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## **Some important information on the King Street Transit Pilot**

The King Street Transit Pilot began November 12, 2017, and runs through the end of 2018.

The pilot is on King Street between Bathurst Street and Jarvis Street, and aims to improve transit reliability, speed, and capacity. The pilot has changed how King Street works, and this fact sheet contains some information to help you navigate those changes. We encourage you to share this information so that everyone knows that King Street is as vibrant.

It is important to note that cars are not banned from King Street; King Street is still open for driving, but through movements at some intersections are not permitted. These changes make it easier for the streetcar to pass the area more efficiently, and allows vehicles needing local access to King Street to get where they need to go. Local access to all parking garages, condominiums, businesses, etc is maintained, and designated loading zones and taxi stands are available along King Street at all times.

Throughout the pilot the City wants to hear if you have suggestions for improvement. Based on input received from businesses along King Street, the City has made some changes to the street. For example, additional commercial loading zones were created between Yonge and Victoria to address a lack of loading space in that area. Signal timing is also being adjusted as we receive data on new traffic patterns, and the City is working with various partners to activate the new public realm spaces on the street.

### **Navigating King Street**

Here are some key pieces of information that will help you and your customers navigate King Street during the pilot:

#### *Information for drivers*

1. King Street is still accessible to vehicles. All destinations on King Street can still be accessed by private vehicles.
2. The main restrictions for vehicles is through movements at most intersections, and no left turns at all signalized intersections.
3. There is lots of parking available on nearby side streets and in the many parking garages in the area (on-street parking has been removed from King Street).
4. The City of Toronto and the Toronto Parking Authority are offering up to \$5 off parking in the area surrounding the King Street Transit Pilot using the Green P app. Use the promo code GCTG4A5 at any of the locations identified on the parking map on the project website.
5. Accessible loading zones have been added on most blocks along King Street.
6. Passenger drop-offs can be made in designated loading zones, with commercial deliveries permitted except where 'Passenger Loading Only' is indicated.

#### *Information for Taxis*

1. King Street remains accessible for passenger pick-ups and drop offs.
2. Taxis are able to travel straight through at all intersections daily from 10 p.m. to 5 a.m.

3. At all other times, taxis must adhere to the turning and through restrictions for vehicles.
4. New taxi stands\* with additional spaces have been added along King Street and some nearby streets. Taxi stands can now be used 24/7 for taxis to wait for customers.  
\*King Street taxi stands can be found on the map at [toronto.ca/kingstreetpilot](http://toronto.ca/kingstreetpilot).

#### *Information for Cyclists*

1. Through traffic allowed for cyclists at all intersections.
2. Bike boxes were added for two-stage left turns at Simcoe and Peter Streets (where King Street connects to north-south bike lanes).
3. Note that transit stop locations have changed (be aware of stopping streetcars, and stop behind open streetcar doors).
4. King Street is open for business, and additional bike racks will be added in the spring to accommodate more bikes.

#### *Information for Pedestrians*

1. Traffic signals have changed. Stay safe and be aware of new advance right turn arrows for vehicles at some intersections.
2. TTC stop locations have changed, and have been moved to the far side of intersections and into the curb lane creating more sidewalk space for pedestrians.
3. New public space initiatives are coming soon to King Street; some will be led by businesses, while others will be part of a design build competition, and all are intended to activate the space and increase pedestrian space on the street.

#### **Data**

Data is being compiled over the course of the year to measure the impacts on the reliability and speed of streetcars in the pilot area, as well as the impact on businesses and many other measures along King Street and in the area. The results of the data are published monthly on the [project website](#).

#### **Public Space**

To bring life and activity to the street, the new public spaces created in the curb lanes will soon see activity that will attract customers and encourage them to linger along King. In the winter months, the City is creating some creative installations along King Street; these installations could include warming stations, ice sculptures, fire performers and art installations.

The City is also holding a design-build competition for spring/summer/fall use of these public spaces. Details of the competition are now available on the [project website](#). Details on the winter activations will be available on the website shortly.

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#### **Project Website**

For more information, please visit the project website at <http://www.toronto.ca/kingstreetpilot>.