



Improving Davisville Avenue: Designing a Safer & More Beautiful Street Together

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Project Overview

The Improving Davisville Avenue: Designing a Safer & More Beautiful Street Together project is an opportunity to enhance road safety, accessibility and greenery for all road users, including pedestrians, people cycling, driving and taking transit. The project area is located along Davisville Avenue, between Yonge Street and Mount Pleasant Road.

What We Did

A variety of methods were used to notify interest groups and members of the public about Phase 1 consultation beginning in November 2024 and culminating in February 2025:

- Project Webpage: www.toronto.ca/DavisvilleAvenue
- Canada Post direct mail of postcards (7,538 addresses in the study area)
- Postcard distribution at Davisville Subway Station (300 post-cards)
- Email to interest group list including residents' associations, community groups, organizations, institutions and elected officials (28 contacts)
- On-street signage at key locations of Yonge Street and Davisville Avenue, Mount Pleasant Road and Davisville Avenue and in-front of key institutions like Davisville Junior/Spectrum Public School (15 signs)

Comments on the project were received through the following activities:

Activity	Date	Participation
Pop-Ups at Davisville Junior/Spectrum Public School	November 14, 15, 2024	87 comments and 80 attendees
Online Mapping Activity on Social Pinpoint	November 1, 2024 – February 1, 2025	396 comments
Email/Phone	November 1, 2024 – February 1, 2025	16 phone and email comment submissions
Interest Group Meeting	February 12, 2025	16 were invited and 8 representatives attended the virtual meeting representing 5 local organizations listed below: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Davisville Care Programme2. Greenwood College School3. Friends of Oriole Park4. South Eglinton Davisville Resident Association5. WalkTO

What We Heard

Feedback collected during Phase 1 Consultation was generally supportive of the project. Participants were supportive of road safety interventions to improve the pedestrian experience on Davisville Avenue. Support for safety improvements focused on crossing conditions at pedestrian crossovers and the accessibility and widths of sidewalks throughout the project area. Feedback also showed a strong support for measures that would curb aggressive driver behaviour, speeding and unsafe turning conditions. At key intersections like Mount Pleasant Road and Davisville Avenue, there is a strong desire for improved crossing conditions for student safety and ease of accessing Greenwood College School. At Yonge Street and Davisville Avenue, feedback suggested that this intersection is difficult for drivers to make turns in all directions during high volume pedestrian crossings.

Overall, the community provided feedback that can be summarized by three overarching themes:

Pedestrian crossings need safety improvements

- Feedback expressed the need for safety improvements at high-volume pedestrian crossovers like at Acacia Road and Davisville Avenue and in front of Davisville Junior/Spectrum Public School.
- At intersections like Mount Pleasant Road and Davisville Avenue, respondents expressed a desire for improved crossing conditions for student safety while accessing Greenwood College School.
- At Yonge Street and Davisville Avenue feedback suggested this intersection is difficult for drivers to make turns in all directions during high volume pedestrian crossings.

Driver behaviour impacts the pedestrian experience on Davisville Avenue

- Participants expressed concerns regarding unsafe driver behaviour witnessed on Davisville Avenue such as not yielding to illuminated pedestrian crossovers, high-speed turns, attempting to overtake slower moving vehicles, stopping in no-stopping zones, illegal

parking, blocking of sight lines and cut throughs of the Davisville Junior/Spectrum Public School's parking lot.

- Parents of young children shared that unsafe driver behaviour is a barrier to independent navigation of their school-aged children on foot and bike. Similarly, older adults and those who use mobility-assistive devices shared that the volume and speed of car traffic on Davisville Avenue is an impediment to their safe independent mobility while using the narrow sidewalks, pedestrian crossovers and while navigating signalized intersections.

Improvements to traffic calming, safety and beautification is important to this community

- Community members expressed desire for a traffic calmed street, wider sidewalks, raised pedestrian crossovers for improved visibility, additional lighting, more street trees, flowers and improved pathways in June Rowlands Park.

Online Mapping Activity – Social Pinpoint

When adding comments on Social Pinpoint, participants were invited to select “Idea or Improvement” or “Issue or Concern” on a map of the project area. All comments received were reviewed and themed and are ordered below by most heard comments. The following tables summarize the comments received, unless where specific locations are noted.

Ideas or Improvements	
Topic	Comment
Safety of Vulnerable Road Users	
Pedestrian Crossing Safety	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Crosswalk signage, lighting and design need to be more visible to drivers who fail to stop for pedestrians - Make crossing at Acacia Road raised for pedestrian visibility - Pedestrian crossing conditions at Acacia Road and Davisville Avenue have been improved by crossing guards - Intersection of Mount Pleasant and Davisville needs a safety assessment - Add crossing improvements like lighting, medians and crossing guards at Pailton Crescent and Balliol Street - There is a need for an educational campaign on how to cross safely at pedestrian crossovers
Sidewalk Conditions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Widen sidewalks on the southside of Davisville Avenue to keep pedestrians safe - Widen sidewalks on Davisville Avenue to accommodate walkers, wheelchairs and strollers - Sidewalk is too close to fast moving traffic - Install more lighting - Foot traffic is important to this community, make the sidewalks wider to allow for more foot traffic volume
Cycling Conditions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Add bike lanes - Improve the Beltline Trail so that people will cycle there
Traffic Management	
Road Space Usage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Add more Bike Share docks in this area - Remove on-street parking to free up curbside space
Speed Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Install red light cameras - Install cameras that ticket cars driving through pedestrian crossing time - Consider making Davisville Avenue one-way - Keep Davisville Avenue two lanes in each direction

Intersections	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Suggest prohibiting cars from turning left from Davisville Avenue to Yonge Street, heading southbound - Prohibit right hand turns on red lights - Add advanced left turn signal at Davisville Avenue and Yonge Street - Left hand turns from Greenwood Collegiate school westbound should be illegal - Change Yonge Street and Davisville Avenue intersection into a pedestrian scramble - Consider traffic lights at Acacia Road and Davisville Avenue - Consider no right hand turns on red lights at Davisville Avenue eastbound at Mount Pleasant
Traffic Calming	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Build aesthetically pleasing curb extensions with pillars, plantings, seating areas to create a more beautiful street for pedestrians and slower street for cars - Suggest Millwood Road become a one-way street from west to east - Add traffic calming measures to approaches to intersection, especially southbound on Mount Pleasant since it is downhill and drivers speed - Add center planter barriers to slow cars - Add speed bumps - Use center planter barrier to calm traffic with a slight jog - Need speed tables, rumble strips, raised intersections, bollards and traffic cameras
Driver Behaviour	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Add signage to inform drivers that they are on neighbourhood streets where children and seniors will be crossing - Install school zone signs - Increase fines for drivers who do not observe the rules of the road
Congestion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Install dedicated left and right turn lights for cars at Davisville Avenue and Yonge Street - Add an advanced green for cars who are backed up on Davisville Avenue in the morning - Enforce no stopping in front of schools on Davisville Avenue
Public Transportation	
Bus Stops	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Remove bus stop on Davisville Avenue west of Mount Pleasant Road - Bus stop on Davisville Avenue at Mount Pleasant Road should be consolidated with far side stop, this might reduce backup for straight-through westbound traffic - Keep both bus stops at northeast and northwest corner of Davisville Avenue and Mount Pleasant Road - Bus stops need better lighting, shelter and garbage cans
Eglinton Crosstown	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Open the Crosstown
Beautification	
Greening	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Add a median green strip with trees and planters - Increase tree density - Plant more city trees on front lawns - The parkette in front of Greenwood Collegiate could be improved with seating and plantings - More flowers

Art	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Integrate the theme of sculpture that are seen along Davisville Avenue into this project
Streetscaping near June Rowlands Park	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Build wheelchair accessible paved path that runs southeast from the playground to the pedestrian cross at Acacia Road and Davisville Avenue - The park needs some fencing or a protective barrier from eroding slope on south side of park - Add additional lighting
Streetscaping	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Add benches, planters, more lighting and public art like sculptures that are seen elsewhere on Davisville Avenue - Make painted lines more visible - Davisville Avenue could become a Champs-Élysées by shrinking road to one lane each way, widen and double sidewalks

Issues or Concerns	
Topic	Comment
Safety of Vulnerable Road Users	
Pedestrian Crossing Safety	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Cars hardly stop for pedestrians crossing at Acacia Road - At Mount Pleasant and Davisville Avenue, there is a significant amount of double parking, U-turns and cars blocking the intersection during before and after school hours - Pedestrian crossing in front of Davisville Elementary feels dangerous
Accessibility	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sidewalks are too narrow for people in mobility devices to navigate - With the narrow sidewalks and the snow I cannot navigate Davisville Avenue
Sidewalk Conditions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Pedestrian traffic at Davisville Avenue and Yonge Street is congested - Sidewalk is too close to fast moving traffic and you can feel cars pass by you - Currently people have to walk onto the road to make space for other pedestrians on the sidewalk - Snow is not properly removed and during garbage and recycling pick up the sidewalks are not navigable - Utility poles are in the way - Sidewalks along Davisville Avenue feel like they aren't wide enough for mobility scooters
Cycling Conditions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Do not add bike lanes to Davisville Avenue
Traffic Management	
Road Space Usage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Remove Bike Share docks across from 111 Davisville Avenue for driver visibility - Parked cars reduce visibility of oncoming traffic
Road Conditions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Large pothole that grows every year on Davisville Avenue at Pailton Crescent - Too much parking on Davisville Avenue
Speed Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - It is very dangerous for drivers exiting parking garages on Davisville Avenue, it is difficult to see pedestrians and challenging to turn safely into traffic
Traffic Calming	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - There is a desperate need for traffic calming

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The painted lines on the south side of Davisville Avenue are intended to reduce the road to two lanes, but they are ignored and in the winter cannot be seen - Need signage asking drivers to be respectful of the law and the community that has a lot of seniors and children - There is too much traffic, too many cars on the road - Drivers think they have a right lane to drive into, but then realize there is a Bike Share station
Driver Behaviour	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Drivers to not stop for crosswalk signals - Drivers do not adhere to road markings and block busses from turning into Davisville Subway Station - Drivers may try to avoid Davisville Avenue and may switch to using parallel residential streets - New parking lot beside Davisville Elementary has become a southbound cut through - At the school driveway entrance off Millwood Road cars zip through here to get to Davisville Avenue - Drivers are not adhering to posted speed limits - Drivers see this stretch as a 4-lane highway - Drivers try to beat the pedestrian to the cross - Drivers exiting driveways or garages rarely look both directions and often nearly hit pedestrians
Congestion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The construction of the future aquatic centre has created a pinch point on Davisville Avenue - Westbound traffic on Davisville Avenue at Yonge Street gets congested and backed up to Acacia Road, causing some traffic to reroute onto Millwood Road
Public Transportation	
Bus Stops	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Bus stop waiting conditions on the north side of Davisville Avenue, west of Mount Pleasant Road are unpleasant
Beautification	
Streetscaping near June Rowlands Park	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sidewalk is deteriorating and the grade changes - In the Spring the runoff from the park onto the sidewalk makes it muddy and slippery
Streetscaping	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Remove bollards at Acacia Road and Davisville Avenue