

Construction Notice

St. Clair Avenue West Transit Improvements Project Contract #2: Avenue Road to Tweedsmuir Avenue

Start Date: Week of June 26, 2006
Anticipated Completion Date: Late 2006

The City of Toronto and the Toronto Transit Commission (TTC) will begin work on the St. Clair West Transit Improvements Project, which will consist of rebuilding and enhancing the entire 512 St. Clair Streetcar route from Yonge Street to Gunns Loop (at Gunns Road, just west of Keele Street). Phase One of this project, the section from Yonge Street to Vaughan Road, is divided into three construction contracts. Contract 1 - Yonge Street to Avenue Road, Contract 2 - Avenue Road to Tweedsmuir Avenue, and Contract 3 - Tweedsmuir Avenue to Vaughan Road. While Contracts 1 and 3 will begin later this summer, some TTC electrical overhead wire removal and temporary traffic signal and street lighting work will be conducted in the area between St. Clair West Station and Vaughan Road.

Commencing the week of June 26, the sidewalks, followed by the streetcar tracks and finally the road associated with this project on St. Clair Avenue West from Avenue Road to Tweedsmuir Avenue will be reconstructed. Work will begin on St. Clair Avenue West at Avenue Road and proceed westerly.



Sidewalk Reconstruction Details

- Reconstruction will begin on the north and south sidewalks at Avenue Road (west of the St. Clair and Avenue Road intersection) and move west to Tweedsmuir Avenue.
- Work will take place typically between 7 a.m. and 6 p.m., with extended hours if required
- Temporary walkways will be built over the excavated areas of sidewalk to maintain pedestrian access to businesses and residences on St. Clair Avenue.
- Vehicle access to driveways will also be maintained, where possible, by constructing half of the driveway at a time.
- Pedestrian safety measures such as barrier fences will be in place.
- Sidewalk reconstruction will include street light facilities.

Streetcar Track and Road Reconstruction Details

- Once a portion of the sidewalk work has been completed, work will begin on the streetcar track allowance on St. Clair Avenue, west of Avenue Road. Work will proceed west to Tweedsmuir Avenue.
- The track area will be excavated and new streetcar rails will be installed in a raised concrete transit right-of-way. Road resurfacing will follow at intersections and road widenings.
- Temporary pedestrian walkways will be placed at excavated areas where traffic lights and pedestrian crosswalks exist.
- Signs will be posted to notify pedestrians and vehicles of traffic and parking changes.
- Safety measures such as barrier fences will be in place.

Work Hours

Streetcar track construction is a 24-hour operation. All heavy construction work will take place between the hours of 7 a.m. 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. 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 lane of traffic in each direction will be maintained during the construction of the area between Avenue Road and Tweedsmuir Avenue. Reconstruction of the intersection at St. Clair Avenue and Spadina Road will require a full intersection closure, which will be a 24-hour operation. Site signage will be posted and a notice will be distributed once a closure date has been determined.

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.

Recycling and Garbage Collection

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

Plantings

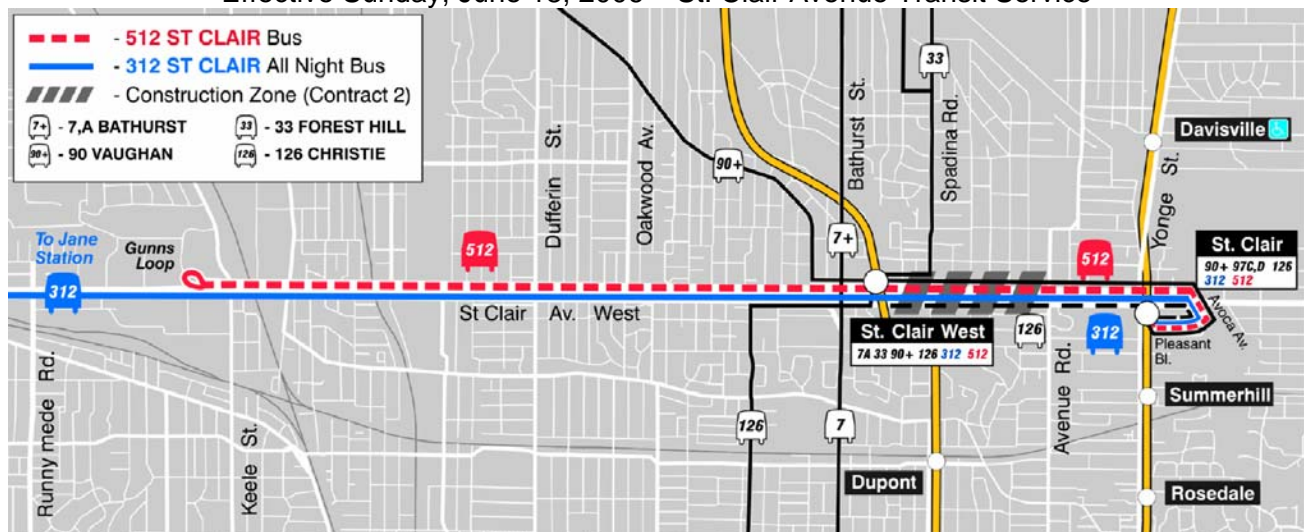
Tree and other plantings on the sidewalk and the streetcar platforms may only be carried out in 2007, after the construction work is completed and in an appropriate planting season.

Transit Service Changes: Effective Sunday, June 18, 2006.

- **512 ST. CLAIR** replacement buses will begin to operate over the entire St. Clair Avenue West route between the St. Clair Station at Yonge Street and Gunns loop located west of Keele Street.
- **7A BATHURST** and **33 FOREST HILL** buses will continue to run into St. Clair West Station until track reconstruction work begins inside the station.
- **90 VAUGHAN** buses will run to and from St. Clair Station at Yonge Street and will continue to serve St. Clair West Station both ways until track reconstruction work begins inside the station.
- **126 CHRISTIE** buses will continue to run into St. Clair West Station until track reconstruction work begins inside the station, and will also run to and from St. Clair Station at Yonge Street during the evenings and on weekends.
- The TTC time based transfer pilot program will still be in effect.

Transit Service Route Map

Effective Sunday, June 18, 2006 – St. Clair Avenue Transit Service



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