

Construction Notice

Dundas Streetcar Track Construction Victoria Street (just east of Yonge Street) to Bathurst Street

Start Date: April 2nd, 2007*
Completion Date: Late June 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) will be replacing the streetcar tracks along the 505 Dundas streetcar route between Howard Park Avenue in the west and Broadview Avenue in the east. The track on this route has been identified as a high priority replacement due to rail age and declining structural conditions. The project will proceed in phases and will affect service on the 505 Dundas streetcar route. The 1st phase of construction has already started between Bathurst Street and Ossington Avenue (Zone #1).

Track Reconstruction – Victoria Street (just east of Yonge Street) to Bathurst Street (Zone #2)

On April 2nd, 2007 concrete saw-cutting work within the track allowance will begin at Yonge Street and proceed easterly to Victoria Street followed by excavation. Commencing April 6th, a second work operation will commence at University Avenue and Dundas Street. Construction will then proceed westerly from Yonge Street towards Bathurst Street for the most part, although some leapfrogging will be necessary. The existing streetcar track area will be completely excavated so that new streetcar rails can be installed on a new concrete track base.

- Prior to 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 south side of Dundas Street.
- The work zone will consist of the two track lanes and the eastbound curb lane. The work zone will move west as construction progresses.
- Noise and some vibration should be expected during the 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.

Work Hours

Streetcar track reconstruction is a 24-hour operation. All heavy construction work 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. Every effort will be made to minimize construction noise during periods of 24-hour operations.

Vehicle Restrictions

One traffic lane will be maintained in the westbound direction only through the active work zones between Yonge Street and Bathurst Street. **No eastbound vehicle traffic** will be permitted through the active construction zones.

Reconstruction of Major Intersections

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. The first two intersections are noted below.

- The University/Dundas intersection will be the first intersection on this contract to be reconstructed. The work is scheduled from 9:30 a.m., Friday, April 6 through to 5:00 a.m., Tuesday, April 10, 2007. During the work only westbound traffic and the south-to-west and the west-to-north turns will be maintained. **COMPLETED**
- The Yonge/Dundas intersection will follow, starting at 9:30 a.m. Friday, April 27 through to 5:30 a.m. Monday, April 30, 2007. Similarly to above, during the work only westbound traffic and the south-to-west and the west-to-north turns will be maintained.

- The Bay/Dundas intersection will follow on Victoria Day Weekend, starting at 7 a.m. Friday, May 18 through to 5 a.m. Tuesday May 22nd. During the work only westbound traffic and the south-to-west and the west-to-north turns will be maintained.
- There will be a full closure of Dundas Street between Beverley Street and McCaul Street from Saturday, May 19 to Tuesday May 29th.
- The McCaul/Dundas intersection will be done over the Labour Day Weekend, starting at 7 a.m. on Friday, August 31st through to Tuesday, September 4th at 5 a.m. During the work only westbound traffic and the south-to-west and the west-to-north turns will be maintained.

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.

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 south off Dundas Street between Victoria Street and Bathurst Street will be closed at Dundas Street over the course of construction. In order to provide access for local residents, the affected one-way streets will be converted to temporary two-way operation beginning at Victoria Street and moving westward as construction proceeds. Appropriate signage will be posted at each end of the affected streets reflecting the changes. All side streets on the north side of Dundas Street will remain unchanged.

Trailers

One TTC crew trailer will be parked on Elizabeth Street south of Dundas Street. The location of the contractor's office trailer is at Simcoe Street and Dundas Street.

Transit Services Changes

To accommodate preparation work and the track reconstruction, streetcars on Dundas Street will be re-routed via College Street and Church Street (*see map below*). There will be no bus replacement service provided on Dundas Street. Buses must have room to safely operate and pick up passengers, and this is not possible through the construction zones on Dundas Street. 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)**.

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
City of Toronto Project e-mail	dundastracks@toronto.ca	
City of Toronto Project Website:	www.toronto.ca/involved	

Note: The on-site City inspector will be able to address immediate construction related concerns. Please approach a crew member to help you identify the inspector.

Transit Service Map

505 Dundas Streetcar Route Changes - Effective 9:30 a.m. on April 2nd, 2007

