

September 2024

Bikeway safety improvements on Palmerston and Tecumseth

Start Date: September 11, 2024 End Date: October 31, 2024

**Timeline is subject to change.*

In 2022-2023, the Palmerston-Tecumseth Cycling Connections project was installed, providing a continuous neighbourhood greenway bikeway, which included pedestrian and road safety improvements on Palmerston Avenue, Palmerston Square, Palmerston Boulevard and Tecumseth Street between Dupont Street to the north and Niagara Street to the south.

The project included the installation of bike lanes, contra-flow lanes, cycle tracks, wayfinding markings and signage. The traffic changes included modifications to the direction of certain blocks to enable the new bikeways and reduce through traffic, while maintaining local access.

The project resulted in an overall increase in cycling volumes and a decrease in motor-vehicle traffic volumes on Palmerston-Tecumseth Street. Some adjacent and connecting streets have had motor-vehicle traffic volume increases, which fall under the City of Toronto’s thresholds for local (less than 2,500 vehicles/day) and collector (2,500 to 8,000 vehicles/day) roads. Staff are assessing if countermeasures should be implemented on adjacent and connecting streets and will report back in 2025. -The before and after data monitoring will be posted here in the coming month: toronto.ca/PalmerstonTecumseth.

The City of Toronto will be upgrading some of the temporary bikeway materials used for the original installation, improving safety, adding green infrastructure and enhancing the public realm. Staff coordinated with the Councillor's office on these improvements.

MAP OF WORK AREA

Locations are identified on the map below:



Figure 1 Map showing civil construction upgrades

PROJECT DETAILS

Location 1: Palmerston Avenue southwest of London Street



Figure 2 Illustration showing bioretention planter location

The City will convert the painted no parking zone on the west side of Palmerston Avenue, south of London Street, upgrading it to a bioretention planter.

Location 2: Palmerston Boulevard southwest of Bloor Street West



Figure 3 Illustration showing linear curb location

The City will upgrade the existing temporary in-road sign to a permanent linear concrete poured in place curb with permanent signage. The curb will have a depression to allow for movements in and out of the driveway on the west side.

Location 3: Palmerston Boulevard north and south of Harbord Street



Figure 4 Artist's rendering showing bioretention planters at Harbord Street

This City will upgrade the existing painted hatched buffer areas, adding two new bioretention planters north and south of the Harbord St intersection.

Location 4: Palmerston Boulevard southeast of Ulster Street

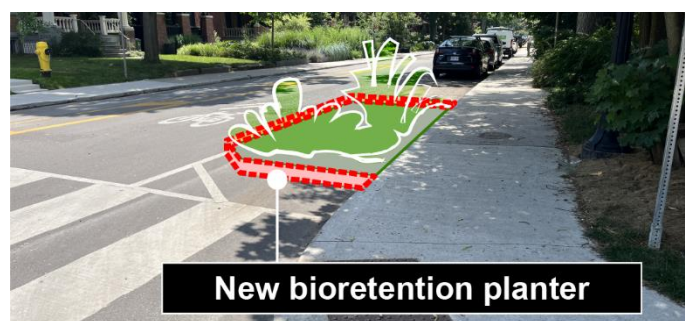
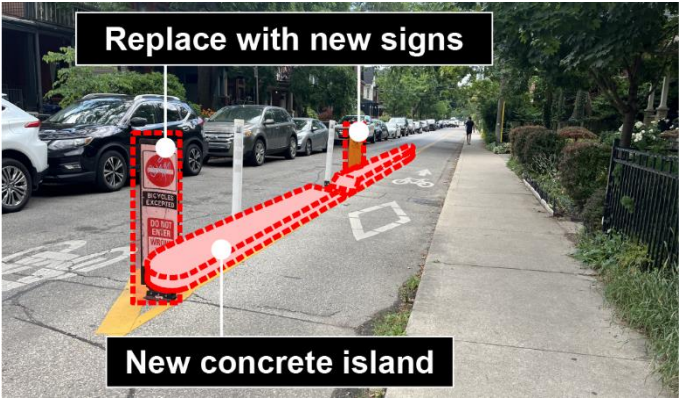


Figure 5 Illustration showing bioretention planter location

A new bioretention planter will replace the existing hatched area on the west side of Palmerston Boulevard, south of Ulster Street.

Location 5: Palmerston Avenue southwest of College Street



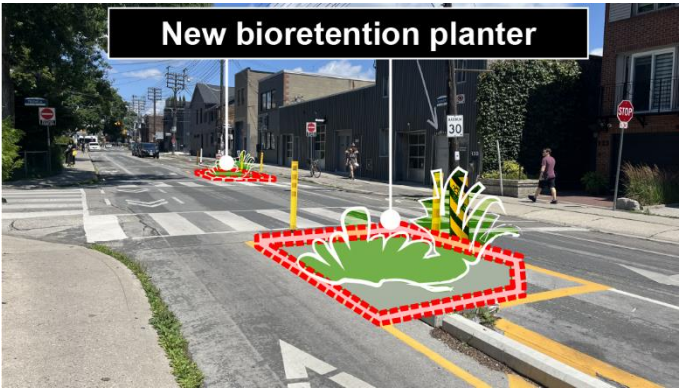
The City will replace the temporary curb stones, bollards and in-road signs by adding a permanent linear concrete curb within the existing hatched buffer on the west side of Palmerston Avenue, south of the first lane south of College Street.

Location 6: Palmerston Avenue south of Robinson Street



A new bioretention planter will replace the existing hatched area on the west side of Palmerston Avenue, south of Robinson Street.

Location 7: Tecumseth Street north and south of Mitchell Avenue



Two bioretention planters will replace the existing temporary triangular curb stones on the north and south sides of the Mitchell Avenue, on Tecumseth Street.

Location 8: Tecumseth Street and Tecumseth Place



Two new bioretention planters and bike parking as a place holder for a future bike share station will replace the existing curb stones on the west side of Tecumseth near Tecumseth Place. The bike lane will be narrowed to discourage vehicles from entering the contra-flow. The asphalt will be resurfaced. New pavement markings will enhance the accessible loading zone located on the east side of the street.

Location 9: Tecumseth Street northwest of Niagara Street



A new bioretention planter will replace the existing hatched area on the west side of Tecumseth Street north of Niagara Street.

Maintenance Considerations:

The plants and tree will be maintained by City’s Operation crews.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT COVID-19 AND CONSTRUCTION WORK IN TORONTO

During construction, the contractor is responsible for the Health & Safety on site under the Ontario Occupational Health and Safety Act and is expected to implement COVID-19 mitigation practices. For more information on the City's response to COVID-19 please visit toronto.ca/covid-19.

WHAT TO EXPECT DURING CONSTRUCTION

You may experience dust, noise and other inconveniences. The City will make efforts to reduce the impacts. We appreciate your patience.

The City will not be responsible for damage to any privately owned items on City property.

The process for constructing the **bioretention planters** will include:



- marking the area where the new infrastructure will be installed on City-owned land (right-of way)
- preparing the area for the new curb, pouring the concrete and removing the forms
- adding soil and plantings
- installing signage








The process for constructing the permanent **linear concrete curbs** will include:

- mark the area where the new infrastructure will be installed on City-owned land (right-of way)
- forming the area for the new curb, pouring concrete and removing forms
- installing signage

Impact to Parking:

- During construction, residents are asked to not park within the work zone.

	Work Hours: Work will take place from 7 a.m.to 7 p.m., Monday to Friday, with work after hours and on weekends as required.
	On-Site Communication: There are times when contractors need to communicate with homeowners about what is happening on-site. This could be about driveway access, water shut offs, pre-construction inspections, and site restoration work (landscaping, installing pavers etc.). Contractor's staff will be identifiable by their high-visibility company branded clothing and will follow relevant COVID protocols. If you need to speak with staff on the construction site, please ask for the Site Inspector and follow public health directions for reducing the spread of COVID-19 during in-person communication.

	<p>Telephone and Internet Services: This work may affect phone and internet cables for individual properties that aren't buried deep below the sidewalk. The contractor will coordinate with utility companies to minimize disruption. Residents who find their service has been disrupted should contact the Field Ambassador <u>and</u> notify their phone or internet service provider.</p>
	<p>Road and Sidewalk Access: In order to complete the work in a safe manner, there will be temporary road and sidewalk restrictions within the work zone. Access for emergency vehicles will be maintained at all times. Safe pedestrian passage and access to buildings will be maintained. The contractor will notify you of any temporary restrictions to a building access point.</p> <p>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.</p>
	<p>Traffic Management: Road users should expect minor delays. Motorists are reminded that bicycles and cars will be sharing the lane. When driving, please be mindful of vulnerable road users.</p>
	<p>Parking during construction: On street parking may be impacted approximately 15m-30m from the intersection to accommodate construction vehicles and materials. If your parked vehicle affects construction work, it will be relocated with no charge to the owner. Please call 416-808-2222 for its location.</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 must 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 notice) <u>or</u> 2. File a Parking Violation Dispute with the City online, by mail, or in person (follow instructions on the back of the notice). As part of the dispute process, you may include the construction notice and/or other documentation related to parking impacts resulting from construction. <p>If you do not have a copy of the Construction Notice, please contact 311 to request a copy.</p> <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>Accessible Accommodation: The City's contractor must ensure safe and accessible walkways and entryways are maintained for everyone during construction. 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, contact the Field Ambassador listed below.</p>
	<p>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.</p>



Restoration: The construction work area will be restored with sod, planting, concrete, asphalt and/or other where required.

NEED MORE INFORMATION?

If you have questions about this construction project, please contact staff listed below.

Contract	24PDM-TI-03CR
Field Ambassador	pdmconstruction@toronto.ca
TTY Hearing Impaired Service	416-338-0889 (Daily 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., closed holidays)
General inquiries	311

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