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The RapidTO program, part of the TTC’s 5-Year Service Plan & 10-Year Outlook, aims to move people more efficiently on transit by improving reliability, speed and capacity on some of the busiest surface transit routes in the city. More reliable bus routes with increased capacity will improve access to employment, healthcare and community services, as well as improve transit equity.

Eglinton East is the first priority corridor based on an assessment of a number of factors including improvements to transit reliability, available right-of-way and transportation equity. It is among TTC’s most heavily used and even during COVID-19, continues to play a significant role in moving people around Toronto. Introducing RapidTO here is anticipated to reduce transit travel time, on average, between two to five minutes per trip. Approximately 8.5 kilometres of priority bus lanes will be implemented from Brimley Road to Ellesmere Road and will be reserved for TTC buses, Wheel-Trans buses, and bicycles, 24 hours a day, seven days a week. A future extension of the bus lane corridor from Brimley Road to Kennedy Station will occur once construction for the Scarborough Subway Extension is complete.

The Eglinton East priority bus lanes were approved by City Council on July 28, 2020 and are expected to be in operation by November 2020.
Features of the Priority Bus Lanes

- The existing High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) lanes on Eglinton Avenue East and curbside general-purpose lanes on Kingston Road and Morningside Avenue will be reserved for TTC buses, Wheel-Trans buses, and bicycles.

- Lanes will be painted red and new line markings and signs will be added along the corridor.

- TTC stops will be consolidated to mimic the future Eglinton East LRT stops: fewer stops, faster and more reliable service.

- Drivers will continue to be able to travel along the corridor using the other travel lanes. The centre-turn lane on Eglinton Avenue East will remain in place. Drivers will also be able to enter the priority bus lane to access driveways and make right turns at intersections.

- Cyclists will be able to use the lane.

- There will be no impacts to parking.

- The City and TTC are exploring future public realm improvements to improve the overall customer experience at proposed stops.

The City and TTC will collect traffic and transit data and monitor the operations of the priority bus lane to measure the benefits and impacts to all travel modes on the corridor.
Questions or Comments?
We invite you to learn more and share your feedback with us.

The TTC will be conducting online consultation in August, as part of our 2021 Annual Service Plan process. Visit our website for more details on how to take part.

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Conceptual plan view of the priority bus lane