Environment Committee to provide recommendations on the long-term vision for Avenue Road including the segment between Dupont Street and St. Clair Avenue West.

Project Overview

Residents can expect new pavement markings and concrete barriers, as well as changes to signage and parking. Key changes will include:

- New street level pedestrian spaces with accessible ramping and physical barriers to provide separation from motor vehicle lanes (barriers will be painted by local artists)
- Two motor vehicle lanes will be maintained in each direction (reduction from six lanes to four total lanes) with additional turning lanes where feasible
- Addition of a new pedestrian signal at Ramsden Park (to be installed in 2025)
- Changes to on-street parking, including new provisions for all-day parking and a formalized loading zone, and a net reduction of approximately 16 on-street parking spaces
- Conversion of on-street parking areas to Mobile Only Zones, eliminating the need for Pay-and-Display machines to maximize unobstructed sidewalk space
- Painted buffer space between sidewalks and parked cars where feasible
- Painted curb extensions and flexible bollards to improve safety



Avenue Road Study outcomes

- Road safety improvements and bikeways previously installed in July 2024
- Road safety improvements and pedestrian spaces to be installed in September 2024
- Road safety improvements to be presented for City Council consideration at a future date

Key Changes

Avenue Road: Dupont Street to Chicora Avenue

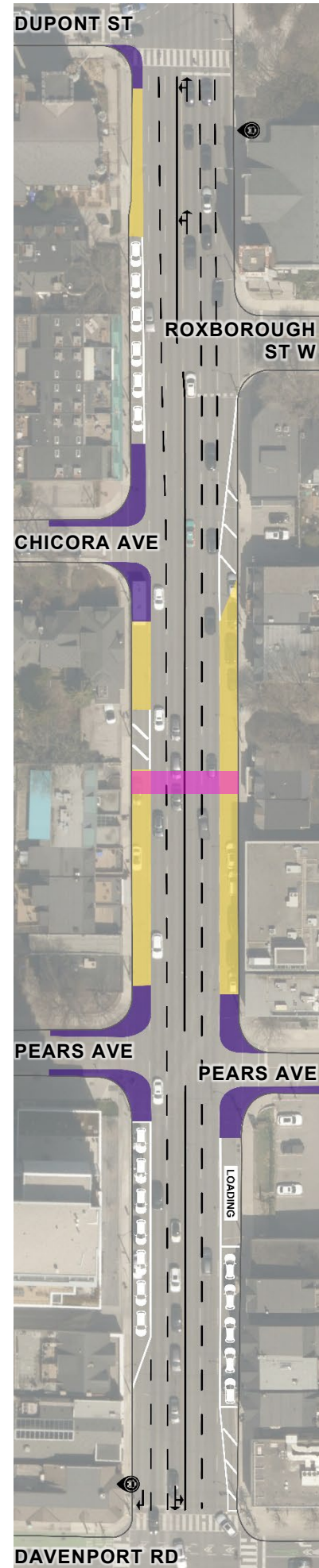
- Two motor vehicle lanes maintained in each direction (reduction from six lanes to four lanes) with an additional shared northbound left-turn and through lane at the intersection of Avenue Road and Dupont Street
- Street level pedestrian space on the west side of the street in front of the Church of the Messiah and Avenue Road Food Bank with accessible ramping and physical barrier separation from motor vehicle lanes
- Removal of two Pay and Display on-street parking spaces from the west side of Avenue Road between the Church of the Messiah and Chicora Avenue (reduction from eight spaces to six spaces) and conversion to all-day parking
- Painted curb extensions and flexible bollards at Dupont Street and Chicora Avenue intersections

Avenue Road: Chicora Avenue to Pears Avenue

- Two motor vehicle lanes maintained in each direction (reduction from six lanes to four lanes)
- New pedestrian signal at Ramsden Park (to be installed in 2025)
- Street level pedestrian space on both sides of the street with accessible ramping and physical barrier separation from motor vehicle lanes
- Removal of seven Pay and Display on-street parking spaces on the west side of the street and twelve Pay and Display on-street parking spaces on the east side of the street in order to meet clearance requirements on either side of the new pedestrian signal
- Painted curb extensions and flexible bollards at Pears Avenue intersection

Avenue Road: Pears Avenue to Davenport Road

- Two motor vehicle lanes maintained in each direction (reduction from six lanes to four lanes) with an additional dedicated southbound right-turn lane at Davenport Road
- Addition of four full-time Pay and Display on-street parking spaces on the west side of the street near Pears Avenue (increase from three spaces to seven spaces) and conversion to all-day parking
- Formalized loading zone at 189 Avenue Road
- Addition of one full-time Pay and Display on-street parking space to the east side of the street (increase from four spaces to five spaces) and conversion to all-day parking



Legend





- Street level pedestrian space
- Curb extension
- Pedestrian signal
- On-street parking
- Curbside buffer/loading
- Existing bus stop



What to Expect During Installation

The City will make efforts to reduce the impacts of noise and other inconveniences. City services such as Fire, Paramedics and garbage pick-up will continue as usual. 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, concrete barriers and flexible bollards

	<p>Work Hours:</p> <p>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.</p>
	<p>Traffic Management:</p> <p>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.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Road and Sidewalk Access: In order to complete the work in a safe manner, there will be partial lane closures within the work zone during active construction. One travel lane will be maintained in each direction at all times. Sidewalks will remain open.• 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. TTC bus stops will not be impacted.
	<p>Parking and Loading:</p> <p>Parking in the active work zone will not be permitted due to space requirements for construction equipment and materials.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Changes to the parking by-laws will be signed.</p>
	<p>Parking Violation Notices:</p> <p><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.</p> <p>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) or2. 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>

	Garbage and 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>
	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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Better infrastructure for all of us is worth the wait.