

**With respect to the City's Proposal for
cycle tracks in the
Bloor Street Integrated Project (BIP)**

Presented by resident of Bloor Street for over 30 years

City's Proposal

The City's Bloor Street Integrated Project (BIP) proposal that includes cycle tracks, Alternative/Option 6 would reduce Bloor Street to a 3-lane roadway meaning:

- ***A 'road diet' - reducing the current 2 lanes for each east/west direction to a one lane only for each east/west direction and a turning lane in the middle***
- ***Cycle tracks to be placed on the boulevard next to the curb***

Concerns: Safety & Road Traffic Congestion, Environment, Practicality

1 SAFETY:

- I have experienced this very stressful experience first-hand having to call 911 for an ambulance to come to my home,
- I have also witnessed the same for neighbors who live on Bloor Street
- When an ambulance arrives, it parks on Bloor street in front of the houses to ensure faster and easier road access in order to get the person to hospital's emergency asap for care. Each second matters.
- Having that second lane allows the flow of traffic to continue around the ambulance.
- By reducing the lanes from 4 to 2, the lane in that one direction would be blocked completely by the ambulance, forcing traffic flow to go into the center lane of oncoming lane to get around it. Who would be there at that time to ensure this redirection of traffic is safely executed?
- This is not at all safe for the ambulance nor the drivers and delays travel time to hospital.
- And, for larger fire trucks, this reality would be much worse.

Road Traffic Congestion

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TRAFFIC CONGESTION

- Currently, 4 lanes of traffic can barely accommodate the traffic at certain times of the day, reducing the lanes to 2 will result in major traffic jams, and interruptions for the residents.
- This stretch of Bloor street is a Mississauga Transit bus route . There are at least 5 bus stops on each side of the street. Buses stop on the inside lane to let passengers off and on the bus. Traffic will be forced into the center lane
- People live on this street, they shop at the grocery store, they go to Applewood Hills Medical Centre, their children go to schools all on this street. Reducing the lanes does not change that situation, residents still need to get in and out of their driveways and get to their destinations, but now they will have to navigate more traffic.
- Videos and photos taken of Traffic on a weekday afternoon are shown on following slides.

Concerns: Environment, Practicality

3 ENVIRONMENT & POLLUTION

- The removal of trees to accommodate a cycle track in a time when we are trying to save trees, How could this be or is a solution ?
- Road vehicles will need to wait and stop for longer periods of time during traffic times which means more idling resulting in more air pollution in front of our homes and further impacting our health.

4 PRACTICALITY

- No one in their right mind would want to bike next to, near nor on such a busy street as Bloor is, and will always be, and in front of people's driveways
- Parents don't even bring their children on Halloween to trick and treat on Bloor street because it is simply not safe.
- Adding a cycle track on Bloor street is a serious safety hazard, and I do not want to be the unfortunate resident who accidentally hits a biker when I am trying to get out of my driveway because any cyclist may not be paying attention

PHOTOS on a Regular weekday at @ 5 pm on Central Bloor Street



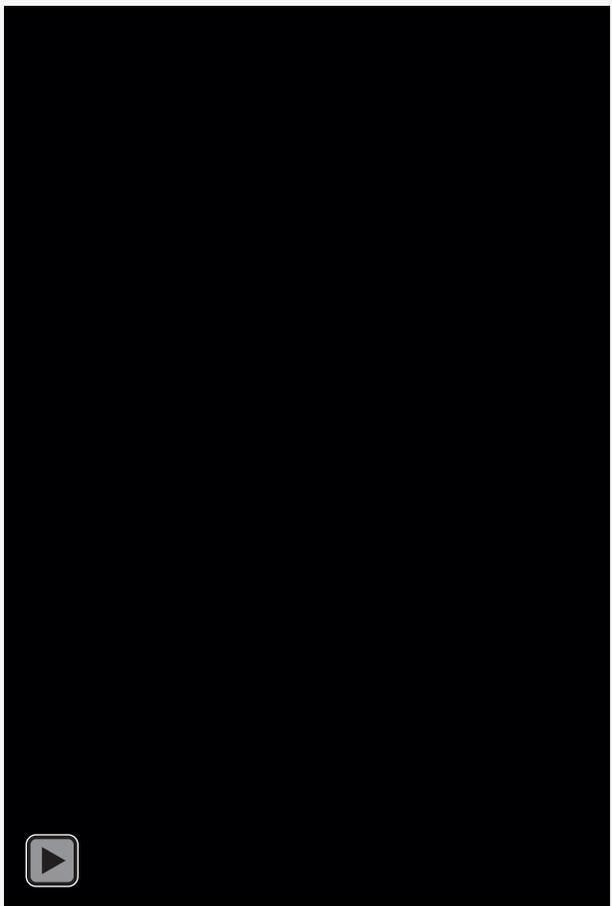
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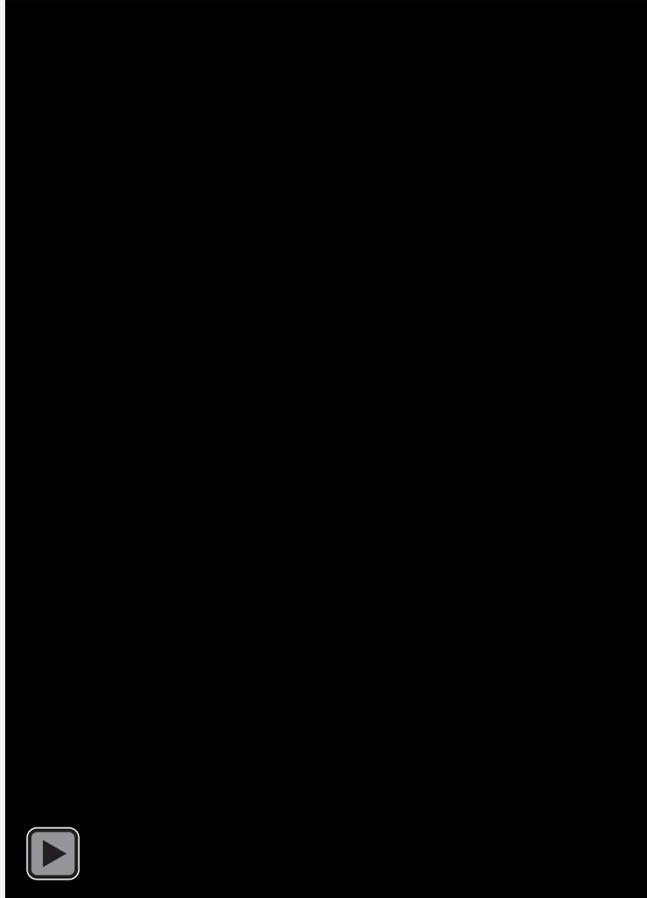
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1st Video: On Central Bloor Street @ 4:10 pm on a weekday going west towards Bloor & Cawthra Intersection



2nd Video – On Central Bloor Street, weekday going west



3rd Video – Vehicle Traffic on Central Bloor Street, weekday going west



CONCLUSION with REQUEST

**PLEASE CONSIDER THE SAFETY & NEEDS OF YOUR RESIDENTS,
CONSTITUENTS & TAXPAYERS WHO LIVE ON BLOOR STREET by
NOT PROCEEDING WITH CYCLE TRACKS OR BIKE LANES ON CENTRAL
BLOOR STREET IN FRONT OF OUR HOMES**

Thank you.