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## **TTC Track Replacement, Watermain Replacement and BIA Streetscape Improvements on Queen Street West from Bay Street to Fennings Street**

**Contract: 21ECS-TI-05SP**

**Expected Start Date: June 2021**

**Expected End Date: December 2021**

*\*Content/dates subject to change. More details will be provided in a future notice*

The City of Toronto and Toronto Transit Commission (TTC) have coordinated a number of infrastructure project upgrades on Queen Street West:

- Replacement of streetcar track from Bay Street to Fennings Street
- Replacement of streetcar track at the intersection of Queen Street West and Shaw Street
- Replacement of watermain and City-owned portion of substandard water services from Bay Street to University Avenue
- Improvements to the streetscape along Queen Street West, in partnership with the Queen Street West Business Improvement Area (BIA)

To minimize the impact of construction on local businesses and residents, construction work will be sequenced and will take place in smaller work zones of about 300 metres. Work will start at Bay Street and move west towards Spadina Avenue (planned for June to August), and then from Fennings Street east towards Spadina Avenue (planned for August to December). Each work zone will close access to vehicles for up to four weeks to allow the work to be carried out faster.

**Please see the map on Page 4 showing the planned work phases. The timing for each phase is being finalized and will be communicated online and in the upcoming Construction Notice that will be mailed two weeks before work begins. Further work details will also be provided.**

**The City of Toronto recognizes the significant impact the COVID-19 pandemic continues to have on businesses. Efforts continue to be made to lessen the impact of this construction work, specifically regarding scheduling, delivery of work and CaféTO accommodations.**

**Over the next few weeks, all businesses and residents on Queen Street West (Bay Street to Fennings Street) will receive a special notice with details on how to prepare for construction in terms of parking, deliveries, waste collection, laneway access, CaféTO etc.**

**We highly encourage you to sign-up to receive regular email updates and stay informed regarding this project at [toronto.ca/queenwestconstruction](https://toronto.ca/queenwestconstruction)**

This work is required to bring the aging track and watermain infrastructure to a state of good repair and is part of the Council-approved 2021 Capital Works Program. The section of watermain the City is replacing (Bay Street to University Avenue) was built in the late 1800s.



## 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](https://toronto.ca/covid-19).

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT LEAD WATER SERVICES




Properties on Queen Street West (Bay Street to University Avenue) that were built prior to the 1950s are likely to have water services made of lead, especially if they were built prior to the mid-1950s. As part of this project, the City will be replacing the City's portion of the water service with ¾ inch copper pipes. Further information will be directly mailed to affected properties over the coming weeks.

## WHAT TO EXPECT BEFORE 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.
- Approximately two weeks before work begins, a **Construction Notice** will also be sent with more information about the work
- The City will not be responsible for damage to any privately owned items on City property.

	<p><b>Work Hours:</b> Work on this project will take place 24 hours 7 days a week. Excavation activities and heavy breaking will be carried out at various times throughout the day. All concrete breaking activities will occur between 7:00 a.m. and 11:00 p.m. Concrete breaking work is the most disruptive and will typically last the first 2-3 days for each phase of the construction. There will be periods of 24 - hour operations (overnight activities) by TTC crews throughout the project during new rail installation. Around-the-clock work during rail installation is required to preserve the integrity and quality of new rail, concrete and to support the progress of the daytime activity. Overnight rail work by TTC may consist of moving new rail into position, rail installation and rail welding/grinding.</p>
	<p><b>Traffic Management:</b> Motorists are reminded to abide by traffic/construction signs posted in local areas to ensure the safe travel of all local road users, pedestrians and cyclists. Efforts will be made to manage traffic and closures 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 during this work.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• People driving and cycling will not have access to the active work zone. Sidewalks will be open. As such, cyclists can dismount and use available sidewalks. Additional traffic management information will be communicated in the Construction Notice.</li> <li>• To ensure everyone's safety, Paid Duty Officers (PDOs) and/or Traffic Agents will be deployed at the intersections on both ends of the moving work zone.</li> </ul>

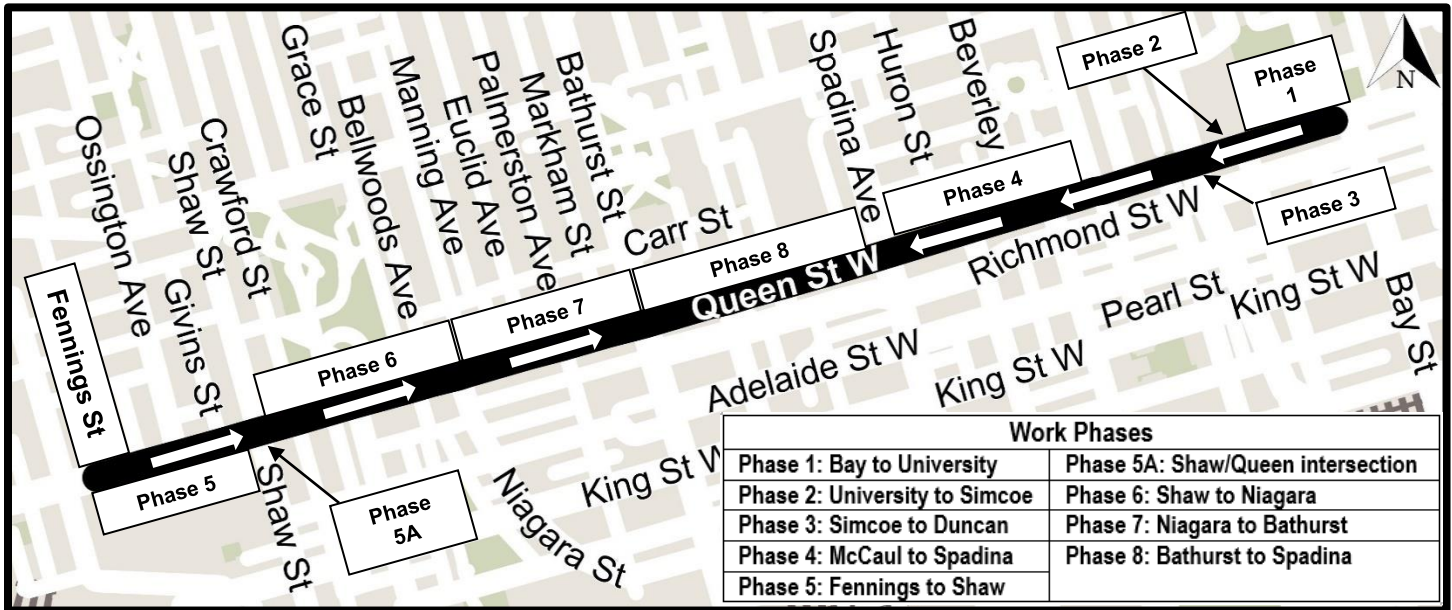


	<p><b>During this project, the following changes to TTC service on Queen Street West are expected:</b></p> <p><b><u>501/301 Queen</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Queen streetcars will operate as far west as Parliament Street, then divert south and west via Parliament Street and King Street West to King/Spadina and turn back.</li> <li>• Queen buses will operate through the downtown area as far east as the Broadview/Queen intersection and turn back via Broadview, Gerrard, and River.</li> <li>• <i>Note: Queen buses (both ways) will be diverted around the construction zone via streets running parallel to Queen Street. The diversions will change as the work progresses. Routing information will be updated accordingly.</i></li> </ul> <p><b><u>North-South Routes:</u></b> Service crossing Queen Street will be maintained as best as possible, however, there may be times when the service may need to be diverted around the construction.</p> <p><b>Visit: <a href="http://ttc.ca">ttc.ca</a> for accurate schedule information</b></p>
	<p><b>Streetcar Rail Storage Details:</b></p> <p><b>Advance work:</b> TTC crews will weld new rail together and store the rail strings at two locations on Queen Street West. <b>Starting on May 10 for approx. one week, preliminary rail welding and storage will take place on Queen Street, west of Bay Street.</b> The second week of rail welding (date to be determined) will occur in the west end of the project near Fennings Street and the rail will be stored in proximity of Trinity Bellwoods Park. <i>Details will be provided in a separate notice.</i> Reduced traffic lanes and parking restrictions on both sides of Queen Street will be required through the rail welding work zone.</p> <p><b>Overnight:</b> During the project, the new rail strings will be moved/pulled from the welding area to the storage area and then to the point of installation when required. This activity will occur overnight for safety reasons as the long strings are very heavy and can be aggressive in nature should a loss of control occur during lifting or moving. Some noise can be expected during this night activity, including beeping from vehicles when operating in reverse.</p>
	<p><b>Accessibility:</b> The City's contractor must ensure safe and accessible walkways and entryways are maintained for everyone during construction. Any temporary access disruptions will be communicated as soon as possible. If you experience a disruption, have a specific access need or related accommodation request, please contact the Public Consultation Unit listed on Page 4</p>

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## MAP OF WORK AREA AND PHASES



## MORE INFORMATION:

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

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 如果需要廣東話協助, 請致電 311

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