

June 23, 2021

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: Week of July 5th 2021

Expected End Date: December 2021

Content/dates subject to change.

Starting the week of July 5th, the City of Toronto and Toronto Transit Commission (TTC) will begin work on the following infrastructure upgrades:

- TTC track replacement on Queen Street West, between Bay Street and Fennings Street
- Watermain and substandard water service replacement on Queen Street West from Bay Street to University Avenue
- Overhead wire system upgrades along the Queen Streetcar route (this includes replacing several poles along the south side between University Avenue and Spadina Avenue)
- Improvements to the streetscape along Queen Street West (*Detailed information on these improvements can be found on the project website listed on page 4*)

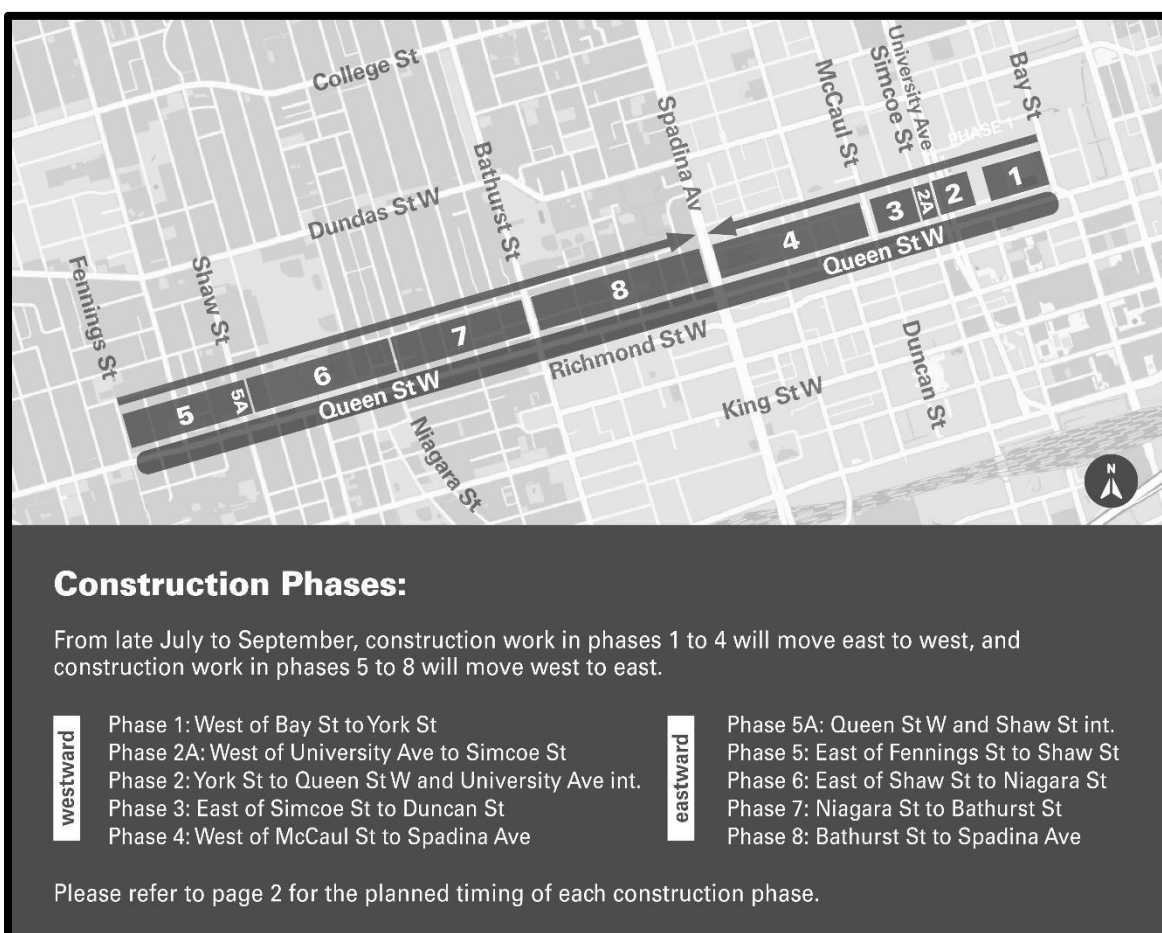
The City's contractor will undertake the work in phases. Phase 1 will begin west of Bay Street and move in a westward direction. Each phase is expected to last up to four weeks. Please see the map below for the work phase sequence and the table on page 2 for tentative timing.

During construction, the section of Queen Street West where the City's contractor is working will be fully closed to all road users. People travelling by car should take note of these road closures and use alternate east-west routes to reach their destinations.

The following north-south streets will be open during all phases of construction: *Bay Street, University Avenue, McCaul Street/Duncan Street, Spadina Avenue, Bathurst Street, and Fennings Street.*

To receive this information and future construction updates by email, subscribe to the project mailing list through the project web page: toronto.ca/queenwestconstruction.

MAP OF WORK AREA AND PHASES



IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT COVID-19 AND CONSTRUCTION WORK IN TORONTO


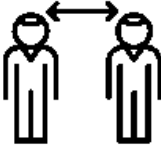
During construction, the contractor is responsible for the Health & Safety on site under the Ontario Occupational Health and Safety Act and is expected to implement COVID-19 mitigation practices. For more information on the City's response to COVID-19 please visit toronto.ca/covid-19.









WORK PHASES, LOCATION AND TIMING*

Phase	Location	Timing*
* The timing listed below is tentative. Once finalized, the City will post the accurate timing of each work phase on the project website listed on page 4.		
Phase 1	West of Bay Street to York Street	July
Phase 2	York Street to Queen Street West and University Avenue intersection	August
Phase 2A	West of University Avenue to Simcoe Street	August
Phase 3	East of Simcoe Street to Duncan Street	August
Phase 4	West of McCaul Street to Spadina Avenue	September
Phase 5	East of Fennings Street to Shaw Street	Mid-August to September
Phase 5A* <i>*A separate construction notice will be issued with further details.</i>	Queen Street West and Shaw Street intersection	August 15 to September 15
Phase 6	East of Shaw Street to Niagara Street	Mid-September to October
Phase 7	Niagara Street to Bathurst Street	October 15 to November
Phase 8	Bathurst Street to Spadina Avenue	November to December
Work details for each phase are posted on the project website listed on page 4		

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.
- The City will not be responsible for damage to any privately owned items on City property.

	Work Hours: 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 construction phase (<i>this may last longer during intersection work</i>). 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 and 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.
	Physical Distancing: There are times when contractors need to communicate with homeowners about what is happening on-site. This could be about driveway access, water shut offs, pre-construction inspections, and site restoration work (landscaping, installing pavers etc.). Contractor's staff will be identifiable by their high-visibility clothing and will maintain physical distancing.

	<p>Site Safety: Workers on site are responsible for the work assigned to them. If you have construction questions or an issue on site – ask to be directed to the site inspector. If the site inspector is unavailable, contact the person listed at the end of this notice.</p>
	<p>Traffic Management: Motorists are reminded to abide by traffic and construction signs posted in local areas to ensure the safe travel of all local road users and pedestrians. Efforts will be made to manage traffic and closures in the area for the safety of workers, road users, pedestrians 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"> Throughout all phases of construction the following north/south streets (routes) will <u>always</u> remain open: <i>Bay Street, University Avenue, McCaul Street/Duncan Street, Spadina Avenue, Bathurst Street, and Fennings Street.</i> As work is completed and the road is restored, access to north/south routes and CafeTO locations will be allowed to resume operation. 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 in order to ensure everyone's safety.
	<p>Pedestrians: No sidewalk work planned for this project, pedestrians will generally have access to the sidewalks within the work zones to travel east-west.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> North-south travel by foot can be achieved at either end of each construction phase. Where feasible, the contractor will install north-south crossing points (bridges) within each phase of work. The exact locations of these crossing points will be communicated through email updates once work starts.
	<p>Cyclists: People cycling who wish to travel east-west through the active construction zone can do so by dismounting and using available sidewalks. People cycling can also share the north-south crossing points (bridges) with pedestrians</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Bike parking will generally be maintained throughout construction.</i>
	<p>TTC Service: Buses are currently operating on Queen Street West in place of streetcars.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 501/301 Queen buses will be diverted around the various work phases. Details related to each diversion will be posted at transit stops in advance of each closure. Other nearby routes are available during this project, i.e. 504/304 King route and 505 Dundas route. 63/363 Ossington buses will be diverted during Phases 5 and 5A. In response to the ongoing impact of COVID-19 the 142 Downtown/Avenue Road Express route is not running and will not be running during Phase 2A. <p>Visit ttc.ca for information on routes</p>
	<p>Restoration: The contractor will restore areas affected by construction.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>This will include reinstallation of CafeTO curb lane closure signage and concrete barriers.</i>
	<p>Accessibility: 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 a related accommodation request, please contact the Public Consultation Unit listed on page 4.</p>
	<p>Businesses: With the gradual easing of COVID19 related restrictions on businesses in Toronto, more and more businesses are beginning to open. Please remember to support Queen Street West businesses by shopping and dining local.</p>

MORE INFORMATION:

If you have questions about this construction project, please contact staff listed below, if you need to speak with staff on the construction site – please ask for the site inspector, respect physical distancing and wear a mask.

Public Consultation Unit	Michael Vieira, 416-392-3074, queenwestconstruction@toronto.ca
TTC Community Liaison	Paul Tran, 647-461-5133, paul.tran@ttc.ca
CaféTO	cafeto@toronto.ca
City Councillor for Spadina-Fort York	Joe Cressy, 416-392-4044, councillor_cressy@toronto.ca
TTY Hearing Impaired Service	416-338-0889 (Daily 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., closed holidays)
General inquiries	311 (24 hours, 7 days / week)
Project Website	toronto.ca/queenwestconstruction

如果需要普通话协助, 请拨 311

如果需要廣東話協助, 請致電 311

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