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## Jarvis Street Bike Lane Removal and Reinstatement of Centre Reversible Lane

This fall, from October to December, Transportation Services will be making changes to Jarvis Street, between Queen Street East and Isabella Street, to remove the bicycle lanes and reinstate a centre reversible traffic lane to the roadway.

The reinstatement of the reversible lane to Jarvis Street will include the following changes:

- The roadway will be marked with 5 traffic lanes. The centre reversible lane will operate in either a northbound direction or a southbound direction at different times of the day.
- Reversible lane signals and signs will be suspended over the street.
- Pay and display on-street parking will be reintroduced on the west side of Jarvis Street, and parking will be permitted during non-rush hour periods.

### Disruptions

As with all construction projects there will be noise and temporary inconveniences. In order to complete the work effectively and in a safe manner, some pedestrian and traffic restrictions will be necessary.

Partial road closures and lane reductions will be required to undertake the work. Efforts will be made to minimize traffic disruptions during the morning and afternoon rush-hours,

Your co-operation and patience during the construction period is crucial and appreciated.

### Background

From 2007 – 2009 the City of Toronto conducted a Municipal Class Environmental Assessment Study (Class EA) to develop streetscape improvement plans and traffic lane modifications along the Jarvis Street corridor from Bloor Street East to Queen Street East. The purpose of this study was to improve Jarvis Street's public realm in a manner that compliments the area's existing built form and redevelopment, while recognizing the street as a cultural corridor with an emphasis on its historical significance.

Study Information is archived online at [www.toronto.ca/involved/projects/jarvis](http://www.toronto.ca/involved/projects/jarvis)

The Environmental Assessment Study recommended narrowing Jarvis Street by removing the centre reversible lane and widening the boulevards to improve the pedestrian realm. In May, 2009 City Council approved the Jarvis Street EA Study with an amendment to provide bicycle lanes rather than wider sidewalks and an improved streetscape design. The bicycle lanes were installed on Jarvis Street in June, 2010.

In July, 2011 Toronto City Council rescinded the approval for the Jarvis Street bicycle lanes in order to revert the street to the "pre-existing condition" prior to the installation of bicycle lanes.

### For More Information:

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