

- July 31, 2024 Council Review -

BLOOR REDESIGN PROJECT - Revising Approach

CONSIDERATIONS PER COMMUNICATIONS WITH BLOOR RESIDENTS

- 1. Rejection of "road diet" approach #6 for Bloor.**
- 2. Prior procedural roadblocks for unresolved concerns.**
- 3. Approach #5 vs. #1 re: determining views of residents.**

*Dan Anderson (ward 2)
"outsider" helping residents
per July 13 "context" email*

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(1) Rejection of "Road Diet" Approach #6 for Bloor

- Key Factors -

**Risk Profile of Bloor Street (Mississauga)
and "Crash Lane" (TWLTL*) feature**

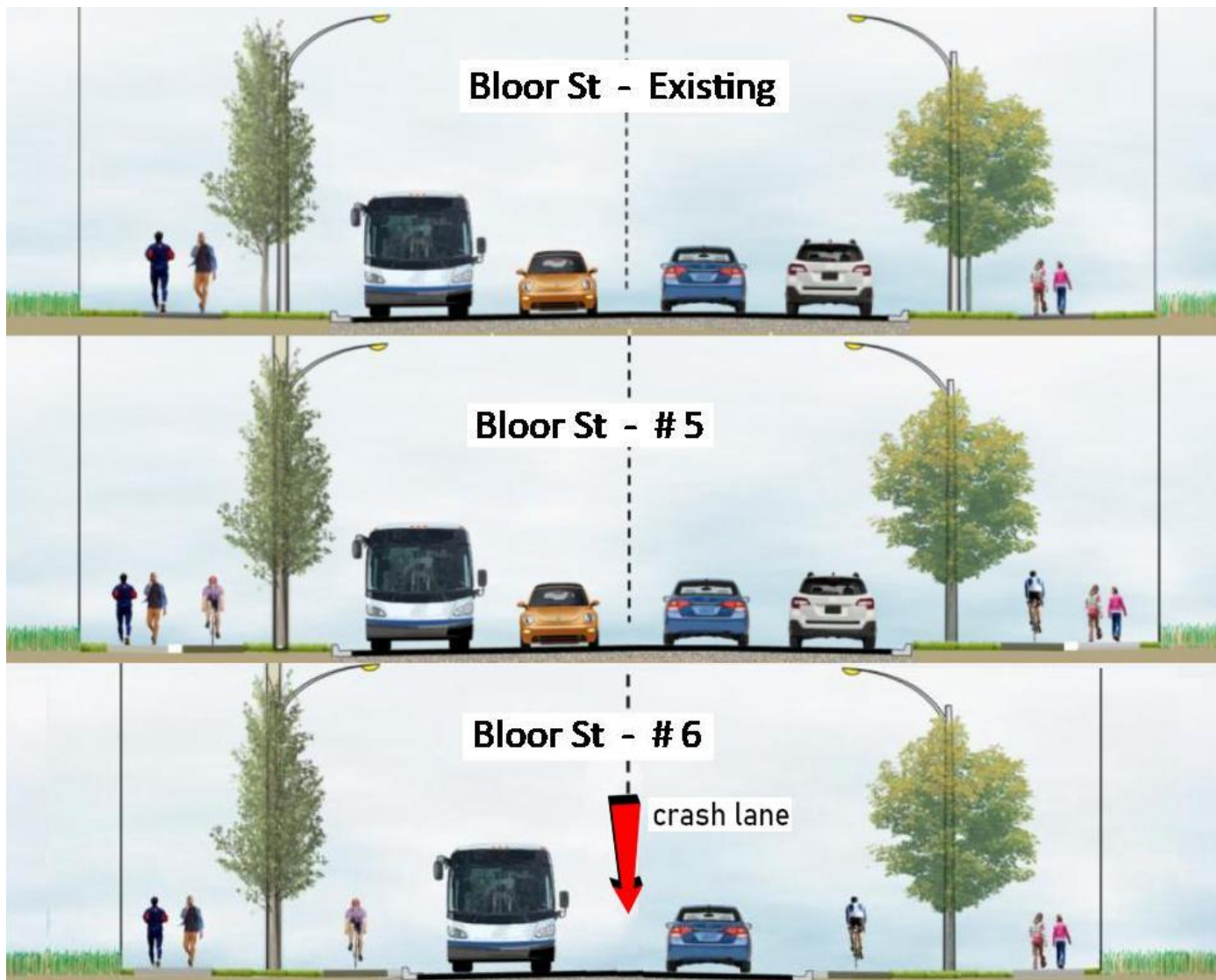
- **'Save Bloor' team's July 31 2024 presentations**
- **Unresolved concerns per June 23 2023 discussions**
(as identified in annotated summary videos: tinyurl.com/3esjaprp
and related communications e.g. June 1, 5, July 10, 18, 20 2024)
- **Lack of supporting case studies for risk profile**
(agenda item 14.1.2 for July 31 2024)
- **prior email communications with councillors, staff & residents**
(e.g. June 2, 4, 7, 17, July 23 2024)

*TWLTL: two-way left turn lane (but also ad hoc passing lane, both directions).

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Rejection of "Road Diet" for Bloor:

Diagram Comparison



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Rejection of "Road Diet" for Bloor:

Risk Profile for Bloor

(from agenda item 14.1.2)

1. urban, not rural
2. residential, not commercial or industrial
3. TWLTL* in context of 2 other lanes and not 4 other lanes
4. high population access
5. high driveway density (residential)
6. design intention to maximize congestion at peak periods
7. residents exiting driveways backwards
8. no buffer lane on right for delivery trucks, stopped vehicles etc
9. conflict re ambiguous right-of-way in centre lane
10. using centre lane as a passing lane in both directions
11. school drop-off line-ups adding to congestion
12. in context of also navigating bike lanes
13. pedestrians wrongly perceiving centre lane as "safe zone"
14. crash risk & cost - type/severity more important than simple numerical counts
15. prior experience of very long lineups during construction periods
16. etc.

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(2) Council review delayed by procedural roadblocks.

Prior Culture: Extent of Muzzling Council Members and Residents

- Key Factors -

- **General Committee meeting May 8, 2024**

This meeting illustrates how aggressively some Council members try to muzzle unresolved concerns regarding the approach for the Bloor St project ... the illegitimacy of this muzzling process was addressed in communications May 13 & July 25 2024) (48:19 to 1:11:24)

- **Procedural 12-month ban against Councillors**

Current 12-month ban against Councillors seeking to have Council review unresolved concerns as problems emerge.

- **Procedural 12-month ban against residents**

(Jan 31 2024 codification of 12-month subject matter ban against residents once they have provided a deputation on an issue.)

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(3) approach #5 vs. approach #1 re: determining views of residents

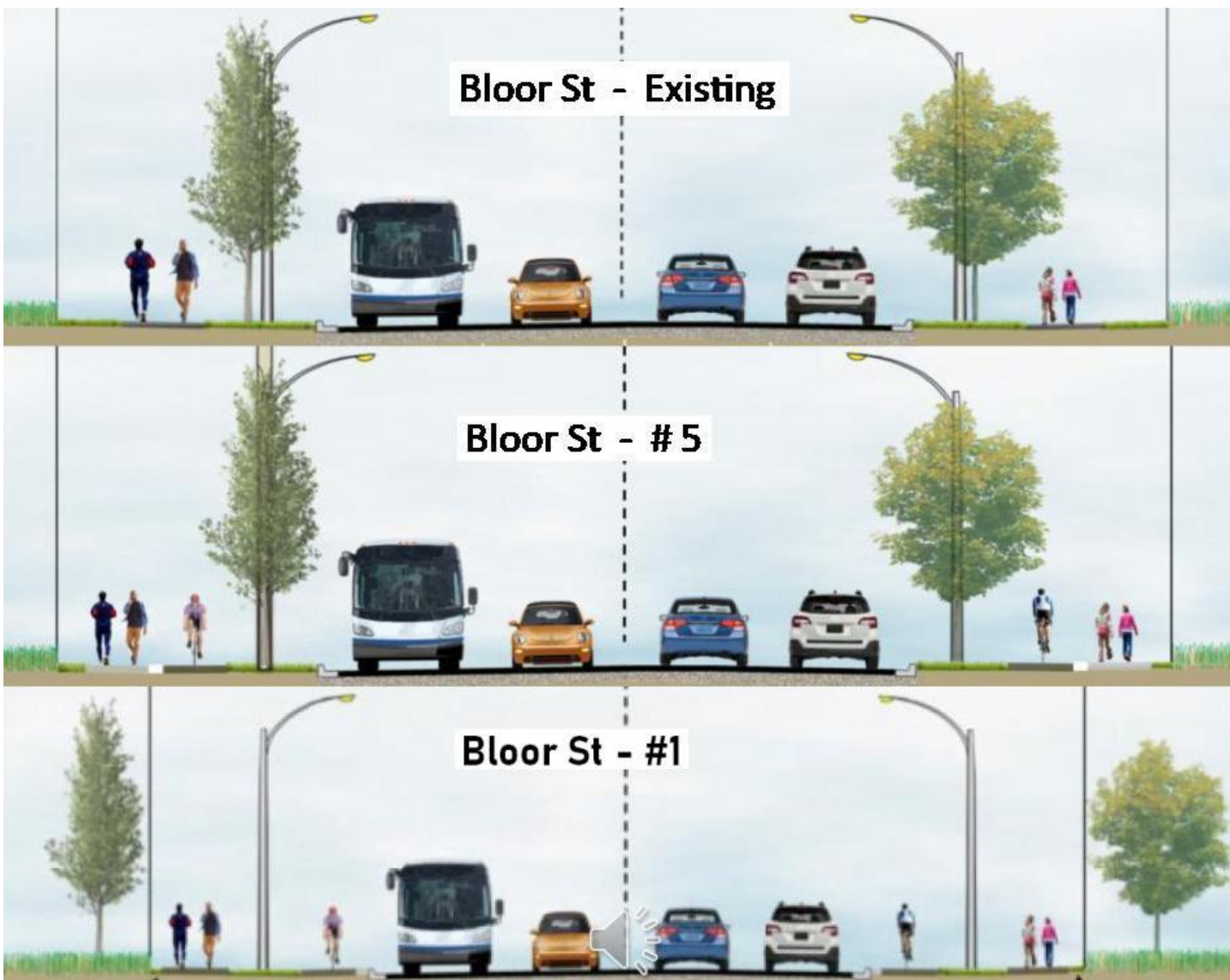
- Key Factors -

- **Both approaches provide bike lanes with no "road diet crash lane".**
- **Approach #1 was rejected Oct 2022, but supported by avid cyclists.**
- **Relevance of "Save Bloor" petition to this issue should be clarified.**
- **Some related issues were addressed in July 27, 2024 communications.**
- **Balanced consideration of approach #5 requires implementation specs.**
- **Comparatively, approach #1 is a speedway for experienced cyclists.**
- **Comparatively, approach #5 seems safer for a family-friendly neighbourhood bike pathway, but specs would help identify pragmatic compromises at various points along the roadway, to minimize potential conflicts with pedestrians and optimize construction/environmental.**
- **Recommendations for (non-binding) survey-voting of residents.**

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approach #5 vs. approach #1:

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Role of petition by "Save Bloor" team

(agenda item 13.1 for July 31, 2024)

- **Petition question referenced only the issue of rejecting a road diet.**
- **Petition question did not reference approach #1.**
- **Although petition question did not reference approach #5, the petition was administered in the context that Council and residents had reached the point of deliberating over only two options: approach #5 (supported by residents and some Council members) and the road-diet approach #6, so (arguably) the petition indicated resident support for approach #5.**
- **If necessary, a City-administered (non-binding) survey-vote could help to objectively confirm the current preference of residents regarding approach #5 vs approach #1 for providing a bike lane, particularly those who live on Bloor and on adjacent streets.**

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approach #5 vs. approach #1:

generalized recommendation

Survey-Voting of Mississauga Residents

(results are non-binding on Council decisions)

1. **Right to survey-vote.** Address the right of residents to be informed about, and involved in determining options for, a survey-vote on controversial issues, where the collective view of residents is an important consideration and will be cited in the decision process.
2. **Disclosure.** Survey-vote letters should clearly disclose the options that are under consideration.
3. **Disclosure.** If survey-vote letters reference a website, that website should clearly identify where the relevant information is located, with descriptive commentary and a link. Similarly, the survey-vote page should clearly identify what is being voted on.
4. **Two-stage survey-vote.** If it is a two-stage survey-vote, where one vote result gives rise to a choice between a second set of options, then all respondents should be included in the survey-vote results for that second set of choices rather than exclude some residents after the first vote. e.g. don't exclude Bloor St residents from a survey-vote on approach #5 vs. approach #6 after some Council members and Commissioner Wright misrepresent a non-existent survey of residents regarding whether or not a bike lane was warranted.
5. **Disclosure.** The Commissioner's recommendations to Council should explicitly disclose what option is recommended as well as the results of survey-voting for that specific option compared to other options, taking into account all responses and not just a subset of responses.
6. **Disclosure.** When a survey-vote is taken, there should be a requirement to identify when and where the results from that survey-vote will be publicly available, with timely disclosure to help avoid potential misrepresentation of results to Council.
7. **Vote results misrepresented.** Establish an effective complaint and resolution process if a Councillor and Commissioner Wright materially misrepresent the results from survey-voting by residents. The Integrity Commissioners have zero interest.
8. **Corrective actions.** Residents should be protected with a process for determining appropriate corrective actions where the views of residents have been materially misrepresented to Council.
9. **Fiefdom gas tax.** Address governance problems when Council voting is pre-determined by a gas tax agreement amongst Councillors whereby only the Councillor, and not residents nor Council, have a voice in determining how gas tax funds are spent.