

St. Clair Avenue West Transit Improvements Project

McRoberts Avenue to Ford Street

Streetcar Track Reconstruction

St. Clair Gardens BIA pole, duct, and sidewalk reconstruction

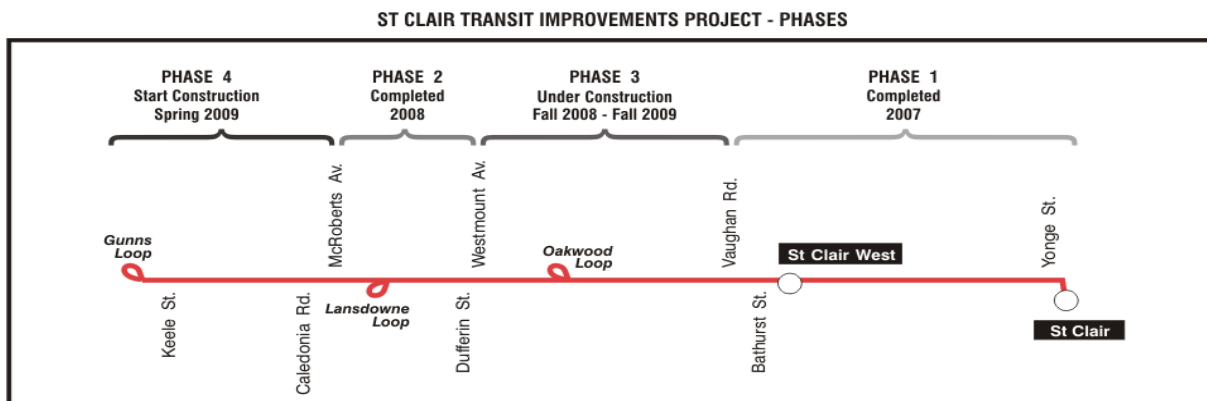
Start Date: April 27, 2009

End Date: End of November 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.



For this phase of construction, streetcar stops will be located at Caledonia Rd/Caledonia Park Rd, Laughton Avenue, Hounslow Heath Rd/Silverthorn Ave, Old Weston Road, Keele Street and Gunns Loop. Signalized intersections will have a minimum of one left-turn lane/U-turn provision available to motorists.

What's Next

Starting on April 27, 2009, pole removals and temporary pole installations will commence from McRoberts Avenue to Ford Street. Major sidewalk reconstruction, electrical installations, and curb construction will follow. The same work between Ford Street and Gunns Loop is scheduled to begin in June. Future notices will provide an updated schedule for work from Ford Street westward.

Sidewalk Work

Only one side of sidewalks on St. Clair Avenue within the same block will be under construction at a given time. Excavation will occur on sidewalks (curb side) in the St. Clair Gardens Business Improvement Area to accommodate foundation poles, ducts, and hand wells.

Sidewalk Location	Street Limits	Projected Start
North Side St. Clair	Prescott to McRoberts	April 27
North Side St. Clair	Silverthorn to Prescott	early July
North Side St. Clair	Ford to Silverthorn	3 rd week of July
South Side St. Clair	McRoberts to Laughton	3 rd week of May
South Side St. Clair	Laughton to Hounslow Heath	mid June
South Side St. Clair	Hounslow Heath to Ford	early August

Road Excavation and Streetcar Track Reconstruction

Major road excavation and streetcar track construction in this phase is separated into two contracts:

McRoberts Avenue to Ford Street	Ford Street to Gunns Loop (final contract)
Start: Mid July 2009*	Start: To be confirmed following tender

Starting during the second week of July 2009*, streetcar tracks are scheduled to be excavated starting at McRoberts Avenue proceeding westward to Ford Street. Heavy construction is scheduled to be completed by the end of November in this contract.

The final contract of *streetcar track reconstruction* from Ford Street to Gunns Loop will commence after the McRoberts track work is underway. Updated schedules will be posted to the project website: www.toronto.ca/stclairtransittoday. Timelines are dependent on weather and unforeseen events.

Vehicle, Parking and Pedestrian Restrictions

One lane of traffic will be maintained in each direction on St. Clair Avenue West in the work 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 replacement work is currently on-going, and will be completed by April 24, 2009 to serve McRoberts Avenue to Ford Street.

Hydro Work Update

To improve streetscaping, the existing overhead power lines between McRoberts and Gunns Loop will be 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.

Intersection Construction – Partial Closures

During construction at the following signalized intersections: Caledonia Rd, Laughton Ave and Silverthorn Ave, 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. Each signalized intersection will be completed in two separate phases each lasting approximately three days.

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 (click on: **St. Clair Avenue West Transit Improvement Project**) When work occurs at non-signalized intersections, 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 (Yonge St. to St. Clair west station) or bus at any stop, in any direction, until the expiry time shown.

Getting Around on the TTC during Construction

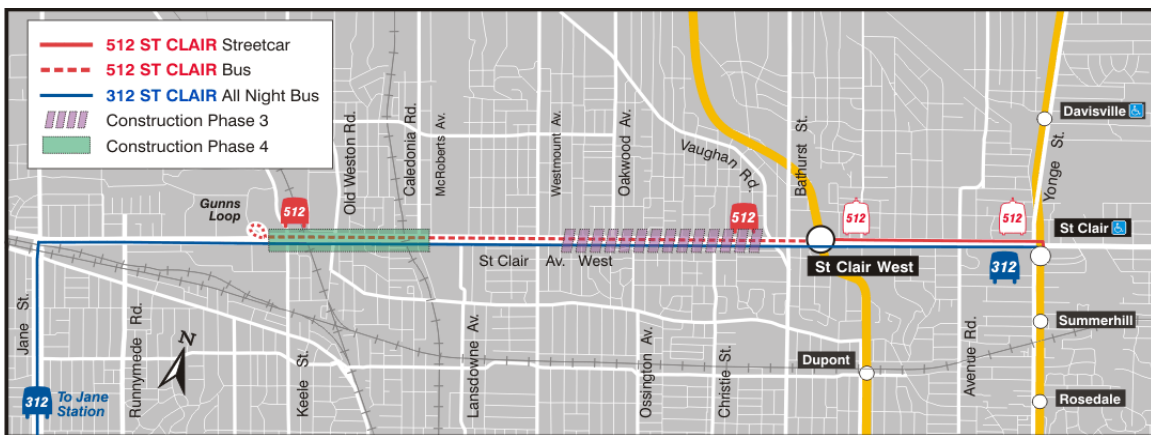
512/312 St. Clair Route:

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?

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More information and project updates:
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