



## York Gate Cycling Connections

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### Project Overview

The City of Toronto invited residents to provide feedback on the proposed installation of bikeways along York Gate Boulevard, between Jane Street and the existing Finch Hydro Corridor multi-use trail. As part of scheduled road resurfacing in 2025, the project aims to improve safety for people cycling, driving and pedestrians. The proposed design includes cycle tracks in two segments: Jane Street to Hullmar Drive, and Hullmar Drive to the Finch Hydro Corridor multi-use trail.

### What We Did

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

- Project web page [toronto.ca/YorkGate](https://toronto.ca/YorkGate) (34 unique visits)
- Notice delivered through Canada Post (12,046 addresses in the project area)
- Additional notices dropped off at Yorkgate Employment & Social Services inside Yorkgate Mall (50 notices)

Comments on the project were received through the following activities:

Activity	Date	Participation
Email/Phone	October 28- November 4, 2024	6 comments received from 4 individuals

## What We Heard

Feedback received on the York Gate Cycling Connections indicated support for improving safety for vulnerable road users, concerns were raised about the potential environmental impacts and the necessity of the proposed cycling connection.

Feedback themes included:

### **Support for Improved Safety**

Some feedback expressed support for the project's goal of creating safer, more accessible routes for people cycling and pedestrians. The connection is viewed as a step toward encouraging active transportation and addressing road safety gaps in the area.

### **Environmental Concerns**

Concern about the removal of mature trees were highlighted. Residents noted potential environmental consequences such as increased flooding risks and reduced climate resilience, calling for a more sustainable approach.

### **Project Rationale and Prioritization**

Questions were raised about the rationale for the York Gate Boulevard connection, noting the presence of existing routes, such as the Finch Hydro Corridor multi-use trail, already in the area. It was suggested that improvements to current infrastructure, such as the Finch LRT and expanding parking options, be prioritized over new developments. Some concerns were also raised about potential road clutter.