

January 21, 2021

Watermain Replacement on Bloor Street West from Spadina Avenue to Avenue Road

Contract: 20ECS-LU-19SU

Start Date: Early February, 2021

End Date: July 2021

**Timeline is subject to change.*

The City of Toronto will be replacing the watermain and the City-owned portion of substandard water services on Bloor Street West between Spadina Avenue and Avenue Road. The water service is the underground pipe that brings water to your water meter and is owned by you and by the City.

The part you own is from your building to the end of your property, the part the City owns is from the end of your property to the watermain. This project is part of the Council-approved 2021 Capital Works Program to renew our aging infrastructure, improve water distribution, reduce the risk of watermain breaks and improve Toronto's cycling infrastructure.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT COVID-19 AND CONSTRUCTION WORK IN TORONTO

During construction, the contractor is responsible for the Health & Safety on site under the Ontario Occupational Health and Safety Act and is expected to implement COVID-19 mitigation practices. For more information on the City's response to COVID-19 please visit toronto.ca/covid-19.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT LEAD WATER SERVICES

If you live or work in a property (on this section of Bloor Street West) that was built before the mid-1950s, your water service may be made of lead. Please read the attached fact sheet with important information about the risks of lead in drinking water, especially if someone in your property is pregnant, there are children under six years old, or there is an infant drinking formula made from tap water.


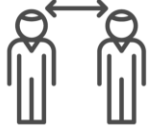






You may receive more than one notice from the City of Toronto because there are many phases to this and other construction projects in your area in 2021

WORK DETAILS

Phase and Dates	Work	Traffic Restrictions
Phase 1 February to May	Crews will: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dig a trench and replace the watermain • Replace the City owned section of the water services 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One lane in each direction for vehicles on Bloor Street West • Bike lanes will be maintained in each direction throughout construction • There will be NO on-street parking between Spadina Road and Avenue Road
Phase 2 May to June	Watermain Disinfection and Testing	
Phase 3 June to July	Transfer water services from old main to new main and complete connections	

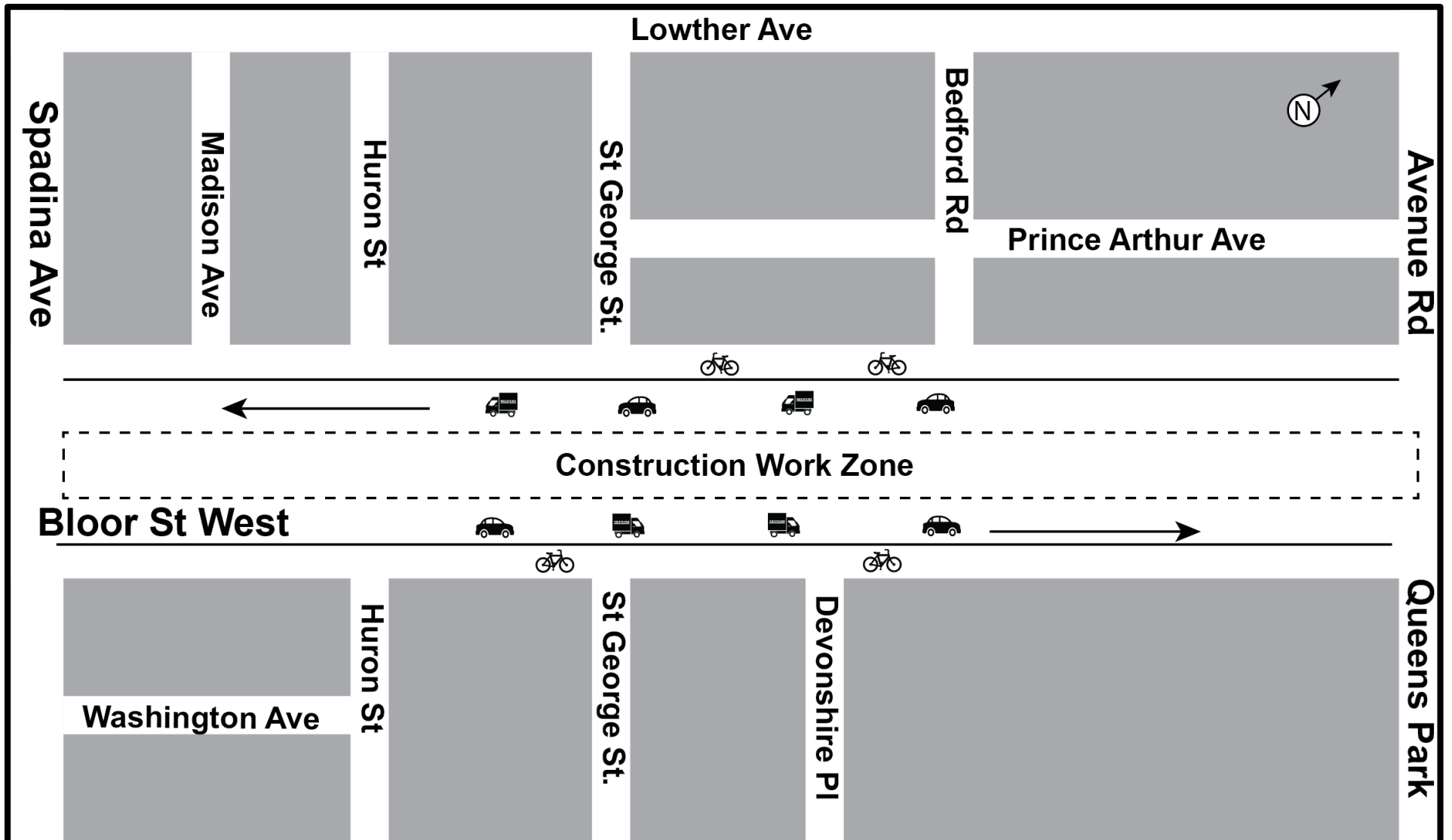
WHAT TO EXPECT DURING CONSTRUCTION

- Work crews will mark the locations of underground utilities, such as gas, water and cable so that the construction work does not interfere with these utilities.
- Work in the boulevard in front of properties is planned. This work includes removing and replacing a portion of driveways, municipal sidewalks and grassed boulevards, where necessary. Property owners should remove items located within City property limits (boulevard), such as displays, street furniture, patio accessories and or decorative objects before work starts. The City will not be held responsible for damage to items in the boulevard.

	<p>Work Hours: Work will take place from 7 a.m. to 11 p.m., Monday to Friday and from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Saturdays or Sundays as required.</p>
	<p>Physical Distancing: There are times when contractors need to communicate with property owners about what is happening on-site. This could be about driveway access, water shut offs, exterior pre-construction inspections, and site restoration work (landscaping, installing pavers etc.). Contractor's staff will be identifiable by their high-visibility clothing.</p> <p>Where possible, a phone number for a contact person on-site will be provided on notices, to answer questions about work near your property. At other times, the contractor may knock on your door, but will then step away the required distance to discuss the work that is taking place and what can be expected that day. Please practice physical distancing with workers so everyone can remain safe. If you have questions, call the contact provided on this notice.</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 increased traffic on nearby main and side streets.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There will be one lane in each direction for vehicles • Bike lane will be maintained in each direction throughout construction • Parking restrictions and one way road operation will be required on Devonshire Place to allow large vehicle access during phases 2 and 3. Additional road signage on Bloor Street West, Devonshire Place and Hoskin Avenue will be in place during these traffic changes
	<p>Road and Sidewalk Access: In order to complete the work in a safe manner, there will be road and sidewalk restrictions within the work zone. Access for emergency vehicles will be maintained at all times.</p> <p>Driveway Access: The contractor will notify you of any temporary restrictions to your driveway access. If your property has two entrances, one entrance will be kept open at all times.</p>
	<p>Cyclists: During construction, bike lanes will be maintained on Bloor Street West, however there may be brief periods when the bike lanes will have to be temporarily closed due to work taking place within the work zone. Signs will be posted directing cyclists and drivers to share the one lane of traffic, single file through the work zone. Cyclists can use Harbord Street as alternative route during construction.</p>
	<p>Parking: Parking in the active work zone is not permitted as space is needed for construction equipment and materials. If your parked vehicle affects construction work, it will be relocated with no charge to the owner. If your vehicle is moved, please contact parking control for its location at 416-808-2222. Affected properties will get additional parking information.</p>
	<p>Substandard Water Service Replacement: Please read the attached fact sheet as it contains important information about lead in drinking water and water service replacement. Find out if your water service is lead – a licensed plumber can help you with this. If it is lead, the City of Toronto encourages you to replace it. We recommend you obtain several quotes and you can contact the City's contractor for one of your quotes. Approximately 2-3 weeks prior to construction, you will receive a "Construction Notice" with the name and phone number of the City contractor. Learn more at toronto.ca/leadpipes</p>
	<p>Pre-Construction Inspection: Under contract to the City of Toronto, Wristen's Home Specialities Inc. will conduct a survey of all properties within 30 metres of the construction area before construction starts. Participation in the survey is voluntary; however, participating is important in determining if the construction caused damage. The inspection will look at the exterior of all properties to verify existing conditions. Due to COVID 19 no internal inspections will be done at this time. Affected properties will receive a separate notice to set up an appointment. All inspection staff will wear photo I.D. and carry photo equipment for this work.</p>

	<p>Important information for owners of sprinkler systems / heated driveways and private landscaping features. Property owners should remove items located within City property limits (boulevard) to avoid damage.</p> <p>This includes items such as landscaping (plants and pavers), decorative objects, sprinkler systems or heated driveways. If you have a sprinkler system or heated driveway, please contact the City Staff contact listed below.</p>
	<p>Accessible Accommodation: Residents who require accommodation (level entry, longer notice, etc.) must contact the City Staff contact to arrange for access during the construction period.</p>
	<p>Garbage and Recycling: Please follow your normal routine. If required, the contractor will move bins to an appropriate location and return them. Please ensure that you label your bins with your address.</p>
	<p>TTC Service: 300 Bloor-Danforth route will continue bus service throughout construction on Bloor Street West</p>

MAP OF WORK AREA



NEED MORE INFORMATION?

If you have questions about the upcoming work, please contact us.

Contract	20ECS-LU-19SU
Public Consultation Unit	Paul Martin, 416 392-3074, bloorstreetconstruction@toronto.ca
TTY Hearing Impaired Service	416-338-0889 (7 Days a week, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., closed holidays)
General inquiries	311
Website	toronto.ca/Bloorstreetconstruction

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Thank you for your patience. Better infrastructure for all of us is worth the wait.