

# St. Clair Avenue West Transit Improvements Project

## Phase 3 – Vaughan Road to Westmount Avenue

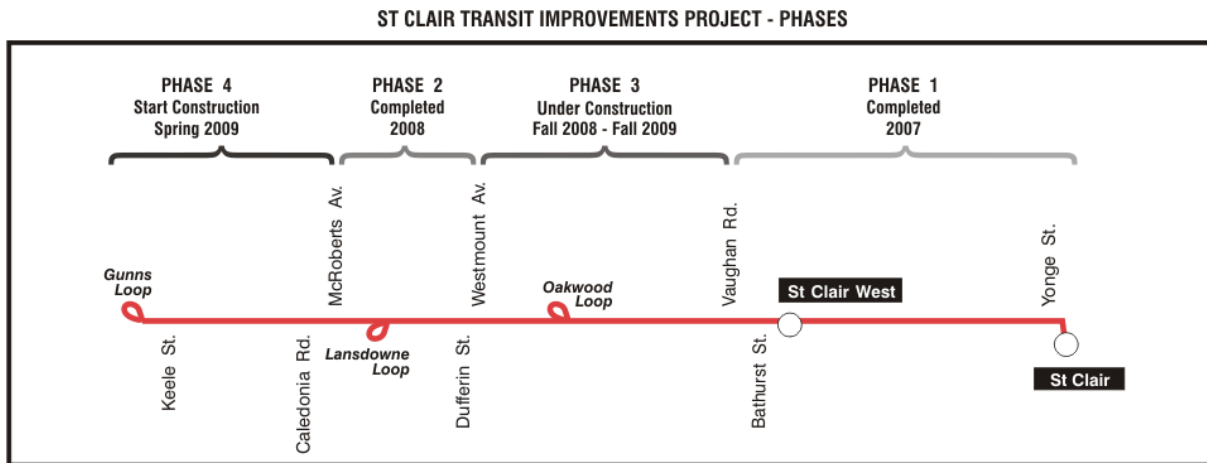
### Streetcar Track Reconstruction

### Business Improvement Area pole and duct sidewalk work

**Start Date: February 26, 2009\***  
**End Date: Fall 2009\***

\* Timeline is subject to change due to unforeseen events.  
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The St. Clair Avenue West Transit Improvements Project is a city building initiative through the City of Toronto and the TTC. It includes the construction of a dedicated right-of-way for streetcars to improve transit frequency and reliability, road and sidewalk reconstruction and enhancing the urban design of the street. The project has four phases, as shown in the chart below.



The streetcar right-of-way (R-O-W) will be on a raised median, but will be level with the roadway at all signalized intersections. A six inch curb will maintain a physical separation between the traffic on the roadway and streetcars on the right-of-way. Streetcar stops will be located only at signalized intersections.

In phase 3, the streetcar stops will be located at Wychwood Avenue, Christie Street, Arlington Avenue, Winona Drive, Oakwood Avenue, Glenholme Avenue and Northcliffe Boulevard. Signalized intersections will have a minimum of one left-turn lane/U-turn provision available to motorists. Alberta Avenue will be a new signalized intersection with no transit stop.

#### Transit Update

The TTC is scheduling the return of streetcar service from St. Clair Station to the Lansdowne streetcar loop in Fall 2009. The final stage of track and right-of-way construction from McRoberts Avenue to Gunns loop is scheduled to begin in the Spring of 2009 following completion of watermain upgrades.

#### What's Next

Starting on Thursday, February 26, 2009\*, streetcar tracks will be excavated starting just west of Vaughan Road, progressing westward to Westmount Avenue. Some excavation will also occur on sidewalks (curb side) in the Wychwood Heights, Hillcrest Village and Regal Heights Village Business Improvement Areas to accommodate foundation poles, ducts, and hand wells for the BIAs. Major sidewalk reconstruction is dependent on warmer weather and is therefore not scheduled to occur until April 2009. Sidewalk reconstruction will largely be conducted on one side of St. Clair at a time.

#### Vehicle, Parking and Pedestrian Restrictions

One lane of traffic will be maintained in each direction on St. Clair Avenue West from Vaughan Road to Westmount Avenue in the construction zone. No on-street parking will be available in the work zones until track reconstruction is completed. Notification signs will be posted about temporary parking changes. Limited parking may be made available at certain locations provided it does not impede with construction. Barriers will be placed around excavated areas to protect pedestrians.

#### Work Hours

Streetcar track construction is a 24-hour operation to complete work as quickly as possible. All heavy construction will take place between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m., Monday to Friday. Weekend work will take place when required. Overnight work is needed to support construction during the day. Work includes delivery of rail, rail installation, welding and grinding. Every effort will be made to minimize construction noise during the 24-hour work periods.

#### Watermain Update

A new upgraded watermain has been constructed to serve Vaughan Road to Westmount Avenue. New service connections from properties on St. Clair Avenue West to the new watermain will continue to April 2009.

### Hydro Work Update

To improve streetscaping, the existing overhead power lines on the south side of St. Clair Avenue West between Vaughan Road and Westmont Avenue have been removed. The temporary poles currently installed will be removed following construction.

### Recycling and Garbage Collection

Recycling and garbage collection schedules on St. Clair Avenue West will not change during the construction period. Follow your normal routine. Please label your bins with your address and place them as close to the usual location as possible. If necessary during construction, your bins may be temporarily moved by the contractor but they will be returned to your usual location.

### Intersection Construction – Partial Closures

During construction at the following signalized intersections: Wychwood Avenue, Christie Street and Oakwood Avenue, north and southbound traffic at St. Clair Avenue West will not be able to cross the intersections and will be limited to right turns only. One lane of eastbound and westbound traffic will be maintained across the intersections. Schedules will be confirmed.

Work activities at these signalized intersections will include; track reconstruction, traffic signal work, sidewalk and crosswalk work. Advance notice will be given prior to this work beginning and will be posted to the project website: [www.toronto.ca/involved](http://www.toronto.ca/involved) (click on: **St. Clair Avenue West Transit Improvement Project**)

When work occurs at non-signalized intersections between Vaughan Road and Westmont Avenue, north and southbound traffic will also be limited to right turns only, to and from St. Clair Avenue West.

### TTC Time Based Transfer Program

The Time Based Transfer pilot program will continue until the project has been completed. A Time Based Transfer allows you to travel for up to two hours on the 512 St. Clair route. You can board a 512 St. Clair streetcar or bus at any stop, in any direction, until the expiry time shown.

### Getting Around on the TTC during Construction

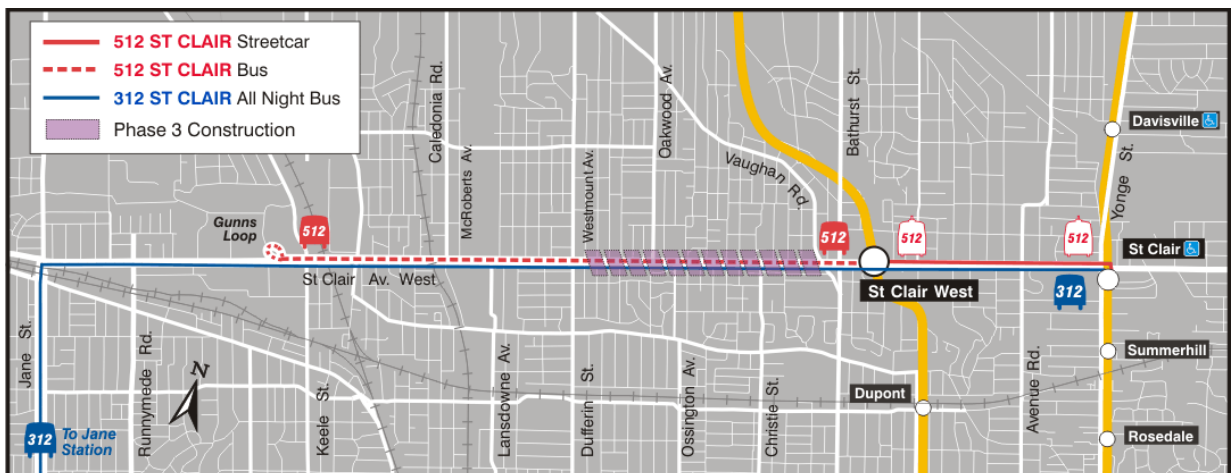
#### 512/312 St. Clair Route:

The transit map below shows the bus and streetcar transit service currently provided on St. Clair Avenue West.

- 512 St. Clair buses are operating on St. Clair Avenue between Gunns Loop at Keele Street and St. Clair West Station at Bathurst Street.
- 512 St. Clair streetcars are operating between St. Clair West Station and St. Clair Station at Yonge Street.
- 312 St. Clair Night buses are operating along regular routing from Jane Station at Bloor Street to the St. Clair Station at Yonge Street

**Note:** Buses will continue to operate on the western portion of the 512 St. Clair route as construction of the right-of-way continues in 2009.

#### **Transit Map - 512 St. Clair Route Service – Effective until further notice**



### Need more Information?

#### City of Toronto

More information and project updates:  
[www.toronto.ca/involved](http://www.toronto.ca/involved)  
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City of Toronto on-site construction inspectors will be able to address immediate construction related concerns. Please approach a construction worker to help you identify the City inspector.