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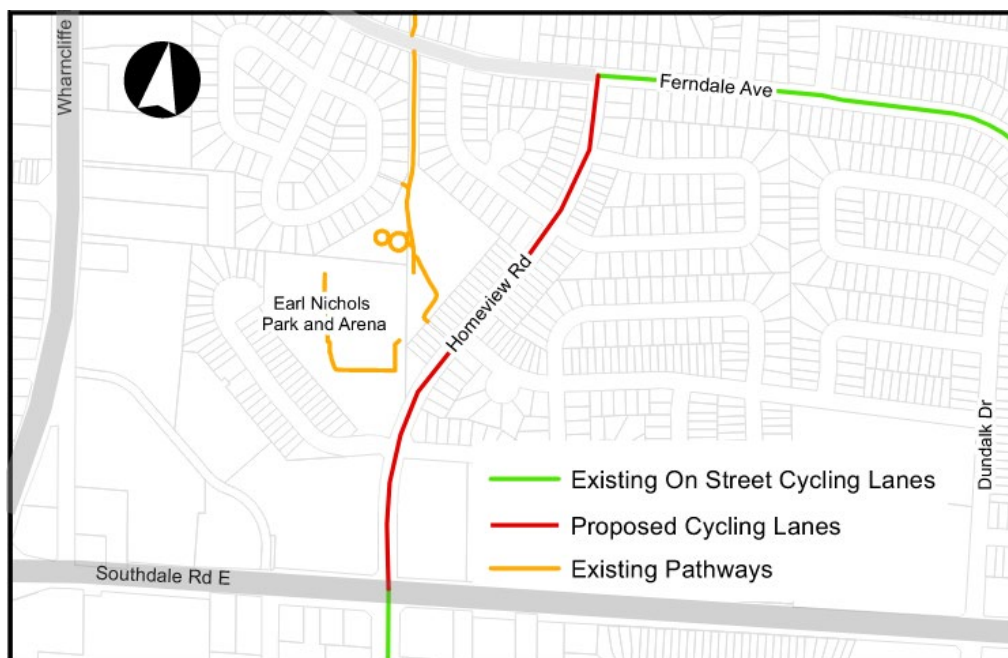
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Project Update: Homeview Road Bike Lanes

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The following letter provides an update on plans for Homeview Road bike lanes, between Ferndale Avenue and Southdale Road East, as well as responses to community feedback and information about a new parking layby.

This project was originally approved by Council as part of the 2016 Cycling Master Plan. It would add painted bike lanes (one northbound and one southbound) to improve safety for people riding bikes, reduce vehicle speeds, and fill a gap in the cycling network. To accommodate new bike lanes, on-street parking would be removed from Homeview Road. See map below showing the existing and proposed cycling network.



What we heard from you

In May 2024, the City of London held a public meeting to share proposed improvements with the community. Below is a summary of feedback received.

Comments about existing conditions on this section of Homeview Road:

- Concerns about vehicle speeds and increasing vehicle volumes
- Desire for a pedestrian crossing at Homeview & Crawford

Comments about cycling behaviour, safety, and the type of bike lane to add:

- Concerns about cyclists not following the rules of the road (eg. stopping at Ferndale)
- Suggestion to use a one-way cycling lane like Ferndale Ave
- Concern about drivers using the existing northbound bike lane on White Oak Road at Southdale as a right-turn lane

Comments about on-street parking:

- Recognition that on-street parking is highly valued
- Statements that the number of vehicles using the street for parking exceeds the counts observed by the City
- Concerns about lack of opportunities for on-street parking on nearby side streets
- Questions about when Nichols Arena can be used for parking

Comments about project process:

- Frustration about lack of community input into the final design decision
- Concern about the speed from initial project notice to implementation

Further review and action

To better address the concerns related to existing conditions, the City of London:

- Confirmed the implementation of the pedestrian crossing at Crawford; to be completed this year.
- Shared the concern of cycling non-compliance with London Police.
- Confirmed that cyclists are using Homeview in both directions and that design best practice does not recommend facilities in only one direction.
- Modified the design of the intersection at Southdale & Homeview to discourage drivers from using the bike lane as a right-turn lane. The intersection traffic signals were planned to be rebuilt in 2024, but this work will now likely happen in 2025.
- A parking layby has been proposed as part of this project to help offset the loss of on-street parking.
- Nichols Arena can be used for resident parking, excluding the hours between 10 p.m. and 6 a.m.
- Delayed implementation as per resident feedback

Planned design update

The City of London is planning to proceed with the reconfiguration of Homeview Road by replacing on-street parking with painted bike lanes. This arrangement improves comfort and safety by giving cyclists designated space on the road and can help reduce vehicle speeds.

In response to community feedback, the updated design would add a **parking layby on the west side of Homeview Road**, immediately south of Golfview Road, to help offset the demand for on-street parking toward the north end of Homeview Road. The parking layby

would accommodate 3-4 vehicles, as shown in the figure below. It would be plowed in the winter, usually within 48 hours of snow events.

Nichols Arena would continue to provide additional parking opportunities near the south end of Homeview Road.



Additional parking and no stopping zones

While adding bike lanes will remove on-street parking, a new proposed parking layby will allow space for 3-4 vehicles on Homeview Road. If the layby is full, drivers will be required to find alternate locations to park on-street. On-street parking is available on Golfview Road, Golfview Crescent, Crawford Street, Ansondale Road, and Homeview Court, and is within 150-metres from any house or business (a two- to three-minute walk).

During the times of 6:30 – 9:30 am and 3:30 – 6:30 pm **no stopping** will be allowed on the section of Homeview Road with bike lanes; this requires loading/unloading, pick-ups/drop-offs, and deliveries to take place in the parking layby or on nearby side streets. At other times of the day, **no parking** will be enforced, which does allow temporary stopping for loading/unloading and pick-ups/drop-offs but does not allow parking.

Next steps

Adding the bike lanes on Homeview Road involves painting new bike lane markings on the asphalt and installing roadside signage. Constructing the parking layby will require the removal of two trees and some minor excavation, concrete, and asphalt work. These changes are scheduled to begin in spring 2025. Notices with detailed construction information will be delivered to nearby properties about two weeks before this work starts.

As we work towards achieving our Climate Emergency Action Plan goals, we look forward to making sustainable mobility improvements throughout London to improve safety for all road users and provide additional mobility options. If you have questions or comments, please contact the City of London project team using the contact information provided below.

Sincerely,



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