

October 13, 2021

Bloor Street West Bridge Rehabilitation under Metrolinx Rail at UP Express

Contract: 21ECS-TI-10BE

Start Date: June 7, 2021 Original Expected End Date: December 2021

NEW End Date: June 2022*

**Timeline is subject to change.*

This notice provides an update on the rehabilitation of the Bloor Street West Bridge under Metrolinx Rail at UP Express, between Dundas Street West and Perth Avenue.

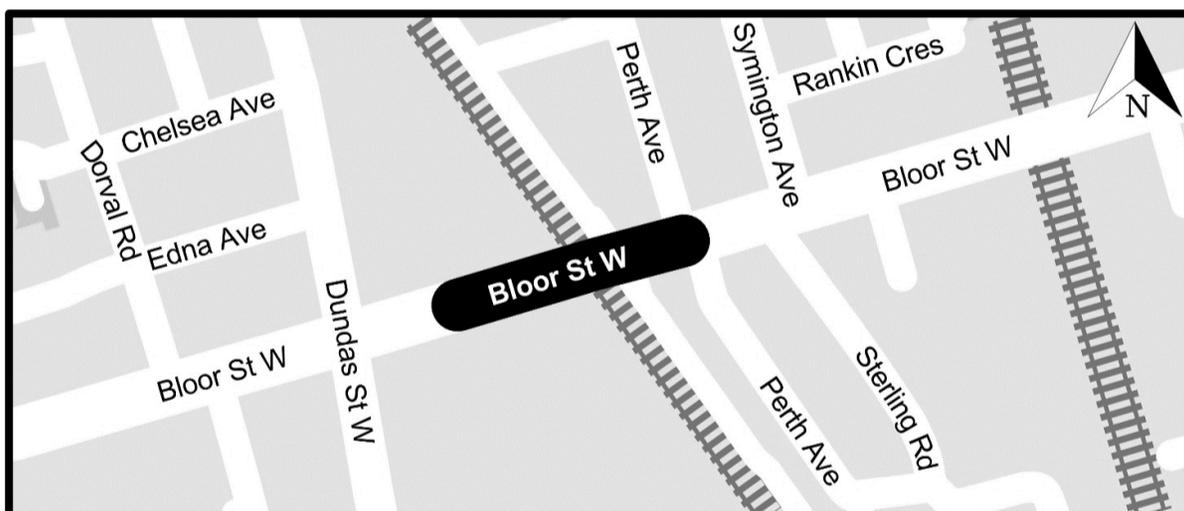
Work on this project is currently behind schedule. This extended delay was caused by unforeseen utility infrastructure conflicts which have now been safely addressed. The City's contractor is working diligently to complete the remainder of the project.

We know this project has an impact to all businesses and residents along Bloor Street West and the immediate area. We sympathize and appreciate your patience with the dust, noise, fencing and other inconveniences.

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.

MAP OF WORK AREA



WORK STATUS TO DATE

To date, the following work has been completed:

- Implemented traffic control including a temporary pedestrian corridor through the work zone
- Completed crack injection and concrete patch repairs on the abutment and retaining walls on the south side of the bridge

REMAINING WORK

In the coming months, the City's contractor will be completing the following work:

- Patch repair remaining abutment and retaining walls on both sides of the bridge
- Replace elevated concrete sidewalks and sidewalks on-grade
- Reinstall salvaged pedestrian railings
- Reface sidewalk supporting walls and reconstruct curbs
- Recoat steel column bases and anchorages on sidewalk
- Replace bridge lighting and luminaires
- Construct concrete median barrier and install crash protection at centre pier
- Reconstruct roadway including pavement markings with bike lanes

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 will take place from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., Monday to Friday; 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., Saturdays. No work will occur on Sundays and Statutory holidays.
	Traffic Management: Road users should expect delays and increased traffic on nearby main and side streets. Motorists are reminded that bicycles and cars will be sharing the lane. When driving, please be mindful of vulnerable road users. Efforts have been made to manage traffic in the area for the safety of workers, road users and residents. At least one lane in each direction through the work zone will be maintained along Bloor Street West.
	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.
	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 zone. Access for emergency vehicles will be maintained at all times.
	Pedestrians: The work may require temporary sidewalk restrictions, however any necessary sidewalk closures will alternate in each direction to ensure pedestrian access is maintained during construction.
	Cyclists: If travelling on Bloor Street West between Dundas Street West and Symington Avenue, please share the traffic lane in the active work zones.
	Accessible Accommodation: 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, inform the contact listed below.

NEED 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.

Contract	21ECS-TI-10BE
Field Ambassador	Maria Lipka, 437-317-1465, BloorRail@morrisonhershfield.com
TTY Hearing Impaired Service	416-338-0889 (Daily 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., closed holidays)
City Councillor for Ward 4 – Parkdale-High Park	Gord Perks, 416-392-7919, councillor_perks@toronto.ca
City Councillor for Ward 9 – Davenport	Ana Bailão, 416-392-7012, councillor_bailao@toronto.ca
General inquiries	311
Website	toronto.ca/parkdalehighpark toronto.ca/davenport

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