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1. Parkways for People: Road Barriers We'd Like to See

We've heard a number of ideas from you about what transformed parkways could look like. Over the next few weeks, we'll try to bring those ideas to life through illustrations.

First up; road barriers. If parkways were closed 24/7, we could **replace orange barriers with planters**, or something similar that supports the goal of *place*

making along a parkway.

We'd like to see **local communities play a big role** in transforming parkways into something **more than just a closed road**. For planters, we could ask local community gardeners to keep them beautiful.

What do you think of that idea?



2. Word on the Street

- Rideau Canal **Skateway is currently closed** but we're hoping it will reopen by the weekend for one last stretch of skating. Enjoy it when you can!
- OC Transpo is piloting "**rack-and-roll**" bike carriers on double deckers buses this winter.
- A **proposal** that has come forward for **Edmonton to build 408 km of bike tracks in the next 4 years**. **Ottawa** could do something equally ambitious.





3. This Week's Big Idea: Retractable Bollards and Downtown Road Closures Beyond Wellington St

We got a lot of positive feedback to our post last week about starting a process for closing Wellington St to cars for good. Some of **you asked if closures should be extended further south**, e.g., restricting everything north of Sparks, or **even further**.

We heard a lot of support for **retractable bollards** as an easy way to allow emergency and delivery vehicles to access roads when required, and which could broaden the scope of potential closures. Ottawa is no stranger to retractable bollards, such as the ones on Mackenzie Ave west of the US Embassy.



4. Have Your Say

The **City** has a number of **surveys** around the forthcoming **Transportation Master Plan** update, until Feb 18.

- **Your priorities** for pedestrian and cycling facilities over the next 25 years.
- Draft **policies** around TMP specific themes (survey links found in each of the one-pagers, or send comments directly to tmpupdate@ottawa.ca)

The City has **postponed their Feb 15 TMP Open House**; we'll update when a new time is provided.



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About

The 613 Update sets out to connect, narrate and amplify the voices thinking big for a more active Ottawa. It also serves as a regular briefing for the Parkways for People initiative. It normally comes out on Thursdays. See back issues and [subscribe here](#).

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