



Community Update

Status of New Streetcars

The much-anticipated new streetcars (light rail vehicles) are scheduled to begin arriving in the summer of 2013. Transit riders with all levels of mobility will be able to enter the low floor vehicles without having to struggle with steps.

The vehicles will be equipped with additional new features including:

More seats

Each vehicle will have 70 seats, including a few extra-wide and some flip-down seats, all arranged to allow you to find the most comfortable spot.

Increased passenger capacity

At twice the length of our older, shorter streetcars, they can hold up to 251 people.

Wide doors

The 2nd and 3rd doorways are wider so you can get on or off easily, even with bags and a stroller. One doorway is specially designated for mobility aids and one for bicycles.

Bicycle accommodation

Two bicycle spaces are located just inside the 3rd doorway for use outside of rush hours.

Easy Boarding

Enter from all doorways for convenience and efficiency.

"Proof-Of-Payment"

POP fare system for quicker boarding.

Safe and secure

Several onboard security cameras, along with Passenger Assistance Alarms and Emergency Intercoms, will ensure safety.

Large windows

View the action outside during your comfortable commute inside.

Air conditioning

Passenger comfort during the warmer months.



Anti-bacterial

Protected handholds and grab bars for a healthier ride.

Please visit: lrv.ttc.ca

Leslie Street Connection Track

Construction work on Leslie Street is expected to begin in Spring 2012. A major component of the work will involve relocation of several sub-surface utilities, as well as construction of a connection track from Commissioners Street to Queen Street. TTC is committed to communicating any disruptions, detours and lane restrictions with the community and ensuring two-way communication throughout the process.

Visit the Project Website at www.toronto.ca/ashbridgesttc for regular updates or request to be added to the mailing list.

A Construction-Staging Working Group consisting of community members will work with the Project Team in advance of awarding the contract for Leslie Street. The objective of the group is to review staging plans and comment on opportunities that could help reduce disruption.

Construction Staging and Traffic Management Plans will be reviewed by the Group and shared with the community for additional input, early in 2012.

A Streetscaping Working Group has also convened to explore options to improve Leslie Street from Lake Shore Blvd to Queen Street, and Queen Street East between Hastings Ave and Jones Ave. The group is working with the project team and urban design architects to enhance aesthetics and safety for pedestrians and cyclists.

Recommendations from the group will be presented at a public meeting in the near future. If you wish to be notified of the public meeting, please contact the Community Liaison.

Arrival of the Prototype in Summer, 2012

The first of three prototype vehicles is scheduled to arrive in Summer 2012. Designed with four articulations to allow bending around tight corners, the vehicles will go through nine months of testing to ensure they are ready for service in early 2014. For more details and features on the new streetcars, please visit: lrv.ttc.ca

Soil Removal Status Update

This past summer and fall, construction crews removed 385,000 cubic metres of contaminated soil from the project site at Ashbridges Bay. The work was completed using three excavators and more than 50 large dump trucks, operating almost 12 hours daily. The use of larger vehicles meant a more efficient operation, requiring fewer trips along Commissioners Street. The last load of soil from the mound was removed in November, well ahead of schedule.

The Construction Liaison Group for Soil Removal (CLG) played a critical role in the construction process. It was comprised of local residents, businesses and stakeholders who met regularly to identify issues that could impact the community. The TTC thanks these individuals for their input and volunteering their time. Minutes of these meetings are available on the project website.

Construction monitoring, including tarped vehicles, a wash station for trucks exiting the site and a designated haul route, as well as multiple advance signs on the Martin Goodman Trail helped reduce disruption in the community. The TTC also ensured that a water truck remained on site during all operations, containing dust levels and quickly addressing any dirt tracked off-site.

With the soil removal now completed, crews are now installing rammed aggregate piers (RAPs), commonly used to increase soil strength. This work is scheduled to be completed by March 2012.



Soil Removal Operation

Did you know?

- The majority of the streetcars travelling on Leslie street will operate during off-peak hours, between 5 am and 7 am. The bulk of them will return to the facility at 7 pm, after servicing rush-hour demand.
- Similar streetcars are being used effectively in jurisdictions across North America and Europe.
- Transit riders will no longer have to line up to deposit their token in a fare box. Multi-door entry and a new fare system will mean quicker boarding.
- New healthy trees will be planted on the Ashbridges Bay MSF property.
- The Ashbridges Bay MSF will store 100 of the city's new streetcars; the balance will be stored at the Roncesvalles and Russell facilities.
- The new streetcar facility will include a green vegetative roof.
- The facility is scheduled to be operational in early 2014.

Landscape Design for the Perimeter of the Facility

Brown and Storey Architects (winners of the landscape design competition) have completed their detailed design for the perimeter of the future Ashbridges Bay Maintenance and Storage Facility. The completed design is the result of a consultation process which began in the summer of 2010.

Developed with Scott Torrance Landscape Architects and local stakeholders, the design brings together elements from the Leslie Street Spit and further encourages pedestrians and cyclists to enjoy the trail and surrounding area. The combination of cycling trails, meandering walking trails and hundreds of new healthy native species will ensure this area continues to draw residents and visitors from across the city. The detailed plan was unveiled at a public meeting on November 9, 2011 and can also be viewed on our project website.



Perimeter Landscape

A Look Ahead to 2012

- pre-construction surveys for properties along the route
- tender award for the main facility
- streetscape-design community meeting
- construction-staging and traffic-management community meeting

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