

January 5, 2026

Safety Improvements on Davenport Avenue, Cottingham Road, Poplar Plains Road, and Macpherson Avenue

The City of Toronto is inviting residents learn more and provide feedback on proposed safety improvements at several intersections and locations along Davenport Road, Cottingham Road, Poplar Plains Road and Macpherson Avenue.

The proposed improvements address concerns previously raised by the community about unsafe conditions for pedestrians, people cycling and dangerous vehicle movements at intersections.

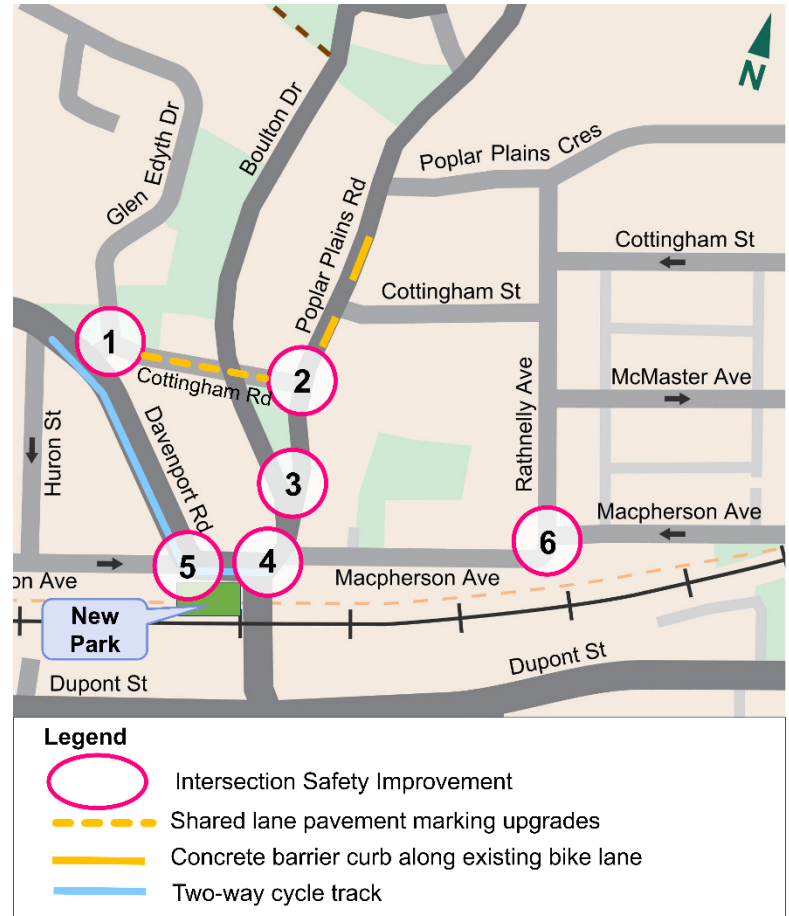
The proposed improvements aim to enhance safety and accessibility for all road users and build new pedestrian and cycling connections in the neighborhood.

Proposed improvements to six intersections:

1. Cottingham Road at Glen Edyth Drive and Davenport Road
2. Cottingham Road at Poplar Plains Road
3. Boulton Drive at Poplar Plains Road triangle
4. Davenport Road/Poplar Plains Road at Macpherson Avenue
5. Macpherson Avenue at Davenport Road
6. Macpherson Avenue at Rathnelly Avenue

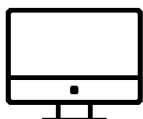
Proposed midblock improvements:

- Convert one-way bike lanes along Davenport Road /Macpherson Avenue to a two-way cycle track along the south side of Davenport Road between Poplar Plains Road and Huron Street.
- Install concrete protection barriers along Poplar Plains Road bike lane from Cottingham Road to Poplar Plains Crescent.
- Upgrade shared pavement markings along Cottingham Road.



Roadway improvements would be completed as part of planned road resurfacing along Davenport Road in 2027.

Learn More



View project information on the website, including event information panels and design plans:

toronto.ca/DavenportMacpherson

Attend the Event



View information panels and design plans, ask questions and discuss with the project team.

January 15, 2026
6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Provide Feedback



Submit comments using an online form, by email, mail or phone.

Comment deadline:
Wednesday January 28, 2026

Why consider changes to these streets?

Between 2015 and 2018, residents and residents' groups worked with the local Councillor's office to pursue safety improvements at four intersections in this area through the City's Transportation Safety and Local Improvements program. The City prepared preliminary designs and installed some improvements using quick-build materials.

In 2027, road resurfacing is planned on several streets in the area, which provides an opportunity to make more complete and permanent safety improvements in the greater area.

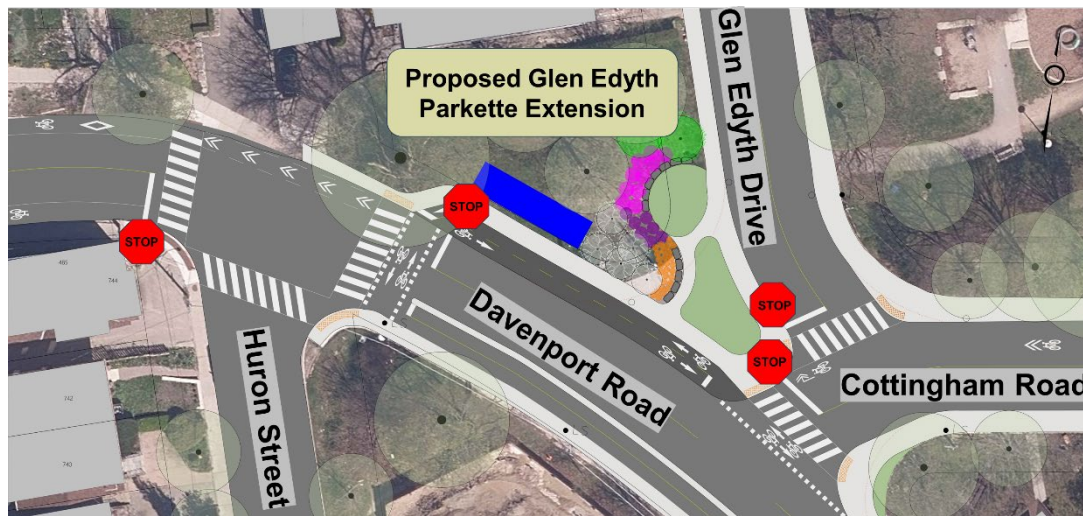
The proposed changes would increase safety for all road users by:

- Reducing dangerous vehicle movements and provide safe and clear direction through intersections.
- Improving and providing new safe connections for people walking and cycling.

Proposed Changes: Cottingham Road at Glen Edyth Drive and Davenport Road

New intersection design with two separate intersections:

1. **Cottingham Road and Davenport Road:** Extending Cottingham Road to create a normalized three-way intersection with reduced curb radii, narrowed and marked pedestrian crossing and cycle crossride across Cottingham Road.
 2. **Glen Edyth Drive and Cottingham Road:** Expansion of Glen Edyth Drive Parkette with the extension of Glen Edyth Drive by approximately 13.5 metres ending at Cottingham Road.
- Glen Edyth Drive Parkette expansion to include landscaping, a pathway and rock wall seating. Existing trees and Bike Share dock to remain.
 - Two-way cycling connection between Cottingham Road and the new cycle track on the south side of Davenport Road using crossrides and a separated cycle track along the parkette.



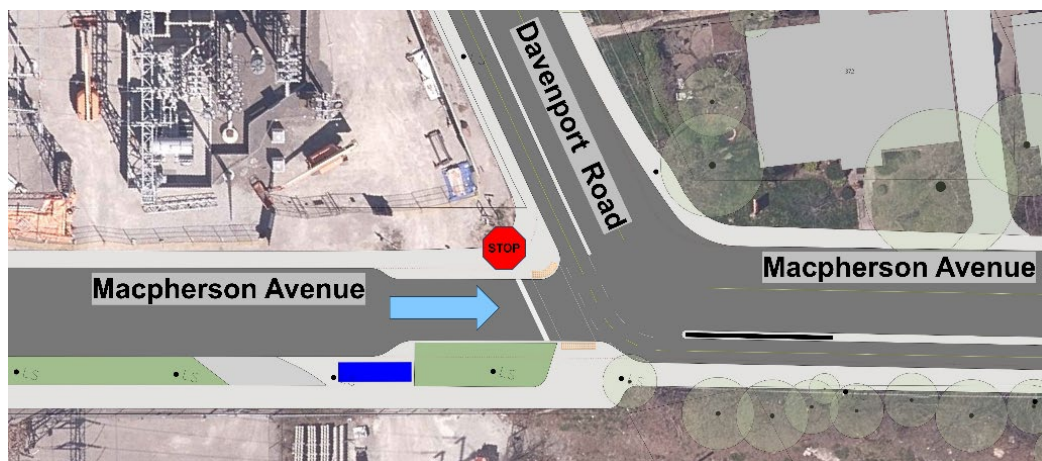
Proposed Changes: Macpherson Avenue at Davenport Road and Poplar Plains Road

- Reconfiguring the intersection to a normalized four-leg intersection with a traffic signal.
- Removal of roadway medians and barriers allows people driving westbound on Macpherson Avenue to continue straight through the intersection.
- Reduced curb radii and narrowed, clearly marked pedestrian crossings at all legs of the intersection to improve pedestrian safety.
- Expanded sidewalk for safe pedestrian waiting area at the northwest corner.
- New protected two-stage left turn queue-box and crossride across the south leg of the intersection to connect people cycling between the two-way cycle track on Davenport Road to the existing one-way bike lanes.



Proposed Changes: Macpherson Avenue at Davenport Road

- Curb extensions and curb radii reductions at the north-west and south-west corners of the intersection.
- Reduced curb radii, narrowed and marked pedestrian crossing and curb extensions on both sides of Macpherson Avenue at Davenport Road to improve pedestrian safety.
- Narrowed and clearly marked pedestrian crossing across Macpherson improves pedestrian safety and provides safe access to future new park.
- Sidewalk on the east side of Davenport Road to be shifted eastwards to widen the roadway at this tight bend and allow two larger vehicles to safely pass each other at appropriate speeds.
- No impacts to parking.



Proposed Changes: Cottingham Road at Poplar Plains Road

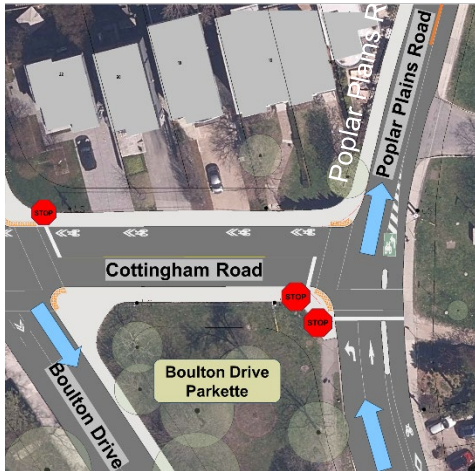
- Curb radii reductions at west corners and narrowed marked crossings improve pedestrian safety.
- Cycling protection at intersection: Protective curb and marked two-stage left turn queue box.
- Marked and designated vehicle lanes (left-turn lane and through lane) on Poplar Plains south of Cottingham.

Proposed Changes: Boulton Drive at Poplar Plains Road Triangle

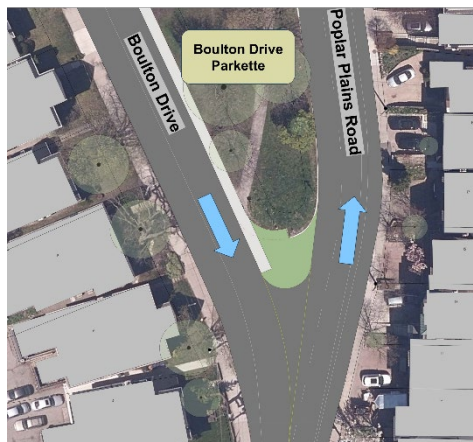
- A reduced corner radii that extends the parkette and sidewalk to the south.
- No impacts to parking or existing trees.

Proposed Changes: Macpherson Avenue at Rathnelly Avenue

- A permanent curb radius reduction on the south-east corner to replace the existing painted curb extension.
- Narrowed and clearly marked pedestrian crossings with accessibility features.
- Relocated stop sign along the south leg and new stop sign at the north leg.
- Reduction of two on-street permit parking spaces on Rathnelly Avenue.



Proposed changes at Cottingham Road and Poplar Plains Road



Proposed changes at Boulton Drive and Poplar Plains Road



Proposed changes at Macpherson Avenue and Rathnelly Avenue

Next Steps

Following public consultation, City staff will report to the Toronto and East York Community Council on February 19, 2026 for approval of proposed changes. Feedback on the proposed designs will be considered as part of the detailed design process.

How to Join the Event

Join by computer, smartphone or tablet



Visit the webpage and register:
toronto.ca/DavenportMacpherson

Join by phone (audio only)



Dial: 416-915-6530
Access Code: 2345 325 1642
Attendee ID: 3283 6767

If you require disability-related accommodation to participate, please contact us one week before the meeting.

More Information

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