

St. Clair Avenue West Transit Improvements Project

Starting in the summer of 2005 and continuing to the end of 2006, the City of Toronto and the Toronto Transit Commission (TTC) will be rebuilding and enhancing the entire 512 St. Clair Streetcar route from St. Clair Station (at Yonge Street) to Gunns Loop (at Gunns Road, just west of Keele Street). St. Clair Avenue has been identified as a "Surface Transit Priority Corridor" and an "Avenue" in the City's Official Plan, supporting the requirement for sustainable urban growth with a more attractive and competitive transit service. This project will see the streetcar tracks on this route reconstructed into a dedicated transit right-of-way, which it is anticipated, will improve the speed and reliability of transit service along the St. Clair Avenue corridor.

Urban design and streetscape improvements are an integral part of the project, as are improvements to the roadway, sidewalk and street lighting.

The project will proceed in phases over the next two years. From mid-September to Spring 2006 transit improvement work on St. Clair Avenue will be concentrated from Yonge Street west to Bathurst Street. From Spring 2006 to the end of 2006 transit improvement work will be focused from Bathurst Street west to Gunns loop.

Preliminary work and lane closures should be expected along the entire route. Prior to the track reconstruction, the TTC will conduct rail welding starting for the contracts between Yonge Street and Bathurst Street. Starting July 18, 2005 for approximately one week, the two center lanes on St. Clair between Mt. Pleasant and the bridge will be used for rail welding. There will be no left turns at Mt. Pleasant, Inglewood Drive and Clifton Road while welding is occurring. Rail storage will occupy the centre westbound lane until track installation is complete, no left turns will be permitted at Inglewood Drive. On July 25, 2005, for approximately one week, rail welding will occupy the eastbound curb lane between Russell Hill Road and Spadina Avenue. Rail storage will take up the eastbound curb at Tweedsmuir Avenue lane until track installation is complete. While the first area of reconstruction is between Yonge Street and Bathurst Street, there may be construction and other work anywhere along St. Clair Avenue West.

Separate from this project the TTC will also be installing elevators at St. Clair Station starting in August 2005 as part of its "Easier Access Program". Further details and impacts from this project will be forthcoming. The community will be kept informed of all construction work. Daily residential and business activities in and around St. Clair Avenue will be able to carry on in an environment which is safe for residents, businesses, TTC customers and travelling motorists.

Construction Details

- The first indications that construction is soon to begin is the advance welding and storage of rail and the delivery of track materials, which will be secured from pedestrian sidewalk traffic with safety barricades.
- Temporary traffic lights and street lighting will be erected in advance of construction.
- The existing signalized intersections, sidewalks and roadway will be reconfigured and reconstructed including road resurfacing and overhead power-line pole replacement.
- The existing severely deteriorated streetcar track area will be excavated. New streetcar rails will be installed in a raised concrete transit right-of-way. Noise should be expected. Every effort will be made to minimize construction noise during periods of 24-hour operations.
- Pedestrian sidewalk traffic and access to businesses will be maintained during construction.
- Temporary pedestrian walkways will be placed at excavated areas where traffic lights and pedestrian crossings exist.
- Garbage collection will not change. Please follow your normal routine.
- Signs will be posted to notify pedestrians and motorists of temporary traffic and parking changes.

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. Overnight work typically involves delivery of rail, rail installation and welding. Overnight work is required to complete the project as quickly as possible.

Construction Schedule:

Yonge Street to Bathurst Street (2 contracts)

- **Avenue Road to Yonge Street (St. Clair Station)**
Start date: mid-September 2005
Completion date: Spring 2006
- **Avenue Road to Bathurst Street (St. Clair West Station)**
Start date: mid-September 2005
Completion date: Spring 2006

*** Other locations and dates to be announced**

Vehicle Restrictions One lane of traffic will be maintained in each direction during the construction with some intermittent closures. In addition, north/south traffic and turning may be restricted or re-routed in the active construction zones. Some one-way streets will be temporarily converted to two-way streets.

Parking Restrictions No on-street parking will be available within the active work zones until construction is complete.



Transit Services During the first phase of the construction (Yonge Street to Bathurst Street) buses will replace streetcars on the 512 St. Clair route between St. Clair Station and St. Clair West Station. At St. Clair Station, buses will serve the lower level bus terminal, on Pleasant Boulevard, as the upper level streetcar terminal will be under construction.

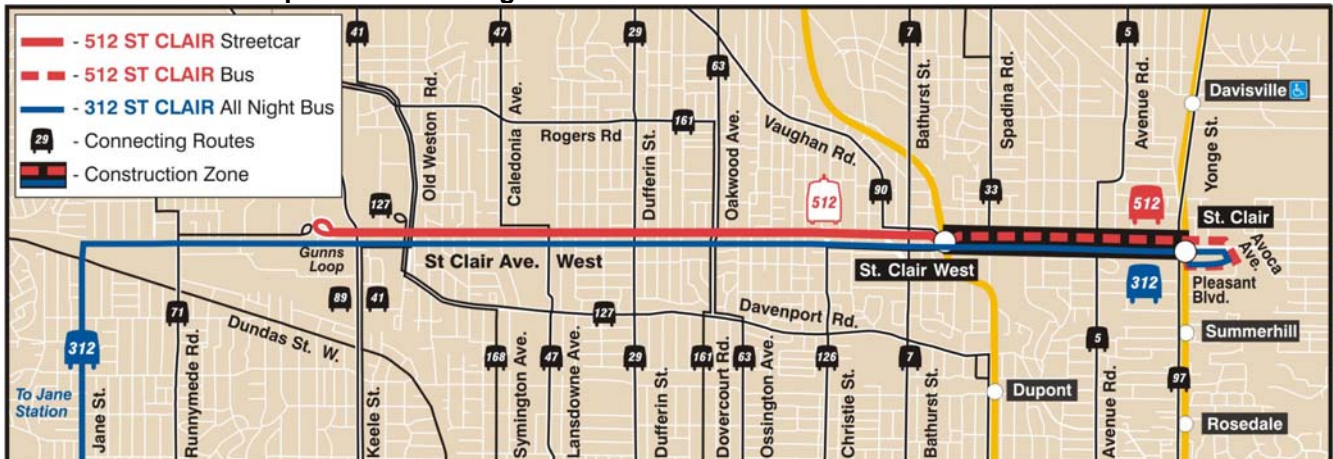
Eastbound buses will operate from St. Clair West Station via east on St. Clair Avenue, south on Avoca Avenue, and west on Pleasant Boulevard to St. Clair Station. Westbound buses will operate from St. Clair Station via east on Pleasant Boulevard, north on Avoca Avenue, and west on St. Clair Avenue to St. Clair West Station.

Streetcars will continue to operate on the 512 St. Clair route between St. Clair West Station and Gunns loop west of Keele Street. Customers can transfer between buses and streetcars on the 512 St. Clair route inside the fare-paid bus and streetcar terminal at St. Clair West Station.

The 312 St. Clair night buses will continue to run along St. Clair Avenue.

For details on these and other service changes, maps, and schedules, see the TTC Web site: www.ttc.ca or call the TTC Information Line: **(416) 393-INFO (4636)**.

512 St. Clair Route Map – Service Changes



Need More Information?

Monday to Friday
8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Diego Sinagoga, TTC Community Liaison
Phone: 416-393-2197

24 hours City of Toronto Project Information Line
Phone: 416-338-2003

TTC 24 hours Service Changes, Routes, Schedules,
and Multilingual Services
Phone: 416-393-4636

Monday to Friday TTC Hearing-Impaired Service
TTY: 416-481-2523

TTC Web site www.ttc.ca
City of Toronto Web site www.toronto.ca/involved

See: **St. Clair Transit Today – TTC Track Reconstruction Project**

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Para fazer uma pergunta ou deixar um comentario em português, queira ligar para o 416-338-2850.

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