

Important Construction Notice

Dundas Streetcar Track Construction Next Phase: Victoria Street to River Street

Start Date: July 30, 2007*

Completion Date: Mid-October 2007*

* Timelines are subject to change due to weather conditions and/or any other unforeseen events.

Throughout 2007, the City of Toronto – Transportation Services and the Toronto Transit Commission (TTC) have been replacing the streetcar tracks along the 505 Dundas streetcar route between Howard Park Avenue in the west and Broadview Avenue in the east. The project is proceeding in phases and is affecting service on the 505 Dundas streetcar route. Lane restrictions/closures have also been imposed on vehicular traffic to do this work.

Next Phase - Victoria Street to River Street:

Beginning July 30*, the existing streetcar track between Victoria Street (just east of Yonge Street) and River Street will be completely excavated so that new streetcar rails can be installed on a new concrete track base. Generally, work will progress eastward. All work in the area is scheduled for completion by mid October*.

- Prior to the track work beginning, the TTC will deliver crates containing track related materials and placing them in areas where track crews will have easy access during the work, i.e. sidewalk areas and some local streets that run off the north side of Dundas Street.
- Concrete saw-cutting work within the track allowance will be one of the first activities to be carried out.
- The work zone will consist of the two track lanes and the westbound curb lane. The work zone will move east as construction progresses.
- Noise and some vibration should be expected during the excavation work.
- Traffic and parking will be affected by the work.
- Signs will be posted to notify pedestrians and vehicles of traffic and parking changes.
- Safety measures such as barrier fences will be in place along the sidewalks and along the excavation.
- Temporary pedestrian walkways will be placed at excavated areas where traffic lights and pedestrian crosswalks exist.
- Pedestrian sidewalk traffic and access to businesses will be maintained during construction.

Dates regarding track work at major intersections requiring partial or full road closures:

Dundas/Church intersection -	August 3 to August 8*
Dundas/Jarvis intersection -	August 17 to August 20*
Dundas/River intersection -	To Be Determined
Dundas/Parliament intersection -	previously reconstructed - will not be part of this project.
Dundas/Sherbourne intersection -	previously reconstructed - will not be part of this project.

Work Hours:

Streetcar track reconstruction is generally a 24-hour operation. The heavy construction work; breaking of concrete and excavation will take place between the hours of 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. but may be extended to 11 p.m., Monday to Friday, with weekend work as required. The overnight operation involves TTC rail installation work consisting of delivery of rail, rail installation and rail welding/grinding. This work is required to support the daytime construction. Working 24-hours is a necessity in order to complete the project as quickly as possible. Efforts will be made to minimize construction noise during overnight operations.

Vehicle Restrictions:

To accommodate the track work during this period, one eastbound traffic lane only will be maintained through the active work zones. **No westbound vehicle traffic** will be permitted through the active construction zones.

Reconstruction of some major intersections will require a partial or full closure. Work at those intersections will be carried out around-the-clock over a period of time. In those cases, a separate notice will be distributed in advance of work beginning, and site signage will be posted.

Parking Restrictions:

No on-street parking will be available within the work zones until track reconstruction is completed. Signs will be posted to notify of temporary parking changes.

Deliveries:

During construction, deliveries to the front of businesses within the work zone will be difficult. Deliveries need to be made from laneways, side streets or be coordinated with the on-site City Site-Inspector.

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Recycling and Garbage Collection:

Recycling and garbage collection schedules on Dundas Street will not change during the construction period. Please follow your normal routine. Place items as close to the usual location as possible, if required the contractor will move the items to an appropriate location and return the bins/containers. Please label your bins/containers with your address.

Local Streets - Two-way Traffic Conversion:

All local streets running north off Dundas Street between Victoria Street and River Street will be closed at Dundas Street over the course of the track construction. In order to provide access for local residents, the affected one-way streets will be converted to temporary two-way operation. Signage will be posted at each end of the affected streets reflecting the changes. All side streets on the south side of Dundas Street will remain unchanged.

Transit Services Changes:

Currently, due to on-going track work, 505 Dundas streetcars are diverting via College Street, Ossington Avenue, Bathurst Street, Bay Street, Parliament Street and Gerrard Street **as shown below in transit map #1**. **NOTE: The temporary bus service in the east end of the Dundas route between Parliament Street and Broadview Avenue was discontinued effective July 16, 2007.**

Starting July 23 - With track work set to begin between Victoria Street and River Street, and work nearing completion between Bathurst Street and Bay Street, 505 Dundas streetcars will be diverting **as shown below in transit map #2**.

For up-to-date details on these and other service changes, maps and schedules, see the TTC website: www.ttc.ca or call the **TTC Information Line: 416.393.INFO (4636)**.

Transit Service Map #1



Transit Service Map #2



Contacts: TTC related matters during the project:

Monday to Friday (8:30am-4:30pm)	Diego Sinagoga (Track Construction)	Phone: 416-393-2197
24 hours – (automated 6 p.m. to 8 a.m.)	TTC Service Updates, Routes, Schedules	Phone: 416-393-4636
Monday to Sunday (8am-6pm)	Hearing-Impaired Service	TTY: 416-481-2523
Monday to Friday (8am-5pm)	TTC Customer Services	Phone: 416-393-3030
TTC Website:	www.ttc.ca	

For a Project Overview, Timelines, Commercial Delivery Inquiries and Frequently Asked Questions see:

Monday to Friday: 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.	Shiri Pasternak (Project related)	Phone: 416-392-6182
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City of Toronto Project Website:	www.toronto.ca/involved	