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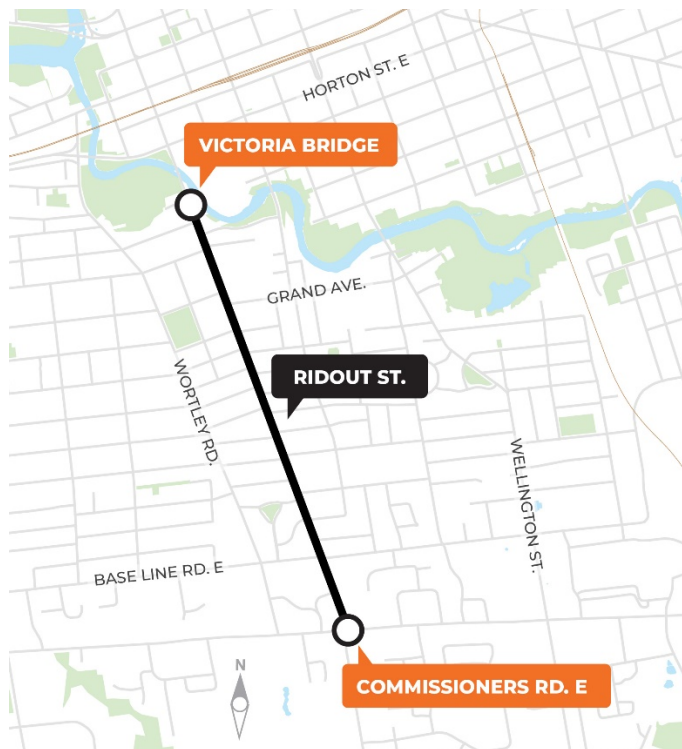
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Ridout Street Traffic Calming & Cycling Improvements

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To: Resident and/or property owner

The City of London will soon implement traffic calming measures to Ridout Street South, between Victoria Bridge and Commissioners Road, to help manage traffic speeds and improve safety and comfort for people on bikes. More details are provided below that describe the project background, what is planned, timing, and how the measures will be evaluated.



*Map of project limits on Ridout Street
between Victoria Bridge and Commissioners Road.*

Background

In recent years, the City has received petitions for traffic calming and numerous concerns related to the safety of people on bikes on Ridout Street. Staff evaluated the request/concerns using established traffic calming and cycling design guidelines and

determined the street could benefit from implementing traffic calming and cycling safety measures.

Ridout Street is an urban connector running north-south that has a 2-lane cross-section with a speed limit of 40 km/h. The street has sidewalks and painted bike lanes in both directions and is a transit route. An average day will see approximately 200 pedestrians, 120 cyclists, 10,000 vehicles, and 120 buses using this section of Ridout Street.

The road was rebuilt in 2008-2009 and does not currently have any near-term plans for rehabilitation or infrastructure work, precluding major changes to the roadway.

The existing painted bike lanes were introduced when the road was rebuilt in 2009. Current design guidance for a street with this amount of traffic would recommend cycling facilities that have physical protection between drivers and people on bikes; however, without a major infrastructure project, there is insufficient space to separate users and still fit larger vehicles such as buses.

Planned Improvements

The project will use a combination of pavement markings and bollards installed seasonally to manage speeds and improve safety and comfort for people on bikes. All pavement markings that are faded will be refreshed and the following changes will be made to the pavement markings:

- The white line separating drivers from people on bikes will be widened to visually narrow the roadway, provide a wider buffer between road users, and reiterate the presence of the bicycle lane.
- Green will be added to sections of the bike lanes to remind motorists and cyclists to be aware of each other, such as at bus stops and intersections.
- The speed limit will be reinforced by painting “40 km/h” on the road surface. This is a new treatment for London that will be piloted on Ridout Street.

In addition to the new pavement markings, green flexible bollards will be added at 7 locations between Ingleside Place and Commissioners Road. At each location, there will be 3 bollards on each side to visually narrow the road and reinforce that the bike lane is for people on bikes or scooters. The bollards will be removed between Fall and Spring to accommodate snow plowing operations.

Project Timing and Impacts

The proposed pavement markings and bollards are planned to be installed this summer over a two-to-three-week period. There may be loud noises during the removals of the existing pavement markings and minor traffic disruptions during implementation.

Evaluation

After the pavement markings and bollards are fully implemented, follow-up studies will occur to assess their effectiveness in reducing vehicle speeds and improving cyclist safety and

comfort. These will inform whether any changes or further interventions are required to ensure this street works well for all users and support learnings for other streets.

Please visit **getinvolved.london.ca/ridout-improvements** to provide any feedback you may have about the changes.

Sincerely,

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