

Temporary Amendments to Traffic and Parking Regulations and Transit Priority Measures to Support Transit Diversions during the Queen Street East Closures

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To: Toronto and East York Community Council

From: Director, Traffic Management, Transportation Services

Wards: Wards 13 - Toronto-Centre, 14 - Toronto-Danforth

SUMMARY

Engineering and Construction Services will be undertaking a watermain and TTC track replacement project on Queen Street East, between Davies Avenue and Broadview Avenue, from October 1, 2025 to May 1, 2026. The work will be completed in phases to avoid a full closure of Queen Street East. Traffic lanes will be reduced to one eastbound and one westbound traffic lane during the watermain replacement, from October 2025 to February 2026. From March 2026 to April 2026, Queen Street East will be reduced to a single eastbound lane to facilitate the streetcar track replacement.

Transportation Services is recommending amendments to the traffic and parking regulations in the area surrounding the construction site, as well as requesting approval, on behalf of the Toronto Transit Commission (TTC), to install transit priority measures (TPMs) on Dundas Street East, between Parliament Street and River Street to support the transit routes diverted due to the watermain and TTC track replacement project. The 501 Queen, 503 Kingston Road, and 504 King will be diverted due to the closure.

To maintain traffic flow around the construction on Queen Street East, this report proposes prohibiting stopping at all times on both sides of Queen Street East between Davies Avenue and Broadview Avenue. During the streetcar track closures from March 2026 to April 2026, Hamilton Street will be converted from a one-way northbound operation to a temporary two-way operation to facilitate local egress.

The suite of TPMs proposed in this report aim to improve the speed and reliability of impacted TTC routes during the partial closure of Queen Street East. The proposed changes include increased duration of existing 'No Stopping' and 'No Parking' zones, new turning restrictions, and increased duration of existing turning restrictions. The

proposed changes aim to mitigate the impact on the 49,000 streetcar customers travelling each day on the routes affected directly or indirectly by the construction closure (based on Spring 2025 ridership).

To support streetcar and general traffic operations along diverted transit routes, this report proposes extending existing 'No Stopping' restrictions on Dundas Street East between Parliament Street and Sackville Street to cover the periods of 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Monday to Friday. It also proposes extending or implementing 'No Parking' restrictions on the north side of Dundas Street East between Parliament Street and Sackville Street from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Monday to Friday, and 12:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Saturday to Sunday. The south side of Dundas Street East between Parliament Street to Sackville Street has existing Anytime 'No Parking' restrictions. New or extended turn prohibitions are proposed at multiple intersections along Dundas Street East between Parliament Street and River Street to reduce delay to streetcars at these intersections from turning vehicles.

The transit priority measures were focussed on Dundas Street East, between Parliament Street and Broadview Avenue as this stretch has the highest streetcar frequency of the streets affected by the TTC diversion (12-16 streetcars per hour in the PM peak). Parliament Street and Broadview Avenue have similar transit vehicle frequencies (12 per hour and 14-15 per hour respectively), but these are made up of both streetcar and bus services; buses are able to manoeuvre around traffic and pass other buses and turning vehicles (if a lane is available), whereas streetcars move on a track and are vulnerable to both their own delays and delays affecting the streetcars ahead of them. The segments of Parliament Street, Broadview Avenue, and River Street supporting additional TTC service during the partial closure of Queen Street East will be monitored and transit priority measures will be proposed if necessary, such as curbside use restrictions and/or turn prohibitions.

Any additional TPMs that would be proposed to support the diversions in Ward 14 will be coordinated with the work associated with 2025.TE24.46 Traffic Management in Ward 14 related to the King Street East and Church Street Intersection Project, which is on-going and has in-progress traffic monitoring. As part of this project the TTC is working with the City of Toronto on improvements to transit and traffic in this area. Before the start of construction, the TTC streetcar stops at Dundas Street East and Munro Street will be removed to improve the traffic flow in this area. TTC and Transportation Services will complete modelling with the data collection program to further support recommendations in the area. An update on these efforts and recommendations for Item 2025.TE24.46 will be addressed at the Toronto and East York Community Council Meeting on October 22, 2025.

As TTC operates transit service on Queen Street East and Dundas Street East, City Council approval of this report is required.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Director, Traffic Management, Transportation Services recommends that:

1. City Council rescind the existing parking prohibition in effect from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, except public holidays on the north side of Queen Street East, between Davies Avenue and Broadview Avenue.
2. City Council rescind the existing stopping prohibition in effect 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., Monday to Friday, except public holidays on the north side of Queen Street East, between Davies Avenue and Broadview Avenue.
3. City Council rescind the existing parking prohibition in effect from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., Monday to Friday, except public holidays on the south side of Queen Street East, between East Don Roadway and Broadview Avenue.
4. City Council rescind the existing stopping prohibition in effect 3:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., Monday to Friday, except public holidays on the south side of Queen Street East, between a point opposite Carroll Street and Broadview Avenue
5. City Council rescind the existing stopping prohibition in effect 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, except public holidays on the south side of Queen Street East, between East Don Roadway and a point opposite Carroll Street.
6. City Council rescind the existing parking machine regulation on the north side of Queen Street East, between Don Bridge and Broadview Avenue, in effect from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., Monday to Friday; 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Saturday; and 1:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Sunday, for a maximum period of three hours at a rate of \$3.00 per hour.
7. City Council rescind the existing parking machine regulation on the north side of Queen Street East, between Davies Avenue and Carroll Street, in effect from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., Monday to Friday; 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Saturday; and 1:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Sunday, for a maximum period of three hours at a rate of \$3.00 per hour.
8. City Council rescind the existing parking machine regulation on the south side of Queen Street East, between Carroll Street and Broadview Avenue, in effect from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Monday to Friday; 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Saturday; and 1:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Sunday, for a maximum period of three hours at a rate of \$3.00 per hour.
9. City Council rescind the existing parking machine regulation on the south side of Queen Street East, between Carroll Street and Broadview Avenue, in effect from 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, for a maximum period of 2.5 hours at a rate of \$3.00 per hour.

10. City Council prohibit stopping at all times on both sides of Queen Street East, between Davies Avenue and Broadview Avenue.
11. City Council rescind the existing one-way southbound traffic only on Hamilton Street, between Queen Street East and Thompson Street.
12. City Council rescind the existing parking prohibition at all times on the east side of Hamilton Street, between Queen Street East and Thompson Street.
13. City Council prohibit stopping at all times on the east side of Hamilton Street, between Queen Street East and Thompson Street.
14. City Council direct that Queen Street East and Hamilton Street be returned to its pre-construction traffic and parking regulations (except with parking rates and hours of operation being consistent to the rates and hours of operation at the time of completion) when the project is completed.
15. City Council authorize amendments to parking and traffic regulations as set out in Attachment 1 to take effect from October 1, 2025, until regular Toronto Transit Commission streetcar service has resumed along Queen Street East, Broadview Avenue to Davies Avenue, after the TTC track replacement work is complete.
16. City Council delegate, despite any City of Toronto By-law to the contrary, to the General Manager, Transportation Services, from October 1, 2025, to May 1, 2026, inclusive, for the purposes of implementing and then addressing any operation and/or safety issues that may arise in relation to the project identified above, the authority to implement changes and submit directly to Council any necessary bills for by-law amendments to the schedules to City of Toronto Code Chapters on the streets and within the parameters as identified in Attachment 2 to the report from the General Manager, Transportation Services.
17. City Council direct the General Manager, Transportation Services, in consultation with the Chief Executive Officer, Toronto Transit Commission, to report back to the Toronto and East York Community Council in the first quarter of 2026 on the effectiveness of these changes for streetcar operations and a recommended long-term plan for parking and traffic regulations on Dundas Street East, from Parliament Street to River Street.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Traffic mitigation measures for this project include traffic signal timing adjustments, Traffic Agent deployment, travel time collection and staff coverage in the RESCU Traffic Operations Centre to monitor traffic. Funding for these costs is available in the Transportation Services 2025 Operating Budget as the costs for these measures are offset by the new RoDARS fees.

Transportation Services has consulted with Toronto Parking Authority (TPA), who assessed that the financial impact of lost revenue and operating expenses for temporary removal of on-street paid parking will be approximately \$104,000.00 for the period of October 2025 to May 2026.

Costs associated with the proposed signage removal and re-installation are also included in the Transportation Services 2025 Operation Budget.

DECISION HISTORY

As part of the Congestion Management Plan 2023 – 2026 Fall Update to City Council on October 9 and 10, 2024, City Council directed ([Congestion Management Plan – City of Toronto](#)) the General Manager, Transportation Services, in consultation with the TTC and the Toronto Parking Authority, to report back in the second quarter of 2025 on the creation of a process to coordinate the planning and implementation of temporary parking adjustments that reduce congestion on corridors with TTC routes during capital projects that impact on-street TTC service. This is similar to the temporary parking adjustments previously and currently implemented on St. Clair Avenue West, Queen Street West, Dundas Street West, and Spadina Avenue.

[Agenda Item History - 2024.IE16.4](#)

City Council, at its meeting on April 23 and 24, 2025 adopted Item TE20.40 entitled “Transit Priority Measures to Support Streetcar Service Diversions during King Street East and Church Street Intersection Closures”. This motion authorized amendments to parking and traffic regulations to support the diversion routes associated with the closure of the King Street East and Church Street intersection for watermain and streetcar track maintenance from May 2025 to August 2025. These recommendations were adopted as part of Council’s recognition of the Congestion Management Plan.

[Agenda Item History – 2025.TE20.40](#)

City Council, at its meeting on July 23 and 24, 2025 adopted Item TE24.45 entitled “Transit Priority Measures to Support Transit Diversions During King Street West and Dufferin Street Intersection Closure”. This motion authorized amendments to parking and traffic regulations to support the diversion routes associated with the closure of the King Street West and Dufferin Street intersection for streetcar track renewal from September 2025 to October 2025. These recommendations were adopted as part of Council’s recognition of the Congestion Management Plan.

[Agenda Item History – 2025.TE24.45](#)

The proposed TPMs represent a continuation of this program, where measures are being sought proactively to support transit and the by-laws to support this diversion are built off the following council decisions for member motions related to construction TPMs.

COMMENTS

Background

Engineering and Construction Services will be undertaking a watermain and TTC track replacement project on Queen Street East, between Davies Avenue and Broadview Avenue, from October 1, 2025 to May 1, 2026. The work involves renewing aging streetcar tracks and replacing a 112 year old watermain. The work will be completed in phases to avoid a full closure of Queen Street East. Traffic lanes will be reduced to one eastbound and one westbound traffic lane during the watermain replacement, from October 2025 to February 2026. From March 2026 to April 2026, Queen Street East will be reduced to a single eastbound lane to facilitate the streetcar track replacement. Information on TTC diversion routings and service levels is detailed by construction phase below.

City Watermain Construction: October 2025 to February 2026

The watermain replacement will require Queen Street East to be narrowed to one lane per direction between Davies Avenue and Broadview Avenue and interrupt use of the streetcar tracks through this area. The diversion plan for this period is shown in Figure 1. The 501 Queen streetcars will divert to Dundas Street East between Broadview Avenue and Parliament Street, while the 504 King streetcar will be shortened to Sumach Street. As a result, a new 504D King bus replacement service will be introduced between King Street East and Parliament Street and Broadview Station which, along with a re-routing of the existing 503 Kingston Rd bus replacement service (via Queen Street East), will continue standard routing through the construction area. The frequency of the 505 Dundas streetcar will increase from 6 streetcars per hour to 10 streetcars per hour in November 2025 as part of a regular service increase, during this construction period. The transit services and frequencies pre- and during the construction period are shown in Table 1.

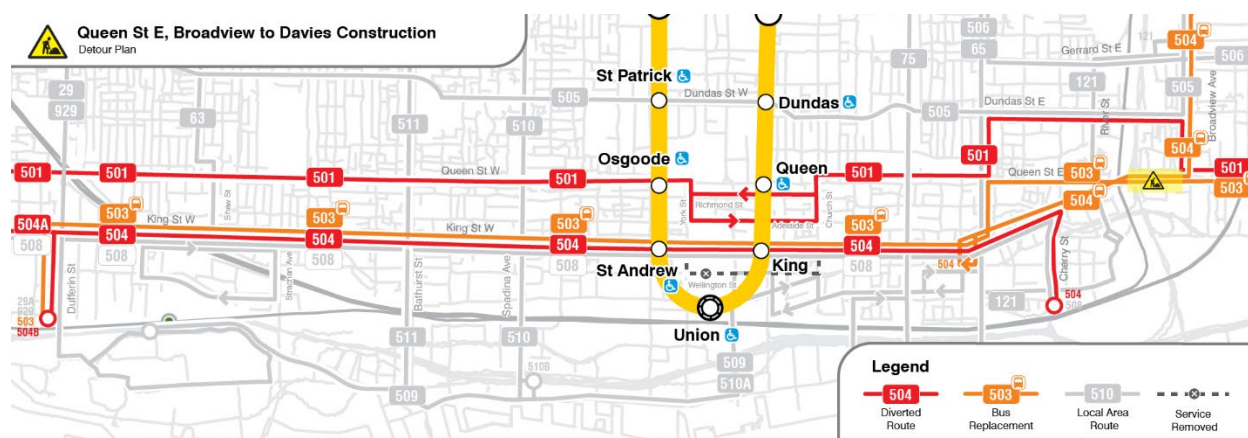


Figure 1. Diversion Routing for Queen Street East, Broadview Avenue to Davies Avenue, from October 2025 to February 2026 (during City watermain construction)

Table 1: Transit Routes and Frequencies Pre- and During Watermain Construction

Street	Boundaries	Existing Transit Routes	Existing Transit Frequency (PM Peak)	Construction Transit Routes	Construction Transit Frequency (PM Peak)
Dundas Street East	Broadview Avenue and Parliament Street	505 Dundas	6 streetcars per hour	505 Dundas 501 Queen	12-13 streetcars per hour (October 2025) 16 –17 streetcars per hour (November 2025 onwards)
Parliament Street	Dundas Street East and Queen Street East	65 Parliament	6-7 buses per hour	65 Parliament 501 Queen	6-7 buses per hour 6-7 streetcars per hour
Broadview Avenue	Dundas Street East and Queen Street East	504 King	6 streetcars per hour	501 Queen 504D King (bus)	6-7 streetcars per hour 8-9 buses per hour
Queen Street East	Davies Avenue and Broadview Avenue	501 Queen 503 Kingston Rd 504 King	18 streetcars per hour	503 Kingston Rd (bus) 504D King (bus)	18-19 buses per hour

Break: February 2026 to March 2026

The break between watermain replacement and TTC track replacement may restore use of the streetcar tracks on Queen Street East between Davies Avenue and Broadview Avenue. The diversion plan for this period is shown in Figure 2. Between the end of City watermain construction and the start of TTC streetcar track construction in March 2026, 501 Queen streetcars would temporarily resume regular routing along Queen Street East between Broadview Avenue and Parliament Street. 504 King streetcars will remain shortened to Sumach Street and the 503 Kingston Road and 504 King bus replacement services will be maintained along their existing routings.

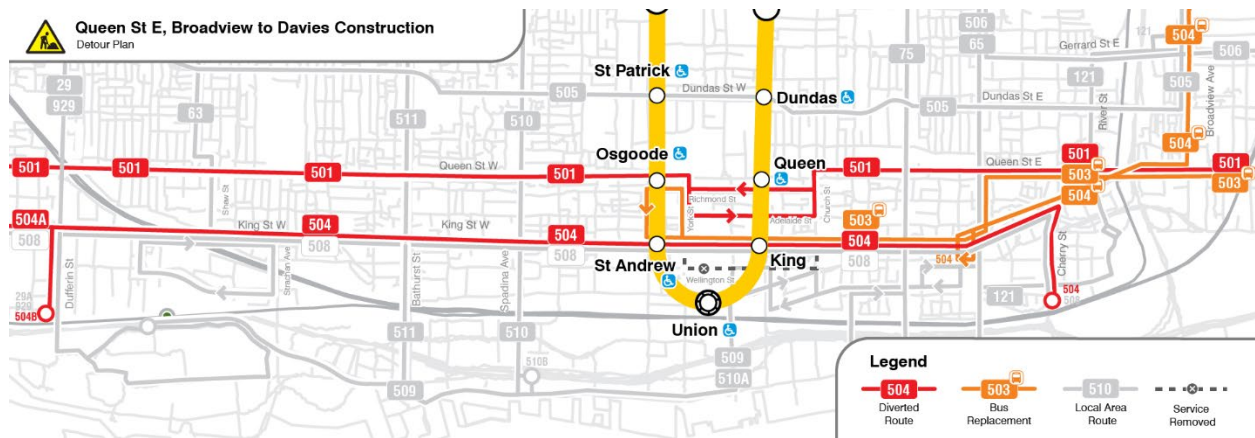


Figure 2. Diversion Queen Street East, Broadview Avenue to Davies Avenue, from February 2026 until March 2026 (between City watermain and TTC streetcar track construction)

TTC Track Replacement: March 2026 to April 2026

The TTC track replacement will require Queen Street East to be narrowed to one eastbound traffic lane between Davies Avenue and Broadview Avenue which will interrupt use of the streetcar tracks through this area. The diversion plan for this period is shown in Figure 3. The 501 Queen streetcar diversion is the same as during the watermain construction, with it being diverted to Dundas Street between Broadview Avenue and Parliament Street. New to this construction phase, the section of Queen Street East between Davies Avenue and Broadview Avenue will only be open to eastbound traffic. This will allow the 503 Kingston Rd and 504 King to take their usual routes eastbound but require them to divert to Dundas Street, between River Street and Broadview Avenue to continue westbound. The transit services and frequencies before and during the construction period are shown in Table 2.

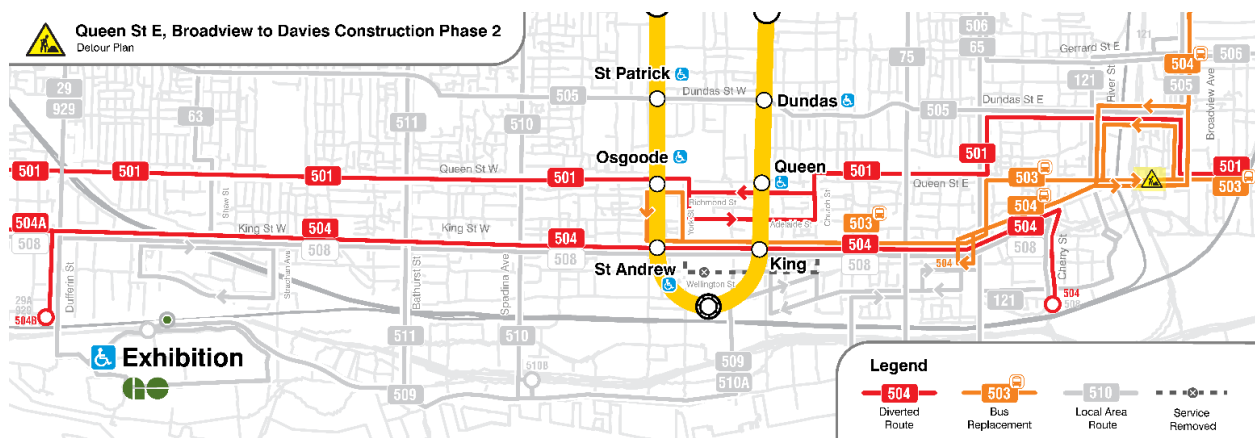


Figure 3. Diversion Queen Street East, Broadview Avenue to Davies Avenue, from March 2026 until April 2026 (during TTC streetcar track construction)

Table 2: Transit Routes and Frequencies Before and During Track Replacement

Street	Boundaries	Existing Transit Routes	Existing Transit Frequency (PM Peak)	Construction Transit Routes	Construction Transit Frequency (PM Peak)
Dundas Street East	Broadview Avenue and River Street	505 Dundas	6 streetcars per hour	505 Dundas 501 Queen 503 Kingston Rd (bus, westbound) 504D King (bus, westbound)	16-17 streetcars per hour 18-19 buses per hour (westbound)
	River Street and Parliament Street	505 Dundas	6 streetcars per hour	505 Dundas 501 Queen	16-17 streetcars per hour
Parliament Street	Dundas Street East and Queen Street East	65 Parliament	6-7 buses per hour	65 Parliament 501 Queen	6-7 buses per hour 6-7 streetcars per hour
River Street	Dundas Street East and Queen Street East	121 Espanade-River	3-4 buses per hour	121 Espanade-River 503 Kingston Rd (bus, southbound) 504D King (bus, southbound)	21 – 23 buses per hour
Broadview Avenue	Dundas Street East and Queen Street East	504 King	6 streetcars per hour	501 Queen 503 Kingston Rd (bus, northbound) 504D King (bus, northbound)	6-7 streetcars per hour 18-19 buses per hour (northbound)
Queen Street East	Davies Avenue and Broadview Avenue	501 Queen 503 Kingston Rd 504 King	18 streetcars per hour	503 Kingston Rd (bus, eastbound) 504D King (bus, eastbound)	18-19 buses per hour (eastbound)

Based on previous experience with longer duration closures (greater than a month), TTC and Transportation Services have determined that a comprehensive and proactive strategy is required to reduce the impact to transit customers. The proposed TPMs represent a continuation of Council direction 2024.IE16.4, where measures are being sought proactively to support transit.

The 501 Queen streetcar will be diverted to Dundas Street East between Broadview Avenue and Parliament Street. Dundas Street East is one-lane per direction from Broadview Avenue to Sackville Street, and two-lanes per direction from Sackville Street to Parliament Street.

The curbside regulations along the two-lane segment of Dundas Street East between Parliament Street and Sackville Street are as follows:

- In the north curb lane between Sackville Street and Parliament Street, “No Stopping” is in effect from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., Monday to Friday.
- In the north curb lane between Parliament Street and Regent Street, “No Parking” is in effect at all times.
- In the north curb lane between Regent Street and Sackville Street, “No Parking” is in effect from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday.
- In the south curb lane between Sackville Street and Parliament Street, “No Stopping” is in effect from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday.
- In the south curb lane between Sackville Street and Parliament Street, “No Parking” is in effect at all times.

For comparison, King Street West has extended morning and late afternoon rush hour “No Stopping” prohibitions on both the north and south curb lanes, from 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. It is vital to extend rush hour “No Stopping” prohibitions on the portions of Dundas Street East supporting the diversion routes to ensure travel lanes remain available for traffic due to the increased number of streetcars diverting onto Dundas Street East throughout the Queen Street East closure.

Implementing the changes proposed on Dundas Street East between River Street and Parliament Street for the start of the Queen Street East partial closure will help to improve the speed and reliability for TTC service and benefit all customers utilizing routes serving this corridor.

Existing Transit Conditions

The existing bus and streetcar routes that will be impacted by the partial closure of Queen Street East between Davies Avenue and Broadview Avenue are listed in Table 3.

Table 3: Existing Bus and Streetcar Routes Impacted by Construction

Route	Mode	Branch	Ends of Line	Routings	Subway Connections	Service Level
301 Queen	Streetcar		Long Branch Loop – Neville Park Loop	Via Lake Shore Blvd W, The Queensway, Queen St		20 minutes, everyday during the overnight period

Route	Mode	Branch	Ends of Line	Routings	Subway Connections	Service Level
304 King	Streetcar		Dundas West Stn – Broadview Stn	Via Dundas St W, Roncesvalles Ave, King St, Queen St E, Broadview Ave		10 minutes, everyday during the overnight period
501 Queen	Streetcar	A	Humber Loop – Neville Park Loop	Via The Queensway, Queen St	Line 1 via Osgoode Stn, King Stn (from Adelaide St) & Queen Stn (from Richmond St)	10 minutes or better, all periods except late evening
		C	Long Branch Loop – Neville Park Loop	Via Lakeshore Blvd W, The Queensway, Queen St	Line 1 via Osgoode Stn, King Stn (from Adelaide St) & Queen Stn (from Richmond St)	10 minutes, late evening only
503 Kingston Rd	Bus		King St W & Joe Shuster Way – Bingham Loop (Kingston Rd & Victoria Park Ave)	Via King St, Queen St E, Kingston Rd	Line 1 via St Andrew Stn, King Stn	10 minutes or better, all day, everyday
504 King	Streetcar	A	Dundas West Stn – Distillery Loop	Via Dundas St W, Roncesvalles Ave, Queen St W, Shaw St, King St, Sumach St, Cherry St	Line 1 via King Stn & St Andrew Stn, Line 2 via Dundas West Stn	10 minutes or better, all day, everyday
		B	Broadview Stn – Wolseley Loop (Bathurst St & Queen St W)	Via Broadview Ave, Queen St E, King St, Bathurst St	Line 1 via King Stn & St Andrew Stn, Line 2 via Broadview Stn	10 minutes or better, all day, everyday

Route	Mode	Branch	Ends of Line	Routings	Subway Connections	Service Level
508 Lake Shore	Streetcar		Long Branch Loop – Distillery Loop	Via Lakeshore Blvd W, The Queensway, Queen St W, Shaw St, King St, Sumach St, Cherry St	Line 1 via King Stn & St Andrew Stn	5 eastbound trips (weekday AM Peak), 5 westbound trips (weekday, PM Peak)

Existing Road Conditions

Dundas Street East, between Broadview Avenue and Sackville Street, is a two-lane major arterial with a posted speed limit of 40 km/h. There is a protected cycle track on either side of the street. There are streetcar tracks in the centre lanes.

Dundas Street East, between Sackville Street and Parliament Street, is a four-lane major arterial with a posted speed limit of 40 km/h. There is curb side parking allowing on both sides of the roadway subject to localized restrictions based on time of day and sections where parking is fully restricted. There are streetcar tracks in the centre lanes.

Queen Street East, between Broadview Avenue and Parliament Street, is a four-lane major arterial with a posted speed limit of 40 km/h. There is curb side parking allowing on both sides of the roadway subject to localized restrictions based on time of day and sections where parking is fully restricted. There are streetcar tracks in the centre lanes.

Proposed Diversions

The full diversion routings of the impacted routes, in each phase of construction, are listed below in Table 4, Table 5, and Table 6.

Table 4: Diversion Routings for Duration of City Watermain Construction (October 2025 to February 2026)

Route	Mode	Branch	Ends of Line	Routings	Subway Connections	Service Level
301 Queen	Streetcar		Long Branch Loop – Neville Park Loop	Via Lake Shore Blvd W, The Queensway, Queen St, Parliament St, Dundas St E, Broadview Ave, Queen St E		15 minutes, everyday during the overnight period
	Bus	B	King St E & Parliament St – Broadview Station	Via King St E, Parliament St, Queen St E, Broadview Ave		30 minutes everyday, during the overnight period
304 King	Streetcar		Dundas West Stn – Distillery Loop	Via Dundas St W, Roncesvalles Ave, King St, Cherry St		10 minutes, everyday during the overnight period
501 Queen	Streetcar	A	Humber Loop – Neville Park Loop	Via The Queensway, Queen St, Parliament St, Dundas St E, Broadview Ave, Queen St E	Line 1 via Osgoode Stn, King Stn (from Adelaide St) & Queen Stn (from Richmond St)	10 minutes or better, all periods except late evening
		C	Long Branch Loop – Neville Park Loop	Via Lakeshore Blvd W, The Queensway, Queen St, Parliament St, Dundas St E, Broadview Ave, Queen St E	Line 1 via Osgoode Stn, King Stn (from Adelaide St) & Queen Stn (from Richmond St)	10 minutes, late evening only
503 Kingston Rd	Bus		Bingham Loop (Kingston Rd & Victoria Park Ave)– King St W & York St	Via King St, Parliament St, Queen St E, Kingston Rd	Line 1 via King Stn & St Andrew Stn	10 minutes or better, all day, everyday

Route	Mode	Branch	Ends of Line	Routings	Subway Connections	Service Level
504 King	Streetcar	A	Dundas West Stn – Distillery Loop	Via Dundas St W, Roncesvalles Ave, King St, Sumach St, Cherry St	Line 1 via King Stn & St Andrew Stn, Line 2 via Dundas West Stn	10 minutes or better, all day, everyday
		B	Dufferin Gate Loop (Dufferin St & King St W) – Distillery Loop	Via Dufferin St, King St, Sumach St, Cherry St	Line 1 via King Stn & St Andrew Stn,	10 minutes or better, all day, everyday
	Bus		King St E & Parliament St – Broadview Stn	Via King St E, Queen St E, Broadview Ave	Line 2 via Broadview Stn	10 minutes or better, all day, everyday
508 Lake Shore	Streetcar		Long Branch Loop – Distillery Loop	Via Lakeshore Blvd W, The Queensway, , King St, Sumach St, Cherry St	Line 1 via King Stn & St Andrew Stn	5 eastbound trips (weekday AM Peak), 5 westbound trips (weekday, PM Peak)

Table 5: Diversion Routings for Break Between Watermain & TTC Track Construction (February 2026 to March 2026)

Route	Mode	Branch	Ends of Line	Routings	Subway Connections	Service Level
301 Queen	Streetcar		Long Branch Loop – Neville Park Loop	Via Lake Shore Blvd W, The Queensway, Queen St		15 minutes, everyday during the overnight period
	Bus	B	King St E & Parliament St – Broadview Station	Via King St E, Parliament St, Queen St E, Broadview Ave		30 minutes everyday, during the overnight period

Route	Mode	Branch	Ends of Line	Routings	Subway Connections	Service Level
304 King	Streetcar		Dundas West Stn – Distillery Loop	Via Dundas St W, Roncesvalles Ave, King St, Sumach St, Cherry St		10 minutes, everyday during the overnight period
501 Queen	Streetcar	A	Humber Loop – Neville Park Loop	Via The Queensway, Queen St	Line 1 via Osgoode Stn, King Stn (from Adelaide St) & Queen Stn (from Richmond St)	10 minutes or better, all periods except late evening
		C	Long Branch Loop – Neville Park Loop	Via Lakeshore Blvd W, The Queensway, Queen St	Line 1 via Osgoode Stn, King Stn (from Adelaide St) & Queen Stn (from Richmond St)	10 minutes, late evening only
503 Kingston Rd	Bus		Bingham Loop (Kingston Rd & Victoria Park Ave) – King St W & York St	Via King St, Parliament St, Queen St E, Kingston Rd	Line 1 via King Stn & St Andrew Stn	10 minutes or better, all day, everyday
504 King	Streetcar	A	Dundas West Stn – Distillery Loop	Via Dundas St W, Roncesvalles Ave, King St, Sumach St, Cherry St	Line 1 via King Stn & St Andrew Stn, Line 2 via Dundas West Stn	10 minutes or better, all day, everyday
		B	Dufferin Gate Loop (Dufferin St & King St W) – Distillery Loop	Via Dufferin St, King St, Sumach St, Cherry St	Line 1 via King Stn & St Andrew Stn,	10 minutes or better, all day, everyday

Route	Mode	Branch	Ends of Line	Routings	Subway Connections	Service Level
	Bus		King St E & Parliament St – Broadview Stn	Via King St E, Queen St E, Broadview Ave	Line 2 via Broadview Stn	10 minutes or better, all day, everyday
508 Lake Shore	Streetcar		Long Branch Loop – Distillery Loop	Via Lakeshore Blvd W, The Queensway, King St, Sumach St, Cherry St	Line 1 via King Stn & St Andrew Stn	5 eastbound trips (weekday AM Peak), 5 westbound trips (weekday, PM Peak)

Table 6: Diversion Routings for TTC Track Construction (March 2026 to April 2026)

Route	Mode	Branch	Ends of Line	Routings	Subway Connections	Service Level
301 Queen	Streetcar		Long Branch Loop – Neville Park Loop	Via Lake Shore Blvd W, The Queensway, Queen St, Parliament St, Dundas St E, Broadview Ave, Queen St E		15 minutes, everyday during the overnight period
	Bus	B	King St E & Parliament St – Broadview Station	Eastbound: Via King St E, Parliament St, Queen St E, Broadview Ave Westbound: Via Broadview Avenue, Dundas St E, River St, Queen St E, Parliament St		30 minutes everyday, during the overnight period
304 King	Streetcar		Dundas West Stn – Distillery Loop	Via Dundas St W, Roncesvalles Ave, King St, Sumach St, Cherry St		10 minutes, everyday during the overnight period

Route	Mode	Branch	Ends of Line	Routings	Subway Connections	Service Level
501 Queen	Streetcar	A	Humber Loop – Neville Park Loop	Via The Queensway, Queen St, Parliament St, Dundas St E, Broadview Ave, Queen St E	Line 1 via Osgoode Stn, King Stn (from Adelaide St) & Queen Stn (from Richmond St)	10 minutes or better, all periods except late evening
		C	Long Branch Loop – Neville Park Loop	Via Lakeshore Blvd W, The Queensway, Queen St, Parliament St, Dundas St E, Broadview Ave, Queen St E	Line 1 via Osgoode Stn, King Stn (from Adelaide St) & Queen Stn (from Richmond St)	10 minutes, late evening only
503 Kingston Rd	Bus		Bingham Loop (Kingston Rd & Victoria Park Ave) – King St W & York St	Eastbound: Via King St, Parliament St, Queen St E, Kingston Rd Westbound: Kingston Rd, Queen St E, Broadview Ave, Dundas St E, River St, Queen St E, Parliament St, King St	Line 1 via King Stn & St Andrew Stn	10 minutes or better, all day, everyday
504 King	Streetcar	A	Dundas West Stn – Distillery Loop	Via Dundas St W, Roncesvalles Ave, King St, Sumach St, Cherry St	Line 1 via King Stn & St Andrew Stn, Line 2 via Dundas West Stn	10 minutes or better, all day, everyday
		B	Dufferin Gate Loop (Dufferin St & King St W) – Distillery Loop	Via Dufferin St, King St, Sumach St, Cherry St	Line 1 via King Stn & St Andrew Stn,	10 minutes or better, all day, everyday

Route	Mode	Branch	Ends of Line	Routings	Subway Connections	Service Level
	Bus		King St E & Parliament St – Broadview Stn	Eastbound: Via King St E, Queen St E, Broadview Ave Westbound: Via Broadview Ave, Dundas St E, River St, King St E	Line 2 via Broadview Stn	10 minutes or better, all day, everyday
508 Lake Shore	Streetcar		Long Branch Loop – Distillery Loop	Via Lakeshore Blvd W, The Queensway, King St, Sumach St, Cherry St	Line 1 via King Stn & St Andrew Stn	5 eastbound trips (weekday AM Peak), 5 westbound trips (weekday, PM Peak)

Operational Changes in Construction Area

By-law changes are required to maintain traffic flow around the partial closures on Queen Street East. These include the following changes, listed by street.

Queen Street East

- Removal of paid parking on both sides of Queen Street East between Don River and Broadview Avenue.
- Implementation of 'No Stopping' Anytime on both sides of Queen Street East between Davies Avenue and Broadview Avenue.

Hamilton Street

- Conversion of Hamilton Street from a one-way northbound operation to a temporary two-way operation to facilitate local egress.
- Implementation of 'No Stopping' Anytime on the east side of Hamilton Street between Queen Street East and Thompson Street.

Transit Priority Measures

The proposed TPMs were developed by focusing on parking and traffic regulatory prohibitions. These measures aim to reduce delays on the street network for streetcars and buses operating via the diversion route. These improvements were developed by City staff in consultation with TTC to ensure the TPMs align with City policies.

A combination of traffic agents and signal timing changes will be used as necessary along the streetcar diversion route to support the operations. These management

strategies will be focused on the pinch points along Dundas Street East, Queen Street East, Broadview Avenue, and Parliament Street.

Parking and Stopping Restrictions

Parking adjacent to a streetcar lane results in more general traffic occupying the same lane as the streetcar and increases weaving of traffic. Additionally, when vehicles complete a parking manoeuvre there can be a delay to streetcars until the vehicle is fully parked. During the diversion, there is one additional streetcar route travelling along Dundas Street East between Parliament Street and Broadview Avenue, increasing service from 6 streetcars per hour to 16-17 streetcars per hour in the PM peak. During the TTC track replacement, service along this stretch of Dundas Street West will increase to 34-35 transit vehicles per hour with the addition of the westbound 503 Kingston Rd and 504D King bus services. Due to the high number of transit vehicles that will be taking Dundas Street East during the construction period, the existing time-of-day restrictions need to be extended to support reliability of service.

Dundas Street East generally has stopping prohibitions between 7:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. or 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. from Monday to Friday, dependent on the side of the street. Expanding stopping prohibitions to cover the period from 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. from Monday to Friday and expanding parking prohibitions to cover 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. from Monday to Friday and 12:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Saturday to Sunday will result in an improvement to both transit and general traffic, as there is no longer any impact associated with parked or parking vehicles during peak hours and during historically slow periods of the transit routes operating on this stretch.

Turning Restrictions

To increase the capacity along the streetcar and bus diversions, new turn restrictions are proposed to be implemented, and existing turn restrictions are proposed to be extended, with both covering the period of 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. everyday (TTC vehicles excepted). Where possible, these turns will be supported by traffic signal timing updates.

The existing locations and their current restrictions are as follows:

- Dundas Street East and River Street, eastbound left turns prohibited from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, except public holidays (T.T.C. vehicles excepted).

The proposed new turn restrictions are as follows:

- Dundas Street East and Parliament Street, eastbound left turns and westbound left turns
- Dundas Street East and Regent Street, westbound left-turns
- Dundas Street East and Sackville Street, westbound left turns
- Dundas Street East and Regent Park Boulevard, westbound left-turns

- Dundas Street East and Sumach Street, eastbound left-turns, eastbound right-turns, westbound left-turns, and eastbound right-turns
- Dundas Street East and River Street, eastbound left-turns, eastbound right-turns, westbound left-turns, and eastbound right-turns

The existing turning volumes were reviewed, and the proposed restrictions are anticipated to have minimal impact on private vehicles and the surrounding road network. Any further turning restrictions may be implemented based on the monitoring of local traffic.

Impacts on General Purpose Traffic

The operational changes in the construction area will have a positive impact on general traffic as they maintain traffic flow and local access during the construction-related closures.

Most of the impact of the TPMs on general traffic will be positive as a restriction in parking and increase in no stopping zones means that the existing lanes have more capacity throughout the day. It is challenging to quantify an exact benefit, but beyond an “extra” lane being available the reduction in merging activity for vehicles traveling along the curb lane reduces localized congestion. With the extension and implementation of turning restrictions, there would be some increased travel times as vehicles would need to select alternative routes, but this would be normalized with familiarity. For example, an individual that wants to turn off Dundas Street East onto River Street could instead use Gerrard Street East which would result in no backtracking once they were aware of the restriction.

The most recent traffic volumes were assessed for each of the turns where the time-of-day restriction is proposed to be extended, and the overall impact is limited due to demand not being heavy based on recent counts at the locations where the restrictions are proposed.

Consultation

As part of implementing the TPMs and the diverted service, TTC will conduct comprehensive targeted engagement to inform and educate customers, residents, local businesses, and other partners of the pending changes. This will include a dedicated page on the TTC website, posters at key stops and stations, and communication in vehicles. Engineering and Construction Services will provide advance notice to the Riverside BIA for the proposed parking amendments on Queen Street East.

Monitoring

Transportation Services and the TTC will monitor traffic and transit data after installing the transit priority measures on the affected roadways. This will include:

- Monitoring the on-street operations to optimize signal timings/operating strategies as required.
- Monitoring ridership to maintain acceptable headways/service reliability.
- Monitoring safety metrics to identify and resolve issues as needed.

The main metrics monitored will be:

- Motor Vehicle Travel Times: for primary and alternate corridors, changes in average and 95th percentile motor vehicle travel times during defined periods.
- Transit Travel Time: The average and 90th percentile observed travel times will be calculated for each corridor.

Next Steps

The target schedule for the key milestones is in the following table.

Milestone	Target Date
Consultation with Councillors, local businesses, and public	August 2025 – On-going
Council Approval Process	September 2025
Finalize Transit Priority Measures	September 2025 (6 weeks before implementation)
Implementation of Transit Priority Measures	October 2025
Restore existing roadway conditions (subject to review)	May 2026 or re-opening of Queen Street East between Davies Avenue and Broadview Avenue to streetcars, post-track replacement

The City of Toronto and the TTC will monitor traffic and transit performance and engage the local councillors and BIAs if any changes are required as the work progresses.

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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1: Amendments to Traffic and Parking Regulations
Attachment 2: Streamlined Reporting Process for By-Law Amendments

Attachment 1: Amendments to Traffic and Parking Regulations

TO BE RESCINDED

Chapter 950-1312 – Schedule XIII – No Parking

Highway	Side	Between	Prohibited Times and/or Days
Dundas Street East	North	Regent Street and Sackville Street	4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Mon. to Fri.

Chapter 950-1313 – Schedule XIV – No Stopping

Highway	Side	Between	Prohibited Times and/or Days
Dundas Street East	North	Jarvis Street and Sackville Street	7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., Mon. to Fri., except public holidays
Dundas Street East	South	A point 76 metres east of George Street and Sackville Street	4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Mon. to Fri., except public holidays

Chapter 950-1322 – Schedule XXIII – Prohibited Turns

Intersection or Portion of Highway	Direction	Turns Prohibited	Times and/or Days
Dundas Street East and River Street	Eastbound	Left	7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Mon. to Fri., except public holidays (T.T.C. vehicles excepted)

TO BE ENACTED

Chapter 950-1312 – Schedule XIII – No Parking

Highway	Side	Between	Prohibited Times and/or Days
Dundas Street East	North	Regent Street and Sackville Street	10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Mon. to Fri.; 12:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Sat. to Sun.

Chapter 950-1313 – Schedule XIV – No Stopping

Highway	Side	Between	Prohibited Times and/or Days
Dundas Street East	North	Jarvis Street and Parliament Street	7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., Mon. to Fri., except public holidays
Dundas Street East	South	A point 76 metres east of George Street and Parliament Street	4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Mon. to Fri., except public holidays
Dundas Street East	Both	Parliament Street to Sackville Street	7:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Mon. to Fri.

Chapter 950-1322 – Schedule XXIII – Prohibited Turns

Intersection or Portion of Highway	Direction	Turns Prohibited	Times and/or Days
Dundas Street East and Parliament Street	Eastbound and Westbound	Left	7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., Mon. to Sun. (T.T.C. vehicles excepted)

Intersection or Portion of Highway	Direction	Turns Prohibited	Times and/or Days
Dundas Street East and Sackville Street	Westbound	Left	7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., Mon. to Sun. (T.T.C. vehicles excepted)
Dundas Street East and Sumach Street	Eastbound and Westbound	Left	7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., Mon. to Sun. (T.T.C. vehicles excepted)
Dundas Street East and Sumach Street	Eastbound and Westbound	Right	7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., Mon. to Sun. (T.T.C. vehicles excepted)
Dundas Street East and River Street	Eastbound and Westbound	Left	7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., Mon. to Sun. (T.T.C. vehicles excepted)
Dundas Street East and River Street	Eastbound and Westbound	Right	7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., Mon. to Sun. (T.T.C. vehicles excepted)

Intersection or Portion of Highway	Direction	Turns Prohibited	Times and/or Days
Dundas Street East and Regent Street	Westbound	Left	7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., Mon. to Sun. (T.T.C. vehicles excepted)
Dundas Street East and Regent Park Boulevard	Westbound	Left	7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., Mon. to Sun. (T.T.C. vehicles excepted)

Attachment 2 – Streamlined Reporting Process for By-Law Amendments

List of Traffic and Parking By-Laws Proposed for Delegation:

Chapter 903 - Parking for Persons with Disabilities

Schedule II, Designated On-Street Parking for Permit Holders

Schedule III, Designated On-Street Loading Zones for Permit Holders

Chapter 910 - Parking Machines and Meters

Schedule I, Parking Machines

Schedule III, Parking Meters

Chapter 925 – Permit Parking

Schedule A, Permit Parking

Chapter 950 -Traffic and Parking

Schedule V, Stands for Taxicabs

Schedule VI, Commercial Loading Zones

Schedule VII, Passenger Loading Zones

Schedule VIII, Bus Parking Zones

Schedule IX, Delivery Vehicle Parking Zones

Schedule X, Bus Loading Zones

Schedule XIII, No Parking

Schedule XIV, No Stopping

Schedule XV, Parking for Restricted Periods

Schedule XVI, No Standing

Schedule XVIII, One-Way Highways

Schedule XIX, One-way Traffic Lanes

Schedule XX, Two-way Left-Turn-Only Lanes

Schedule XXII, Reserved Lanes for Designated Classes of Vehicles

Schedule XXIII, Prohibited Turns

Schedule XXIV, Compulsory Turns

Schedule XXV, Entry Prohibited

List of Streets and Street Segments Proposed For Delegation:

Highway	From	To
Queen Street East	Sherbourne Street	Carlaw Avenue
Dundas Street East	Sherbourne Street	Carlaw Avenue
Gerrard Street East	Sherbourne Street	Carlaw Avenue
Broadview Avenue	Danforth Avenue	Eastern Avenue
River Street	Gerrard Street East	King Street East

Highway	From	To
Sumach Street	Gerrard Street East	Queen Street East
Sackville Street	Gerrard Street East	Queen Street East
Parliament Street	Gerrard Street East	King Street East
Boulton Avenue	Gerrard Street East	Queen Street East
De Grassi Street	Gerrard Street East	Queen Street East
Carlaw Avenue	Danforth Avenue	Lake Shore Boulevard East
Davies Avenue	Queen Street East	Matilda Street
Thompson Street	Davies Avenue	Broadview Avenue
Lane West Carroll North Thompson	Matilda Street	Lane North Queen West Carroll
Carroll Street	Thompson Street	Queen Street East
Munro Street	Lane North Queen West Hamilton Street	Queen Street East
Hamilton Street	Kintyre Avenue	Queen Street East
Lane North Queen West Carroll	Lane West Carroll South Thompson	Carroll Street
Lane West Carroll South Thompson	Lane North Queen West Carroll	Thompson Street
Lane North Queen East Carroll	Carroll Street	Munro Street
Lane North Queen West Hamilton Street	Munro Street	Hamilton Street
East Don Roadway	Queen Street East	South end of East Don Roadway
Baseball Place	East Don Roadway	Queen Street East
Matilda Street	Davies Avenue	Munro Street

Highway	From	To
Kintyre Avenue	Broadview Avenue	Munro Street
Munro Street	Thompson Street	Matilda Street/Kintyre Avenue