

May 25, 2017

Streetscaping on Queen Street West From Bathurst Street to Spadina Avenue

Contract: 17ECS-TI-04SP
Expected Start Date: Early Summer 2017
Expected End Date: Late Fall 2017
**Timeline is subject to change.*

In 2016, the City of Toronto replaced two watermains and City-owned portion of the substandard water service and reconstructed and resurfaced Queen Street West from Bathurst Street to Spadina Avenue.

This year, working with the Queen Street West Business Improvement Area (BIA), the City will be reconstructing the sidewalks and adding streetscaping on Queen Street West from Bathurst Street to Spadina Avenue.

Improvements will include two new side-street parkettes on Denison Avenue and Ryerson Avenue, new tree plantings, street lighting and public art. The City will also begin to install infrastructure to allow for a future WI-FI connection to be provided by the Queen Street West BIA. Refer to the **Frequently Asked Questions** for more details.

Once the expected start date is confirmed, an updated notice will be issued.

This project will improve the quality of the sidewalk and street environment and is part of the Council approved 2017 Capital Works Program.



WORK DETAILS AND NEW FEATURES


The City's contractor will be conducting work on both sides of the street. The City's contractor will:

- Reconstruct existing curbs and sidewalks
- Implement TTC accessibility improvements
- Install two side-street parkettes on Denison Avenue and Ryerson Avenue
- Plant 15 new trees
- Re-install 74 City standard bike rings on Queen Street West
- Install the infrastructure for future WI-FI services
- Install metal tree guards designed by artist Scott Eunson.

WHAT TO EXPECT DURING CONSTRUCTION

- You may experience dust, noise and other inconveniences. The City will make efforts to reduce the impacts. We appreciate your patience.
- Property owners should remove items located within City property limits (boulevard), such as landscaping and or decorative objects before work starts.
- The City will not be responsible for damage to any privately owned items on City property.

	<p>Work Hours: Work will take place from 7:00 am to 5:00 pm., on Queen Street West, Monday to Friday, with work after hours and on weekends as required. On Denison Avenue and Ryerson Avenue, work will take place from 7:00 am to 7:00 pm.</p>
	<p>Road and Sidewalk Access: In order to complete the work in a safe manner, there will be road and sidewalk restrictions within the construction work area. Access for emergency vehicles will be maintained at all times.</p> <p>Business Access: The contractor will notify you of any temporary restrictions to your business access. If your property has two entrances, one entrance will be kept open at all times.</p>

	<p>Laneways: Laneways and driveways that serve businesses in the area will remain accessible for deliveries or service.</p>
	<p>TTC Service Changes: The 501/301 Queen streetcar was replaced by bus operations along the entire route on May 7 to permit several construction projects to begin. Streetcars will resume normal service on Queen Street, east of Roncesvalles Avenue and along this portion of Queen Street on September 3, 2017. Please visit www.ttc.ca for more information.</p>
	<p>Pedestrian Information: To keep pedestrians safe and maintain the construction work zone, a six-foot tall fence will be installed around the work area allowing for one half of the existing sidewalk to remain open for use. The fence will break at laneways and streets to allow for safe pedestrian crossing. When required, fencing openings and board-coverings will be provided at business entrances. Wooden ramps will be provided for access when the sidewalk is being constructed beside business/apartment doorways.</p>
	<p>Cyclist Information: <i>Due to the nature of the work on Queen Street West, there is not enough road width to complete construction and keep the curb lanes open for cycling.</i> To avoid cycling on the streetcar tracks, cyclists are encouraged to adjust their routes, to use Adelaide Street West or Richmond Street West to avoid this construction work zone.</p>
	<p>Traffic Management: Efforts have been made to manage traffic in the area for the safety of workers, road users and residents. Road users should expect delays and more traffic on nearby streets.</p> <p>Traffic on Queen Street West will be reduced to one lane in each direction.</p>
	<p>Parking: Parking in the active work zone is not permitted due to space requirements for construction equipment and materials. If your parked vehicle affects the construction work, it will be re-located with no charge to the owner. If your vehicle is moved, please contact parking control for its location at 416-808-2222.</p>
	<p>Garbage & Recycling: Please follow your normal routine. If required, the contractor will move bins to an appropriate location and return them. <i>Please ensure that you label your bins with your address.</i></p>
	<p>Restoration: This construction work area will be restored through the reconstruction and resurfacing the sidewalks and through the addition of streetscaping.</p>
	<p>Deliveries: Businesses may want to consider adjusting delivery times as a result of the lane restrictions during this project.</p>

NEED MORE INFORMATION?

If you have questions about the upcoming work, please contact us and quote **Contract # 17ECS-TI-04SP**.

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TTY Hearing Impaired Service	416-338-0889 (7 Days a week, 8:00 am – 5:00 pm, closed holidays)
General inquiries	311
Website	toronto.ca/downtownconstructionprojects

Thank you for your patience. Building a great city takes time. Better infrastructure for all of us is worth the wait.