

Multi-Use Pathway Construction Tara Avenue to Orton Park Road

Expected Project Start: April 18, 2011

Expected Project Completion Date: September, 2011

On Monday April 18, 2011, the City of Toronto will resume construction of the multi-use trail along the Gatineau Hydro Corridor, which runs north of Eglinton Avenue East, between Tara Avenue and Orton Park (map on reverse).

This project originally began in October, 2010 and was planned to be completed by the end of March, 2011. Notices were circulated early October, 2010, which outlined the work and construction details. The construction works on this project were delayed due to early winter weather conditions.

As indicated in the previous notice, trail construction will improve and add to the existing pathway from Tara Avenue to Orton Park Road. This pathway will be used for both commuting and recreation. Approximately 1.9 kilometres of this new pathway will be on existing roads (Tara Avenue, Fitzgibbons Avenue, Romulus Drive, and Marcos Blvd to the Gatineau Hydro Corridor). New signs along these streets will mark the route.



Example of Signs

The new off-road asphalt pathway will be 3.5 metres in width and runs approximately 4.5 kilometres from Marcos Blvd to Orton Park Road, through the Gatineau Hydro Corridor.

This project also, includes the construction of barrier free ramps to the pedestrian bridge passing over the railway tracks between Mooregate Ave and Tara Ave. On June 30, 2011 the bridge will be closed to begin construction.

Construction Details

The works include the rehabilitation of the asphalt pathway where it already exists, as well as a new asphalt pathway where one does not currently exist. New construction includes excavation, placement of gravel base material and asphalt paving. Signalized street crossings will be built at Bellamy Road and Markham Road to allow people using the pathway to cross the streets safely. Some shrubs and trees will be removed to accommodate the new pathway alignment. Three new trees will be planted for every one tree removed. Additional new trees will be planted in selected areas.

Dust will be controlled during construction. A full-time site inspector will also be on-site

The segment(s) of pathway under construction will be closed to the public during construction. No impacts to other utilities are expected.

Metric Contracting Services and Clearwater Structures Inc. are the major contractors for this project.

Work Hours

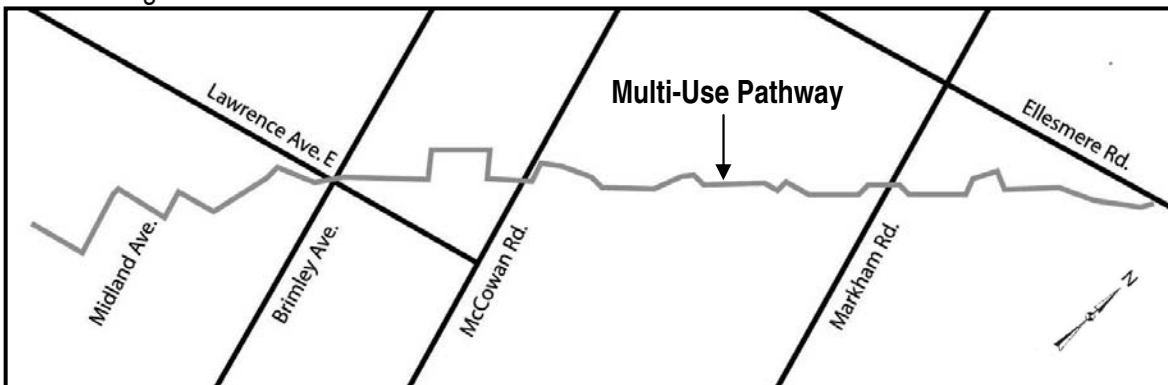
Construction shall be carried out between 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. on weekdays and between 9:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. on weekends and statutory holidays in accordance with City By-laws.

Pedestrian and Vehicle Access

Access to private driveways, sidewalks, pathways, TTC/GO transit shelters/bus stops, etc will not be impacted.

Lane restrictions will be required to facilitate intersection improvements (at Bellamy and Markham). The details of lane closures will be prepared by the contractor and require the approval of the City of Toronto.

The construction staging areas (storage, equipment etc) will be located along the multi-use pathway on the east side of Brimley Road, the west side of McCowan Road, the east side of Bellamy Road, and the west side of Scarborough Golf Club Road.



Need more information?

We welcome your questions, comments and suggestions.

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