

Sharing Lanes 2022

Tactical Urbanism Pilot Projects
July – October 2022
Downtown Mississauga & Cooksville

Engagement Summary

Overview

In the summer of 2022, the City hosted two tactical urbanism pilot projects, one in Cooksville and one downtown. These projects saw the roads transformed for the summer season, with narrowed traffic lanes and augmented spaces for people to enjoy in their communities. Employing tactical urbanism allowed the City to test out new ideas without undertaking capital improvements while simultaneously giving the community a chance to engage with – and provide feedback on – potential future changes to their community facilities.

In Cooksville, the City also hosted two Block Party events that saw the road closed to traffic and open to people on two weekends in September. These events were hosted in collaboration with three local community groups, including the BIA, Heart Comonos, and the Cooksville Community Hub. This collaboration offered these emerging groups an opportunity to bolster their community networks and increase their capacity for future events.

The City posted QR codes from August 22 - September 30 for a survey to collect community feedback on these installations as part of these projects. In addition to this, anecdotal feedback was compiled by staff onsite.

What We Heard

Surveys in both the downtown and Cooksville sought to gauge the community response to the changes in the street, both functionally and programmatically. Basic demographic information about respondents was also collected.

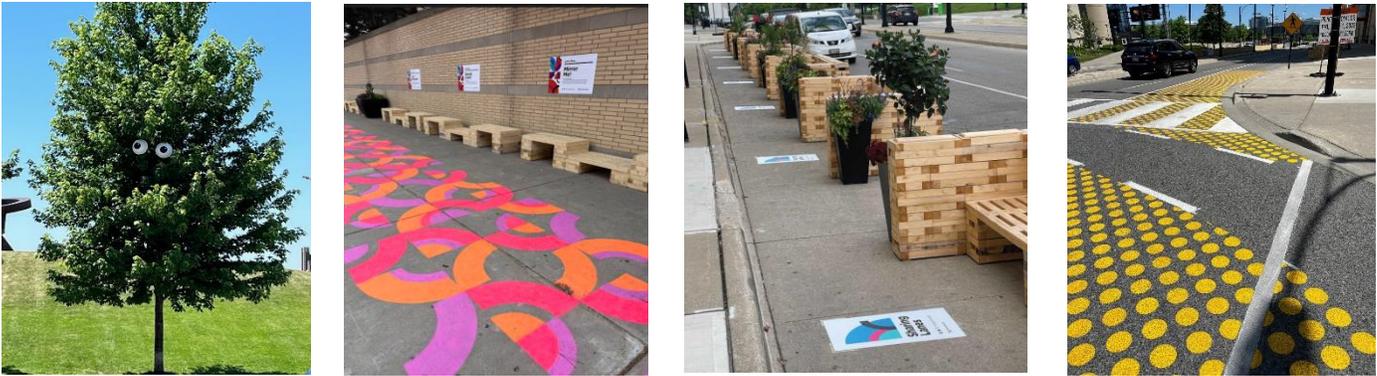
Questions differed slightly in each community to reflect the unique character of each project. However, in both communities, visitors were asked about their general impression of each installation area and more detailed questions about the programming specifics.

While the surveys did not engender a high volume of responses, the responses received were incredibly positive.

Sample questions

What is your impression of the changes to the street and sidewalks that you've seen as part of the Sharing Lanes Project?

- Downtown: 83 percent of responses indicated that residents liked or loved the project
- Cooksville: 76 percent of responses indicated that residents liked or loved the project



Images: Tree placemaking, sidewalk games, planters and seating, and augmented pedestrian spaces in the street, all part of the Downtown Sharing Lanes project

The most common response to the question of **how to improve the project** was to expand it, either by **increasing the footprint** in the survey area or by **bringing it to other communities in the city**.

In the downtown, respondents were asked to select their top three program elements; expanded pedestrian spaces and seating ranked highly, followed by passive programming and cycling enhancements.

In Cooksville, respondents were asked what they thought of each element of the project. Responses were positive across the board, with a minimum of 72 percent positive responses per programmatic element. The new Public Art received a nearly unanimous response, with 96 percent of responses indicating that residents enjoyed it.



Images: Jaguar Valley Murals by Andre Khan (left) and June Kim (right), installed on Jaguar Valley Drive at Dundas as part of the Cultural District Implementation Project. Photo credit: Kyle Jarencio

Next Steps

The City will be interpreting the feedback collected through surveys to determine how the Sharing Lanes program will continue to evolve in our community. Resident feedback, along with traffic metrics and other road-related statistics will inform future decision making for additional tactical urbanism interventions.

Future iterations of Sharing Lanes installations will include additional – and expanded – opportunities for public engagement. The public will be notified through the City’s social media channels and on Mississauga.ca. The City will also look for additional and creative means to engage residents to bolster the public response as part of future engagement opportunities.



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