



King Street West, The Queensway, Queen Street West and Roncesvalles Avenue (KQQR) Construction

Public Information Event

Thursday, July 28, 2022 (6:30 to 8:00 p.m.)

Land Acknowledgement

To commence this meeting we would like to first take a moment to acknowledge the land on which we are meeting.

This land is the traditional territory of many nations including the Mississaugas of the Credit, the Anishnabeg, the Chippewa, the Haudenosaunee and the Wendat peoples and is now home to many diverse Indigenous, Inuit and Métis peoples. We also acknowledge that Toronto is covered by Treaty 13 with the Mississaugas of the Credit.



This meeting is being recorded for the purposes of creating a meeting summary that will be posted on the project webpage

Agenda

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| 6:30 p.m. | Welcome & Introductions |
| 6:40 p.m. | Presentation |
| 7:10 p.m. | Questions |
| 8:00 p.m. | Meeting ends |

Opening Remarks



Councillor Gord Perks
Parkdale-High Park

Project Team

Engineering & Construction Services

Shahid Virk, Project Manager

MD Abdus Salam, Project Manager

Public Consultation

Michael Vieira, Senior Public Consultation Coordinator

TTC

Paul Tran, Senior Community Liaison

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- **Be patient:** Virtual meetings don't always run as smoothly as planned.
- **Be brief:** Limit yourself to one question or comment when you are called on to speak.
- **Be respectful:** The City of Toronto is an inclusive public organization. Discriminatory, prejudicial or hateful comments and questions will not be tolerated and you will be removed from the meeting.



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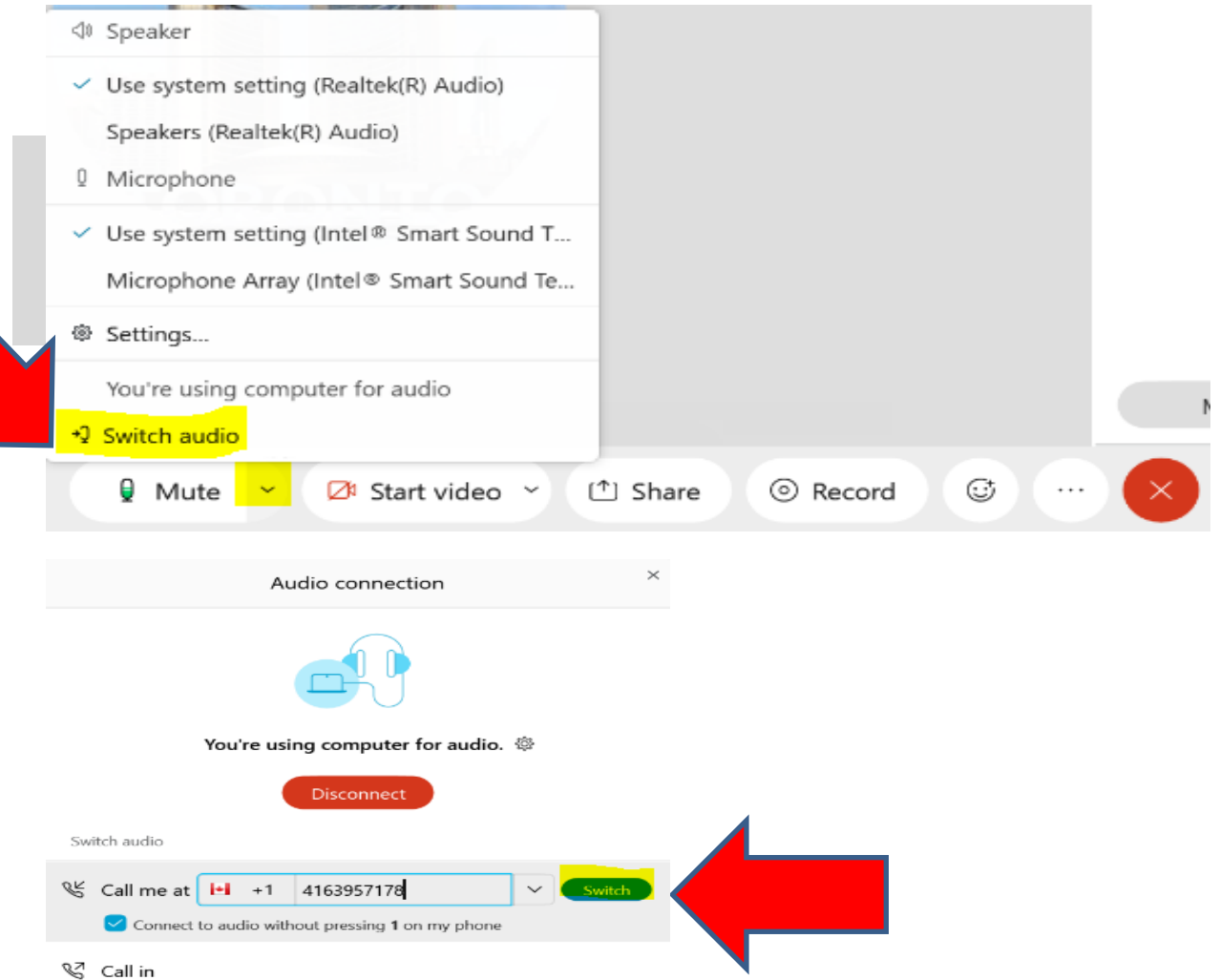
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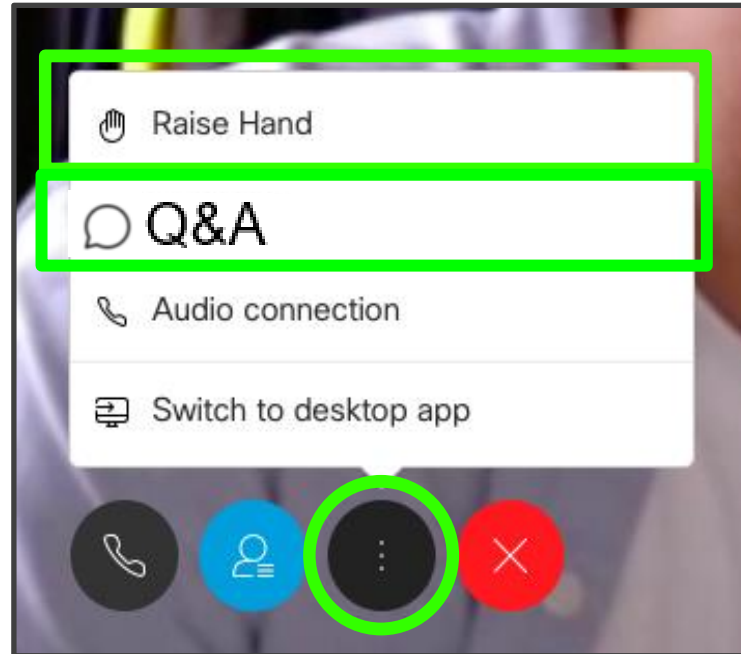
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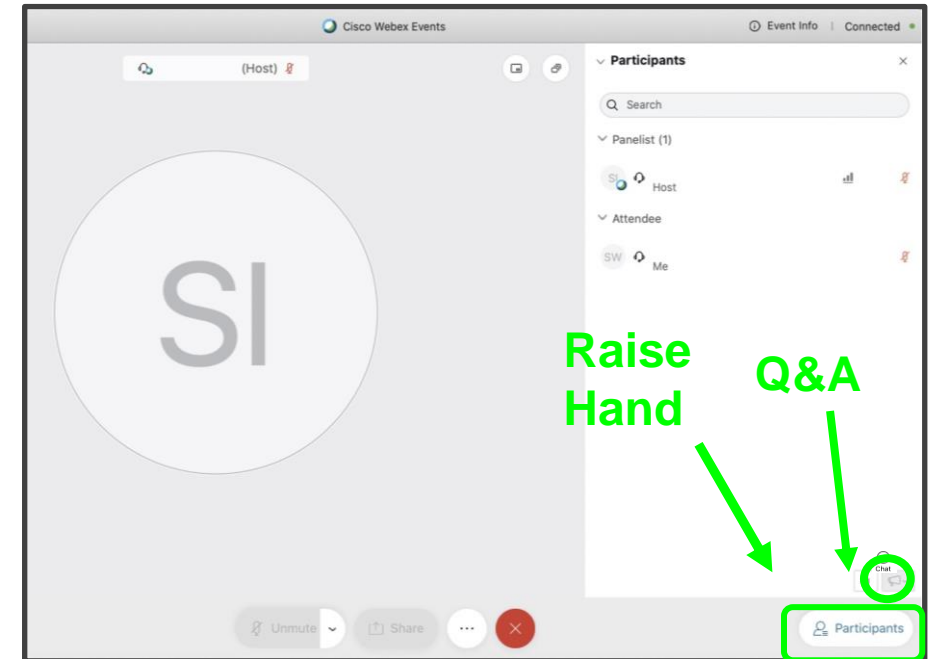


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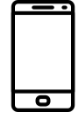
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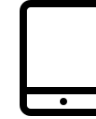
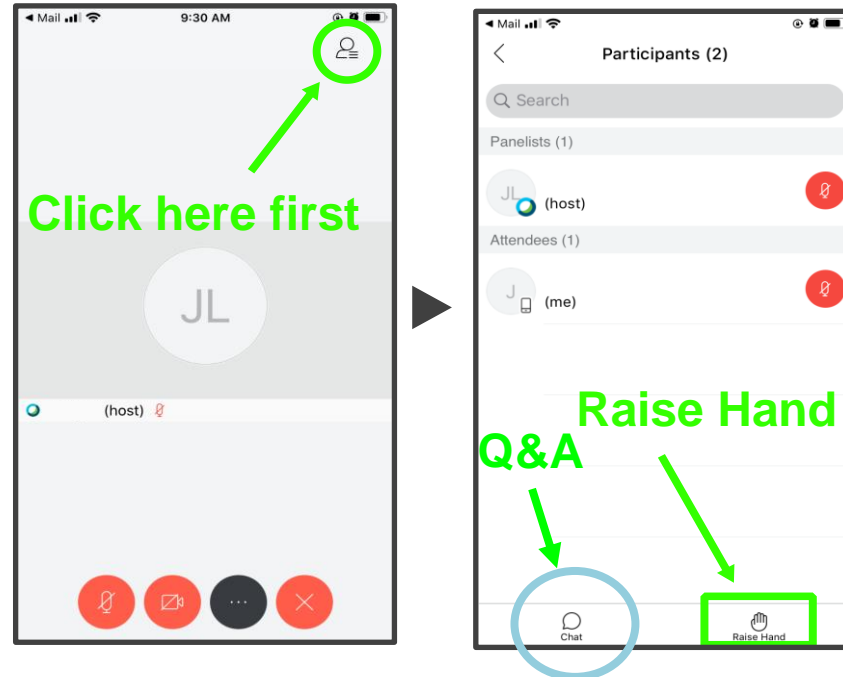
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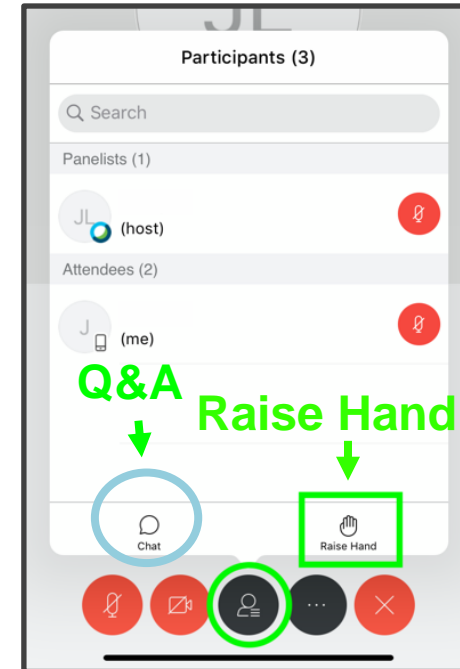
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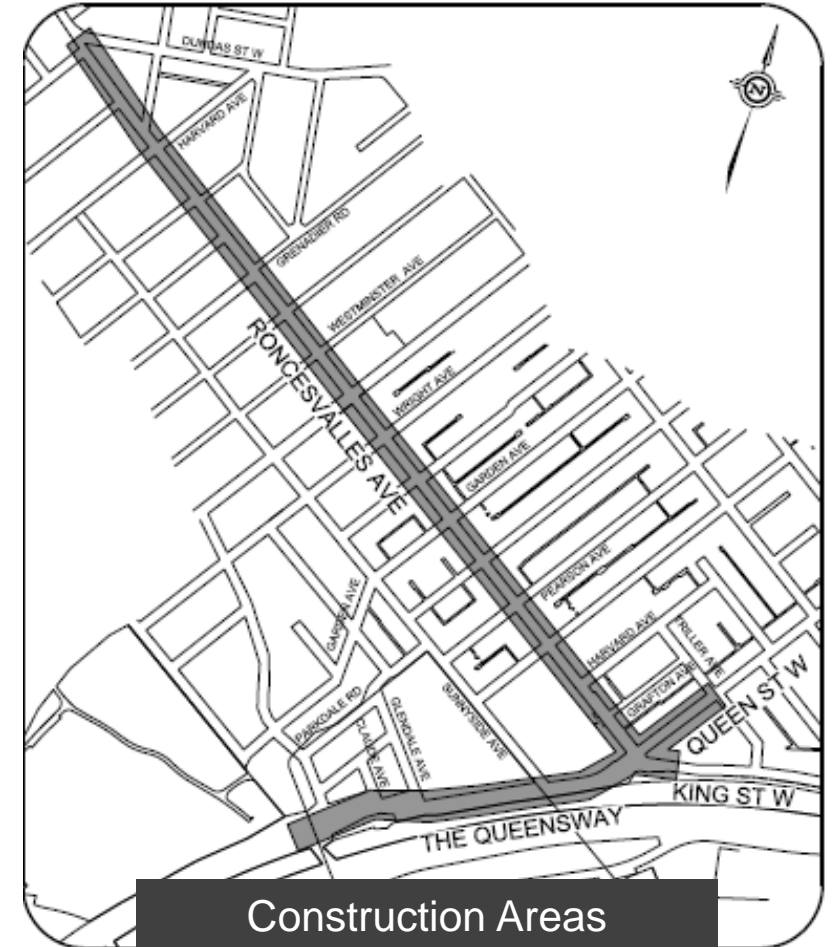


- To raise your hand virtually, **key in *3.**
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Project Summary and Improvements

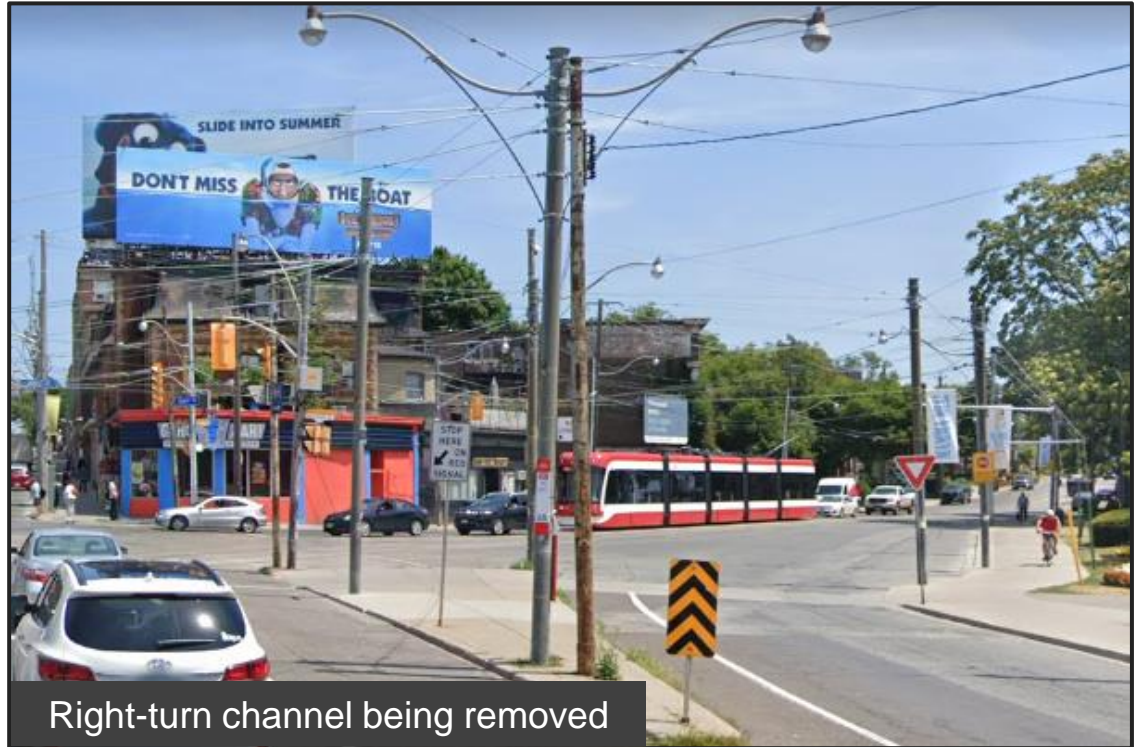
What's all the construction about?

- Rehabilitation of the Parkside Drive Bridge at The Queensway
- Watermain replacement and sewer relining
- New Toronto Hydro infrastructure
- TTC track reconstruction
- New and/or TTC platform upgrades
- Reconfiguration of the KQQR intersection
- Road and sidewalk reconstruction
- New and/or modified traffic signals (KQQR, Glendale Avenue and Sunnyside Avenue intersections)
- Streetscaping
- Reconfiguration of Beaty Boulevard Park



Improvements at the KQQR Intersection

- Removal of the eastbound right-turn channel that will improve pedestrian safety and accessibility in accordance with the **City's Vision Zero Road Safety Plan**
- The realignment of the northbound approach on King Street West will provide a normal four-leg intersection vs. skewed intersection
- A new two phase traffic signal instead of previous three signal phase signal will lessen confusion for road all users
- The new intersection configuration will improve safety and operations for all road users



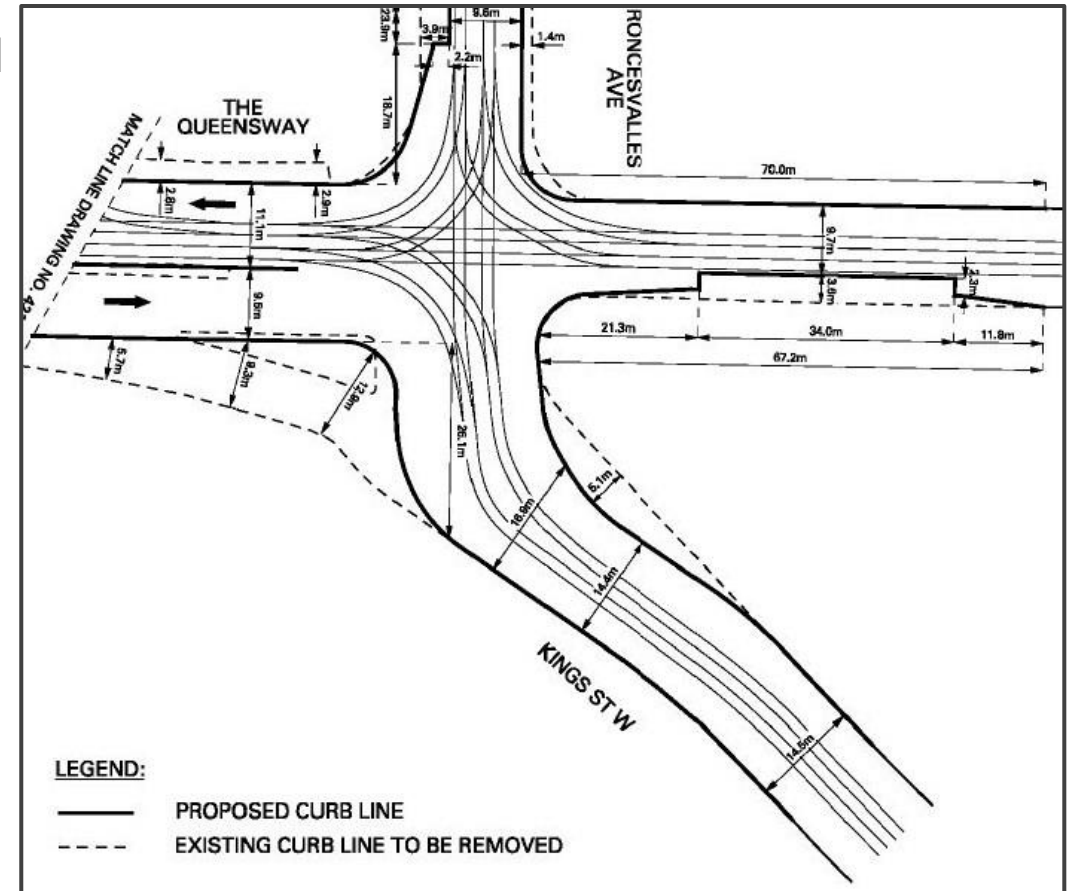
Right-turn channel being removed

Improvements at the KQQR Intersection

- The expansion and improvements of Beaty Boulevard Park will take place in the space that has been left over by the removal of the right-turn channel.



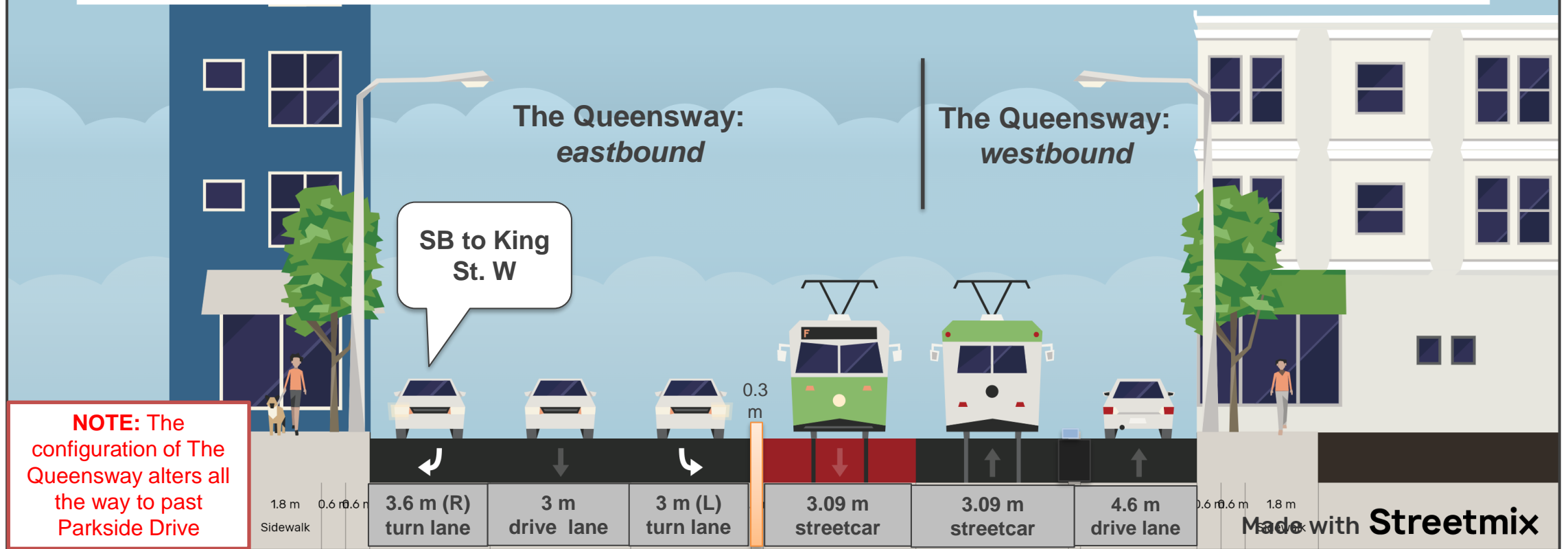
Expansion of Beaty Boulevard Park Underway



New KQQR Intersection Configuration

Improvements at the KQQR Intersection

The Queensway (facing east), at the KQQR intersection: a dedicated streetcar lane, left-turn lane, through travel lane and right-turn lane



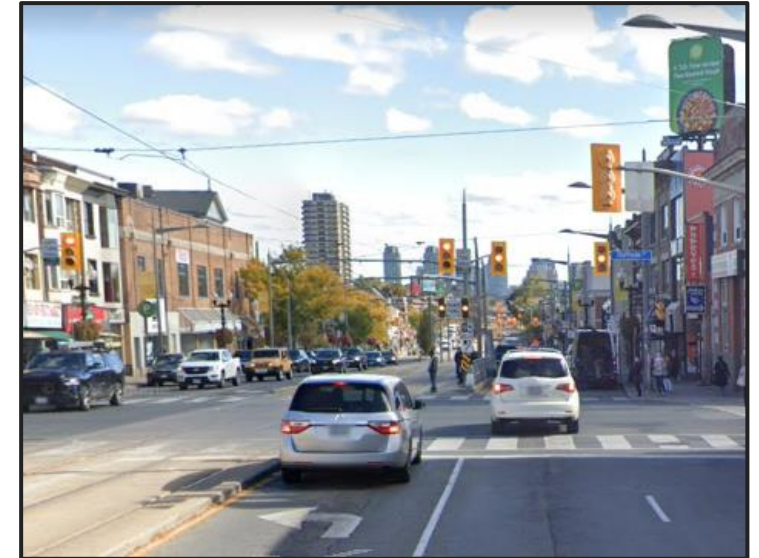
Improvements along The Queensway

- Extension of the dedicated streetcar right-of-way from *west of Claude Avenue* to Roncesvalles Avenue using concrete curbs for separation (north and south side) and installation of transit priority at Glendale Avenue and Roncesvalles Avenue. This will reduce delays and improve service reliability
- The installation of new traffic signal at the Sunnyside Avenue intersection will improve pedestrian safety, access to St. Joseph's Health Centre (SJHC) and the movement of streetcars from the Sunnyside Avenue Loop. *A new eastbound 'U turn' signal at this intersection will facilitate access to the St. Joseph's Health Centre Melnyk Entrance (off The Queensway)*



Improvements along The Queensway

- Improved traffic movement with new eastbound left-turn lanes at Glendale Avenue, Sunnyside Avenue and Roncesvalles Avenue
- Improved pedestrian safety with north-south crossing on both sides of the intersection at Glendale Avenue
- A safer cycling connection with extension of the dedicated eastbound bicycle lane on The Queensway to Glendale Avenue, and a new bike box with dedicated bicycle signal
- Improved accessibility at streetcar platforms
 - The westbound platform will be relocated from nearside to farside
 - The eastbound platform will be widened



Eastbound Left-Turn Lane



Improvements on Roncesvalles Avenue and King Street West

Roncesvalles Avenue

- Installation (or modification) of fourteen raised streetcar / bicycle platforms from Queen Street West to Dundas Street West.
 - **Modifications at:** Boustead Avenue (SB), Dundas Street West (NB), Howard Park Avenue (NB & SB), Grenadier Road (NB), Fermanagh Avenue (NB), Garden Avenue (NB), Marion Avenue (SB)
 - **Modification and extend at:** Grenadier Road (SB), High Park Boulevard (SB), Galley Avenue (SB), Marion Avenue (NB)
 - **New installations at:** Grafton Avenue (NB), The Queensway (SB)

King Street West

- New sidewalks, reconstructed roadway and streetcar tracks



Raised Streetcar / Bicycle Platforms

SB = Southbound and NB = Northbound

Construction Details

Construction Stages and Timelines

Stage 1:

Completed on
November 13, 2021

Stage 2:

Expected completion on
September 3, 2022

Stage 3:

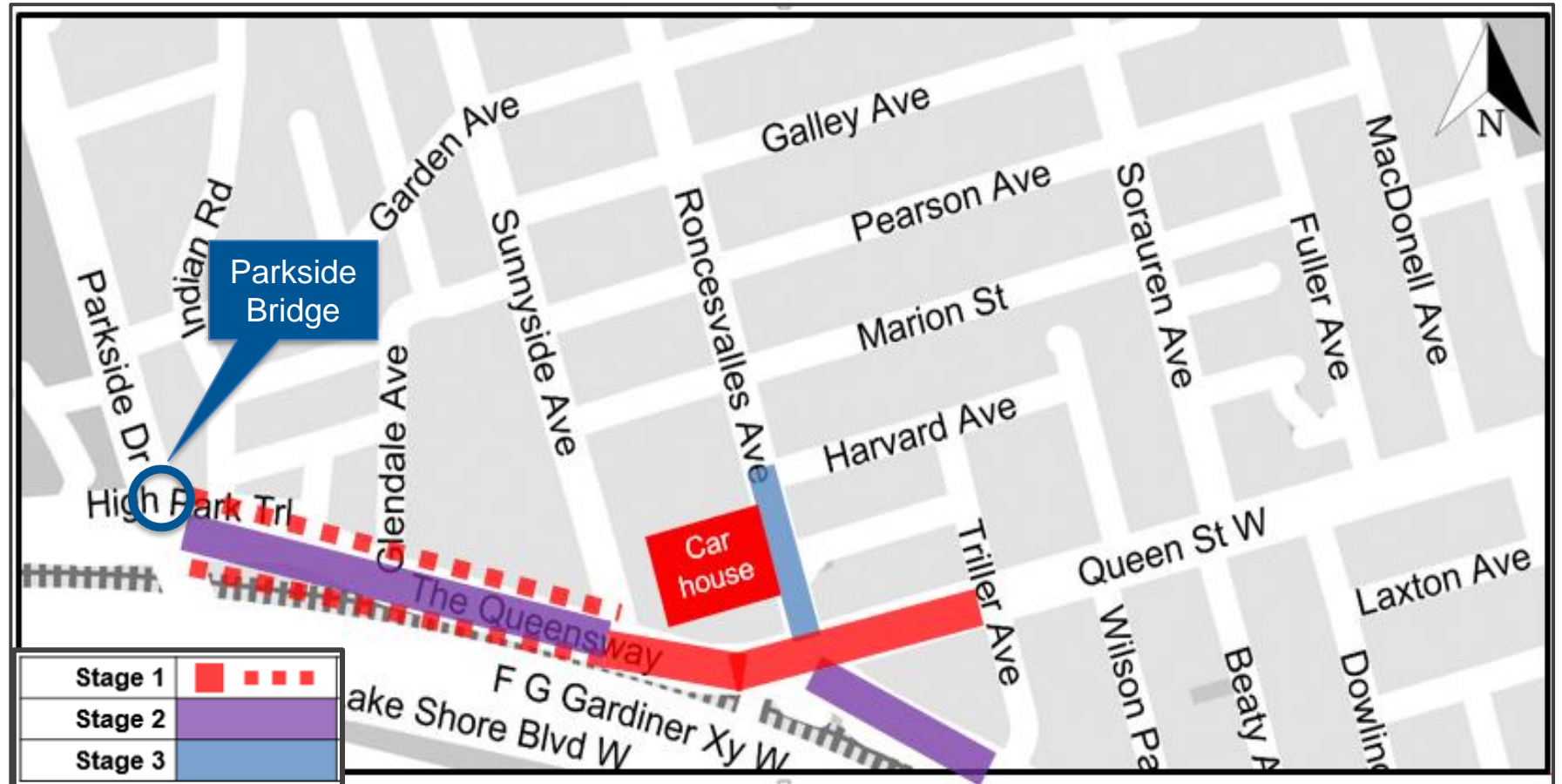
Expected start date
September 6, 2022

Parkside Bridge:

Completed in late 2021

Overall project completion:

December 31, 2022



Construction Delays

- The project started in early April 2021 with an expected completion date in summer 2022
- Starting mid-July 2021, the following conflicts / issues were encountered on the site:
 - TTC pole conflicts at KQQR intersection (10+ poles)
 - Unforeseen underground utilities
 - Overhead utility conflicts
 - Hydro guy wires on TTC poles
 - Watermain leakage along The Queensway
 - Hydro duct bank conflict with Enbridge Gas on north side of The Queensway
- These conflicts made it difficult (and unsafe) for the contractor to proceed.
- The City began to immediately work with the contractor, consultants, TTC and Toronto Hydro to towards obtaining the necessary utility clearances
- Some of conflicts required updated designs, which took more time



Status of Work

What's been completed:

- ✓ **Parkside Bridge** (except street lighting)
- ✓ Watermain and sewer lining work (except Roncesvalles Avenue – *Stage 3*)
- ✓ **Queen Street West**
 - TTC track reconstruction
 - New streetcar platform
 - Road and sidewalk improvements
- ✓ **The Queensway**
 - TTC track reconstruction (Roncesvalles Avenue to east of Glendale Avenue)
 - New sidewalk installation (Roncesvalles Avenue to west project limit)
- ✓ **King Street West** TTC track reconstruction and road / sidewalk reconstruction

Status of Work

What remains to be completed:

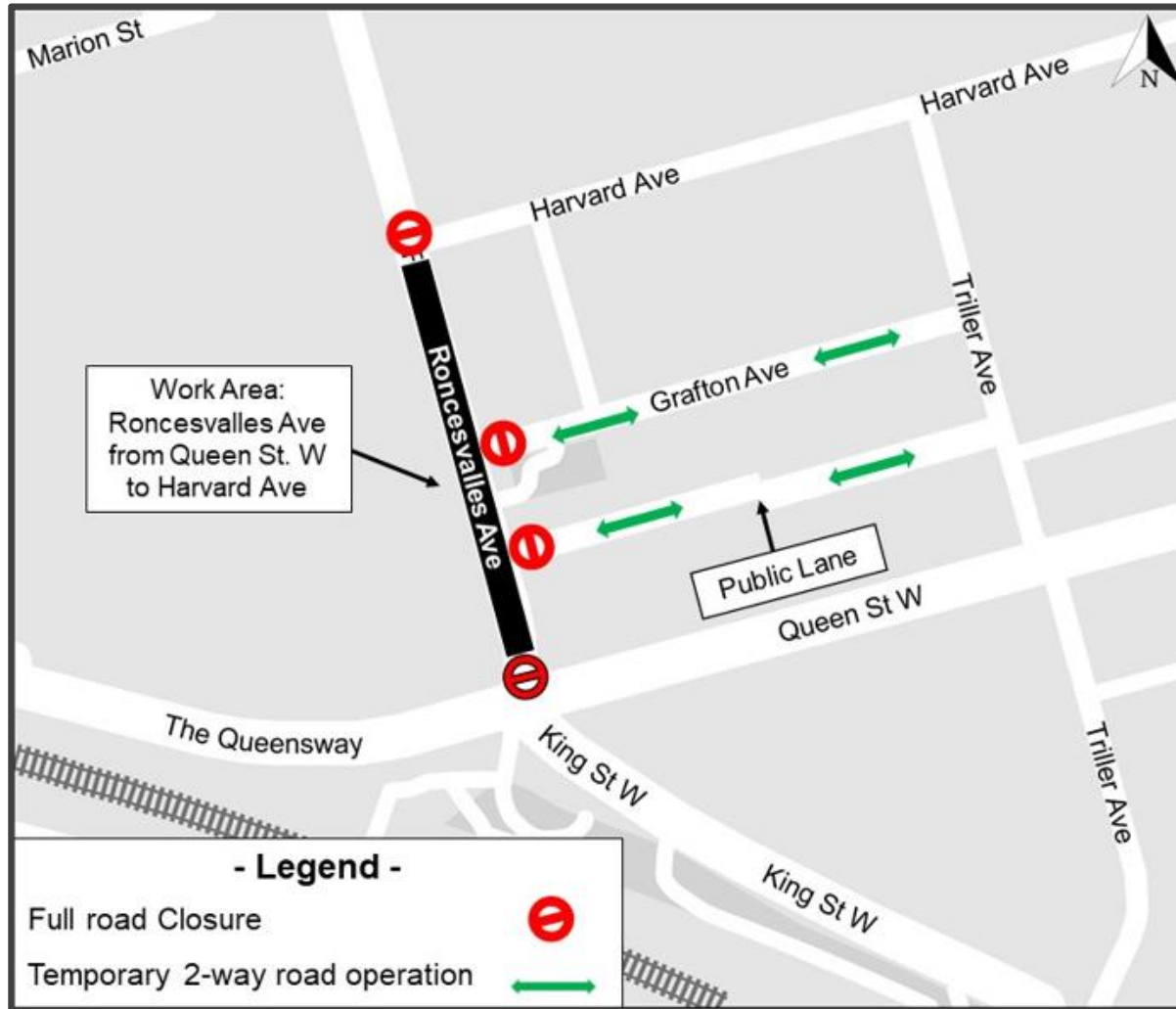
- **The Queensway**
 - Road reconstruction – Roncesvalles to west project limit
 - TTC track reconstruction – Sunnyside Avenue to west project limit
- Traffic signal work at KQQR, Sunnyside Avenue and Glendale Avenue intersections
- TTC pole and overhead wire installations
- Street light and duct bank works
- Bell manhole reconstruction at Sunnyside Avenue
- Roadside barrier reconstruction
- **Roncesvalles Avenue** (Stage 3 work – *next few slides*)

Stage 3
September 6, 2022 to
December 31, 2022

Stage 3 Work

- Watermain replacement (west side of Roncesvalles Avenue)
- Sewer relining
- Road reconstruction
- TTC track reconstruction and overhead wire installation
- Installation of new and/or upgrades to existing raised TTC platforms on Roncesvalles Avenue (fourteen locations between Queen Street West and Dundas Street West)
- Streetscaping

Travel Impacts



Travel impacts during streetcar platform construction:

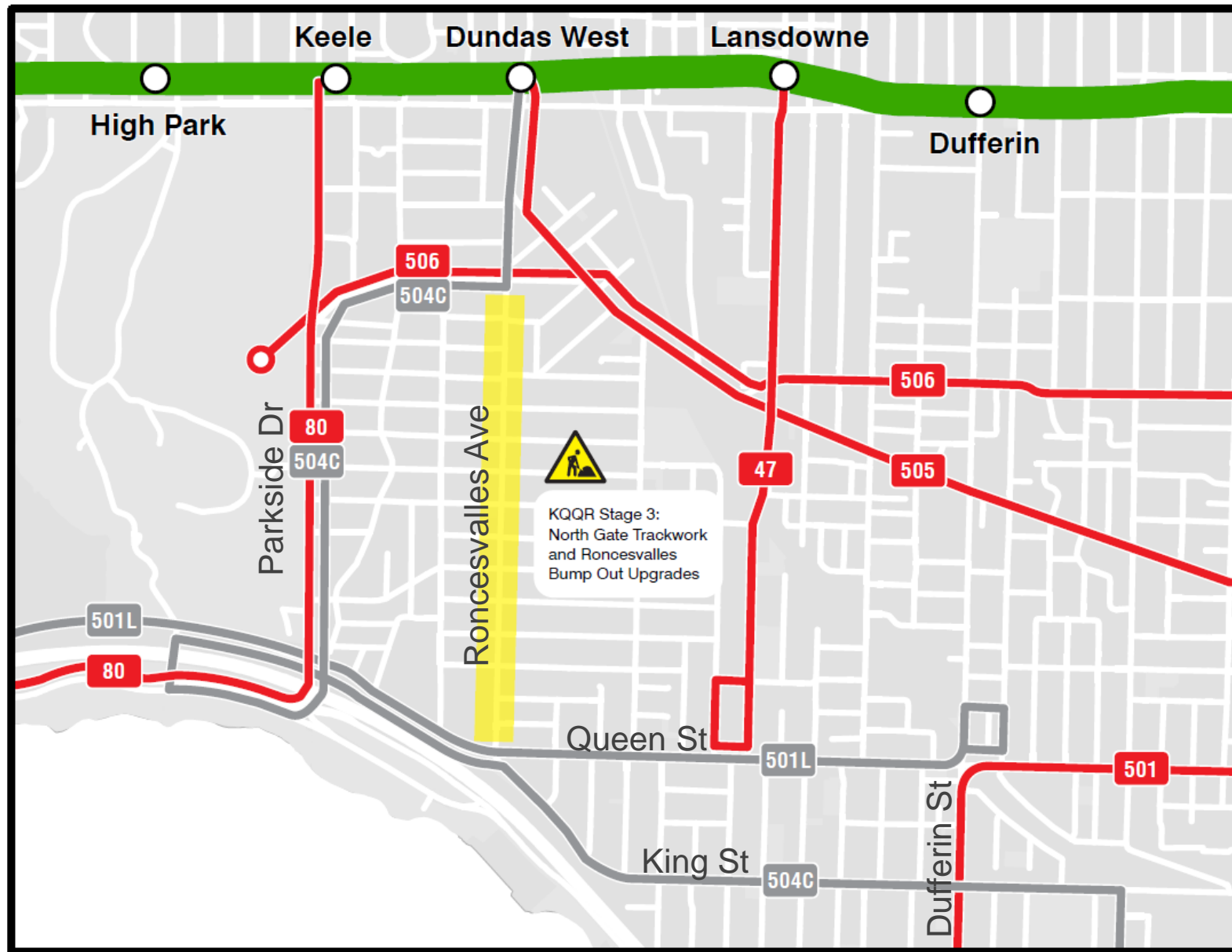
- Travel lane restrictions will be required
- Lane restrictions may last up to two weeks
- Two to three platforms will be under construction at the same time
- Upon completion, travel lanes will be reopened.

Travel Impacts




TTC Service:

- Effective September 4th: 501/301 Queen streetcar service will be extended west to Dufferin Street from Bathurst Street. 501L replacement buses will be shortened to operate from Long Branch Loop to Dufferin Street.
- The 504/304 King streetcar will continue to be replaced by bus service west of Dufferin Street.
- As of October 9th: 501/301 Queen streetcar service will be extended as far west as the KQQR intersection. 501L Replacement buses will continue to operate between Long Branch Loop and Dufferin Street.
- The 504/304 King streetcar will continue to be replaced by bus service during construction and will have no service on Roncesvalles Avenue south of Howard Park Avenue. Route adjustments are: Howard Park, Parkside, Lake Shore, Colborne Lodge, The Queensway (both directions)




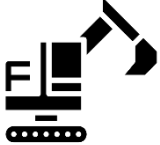





Travel Impacts

	<p>Pedestrians</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sidewalks will occasionally be impacted during the Roncesvalles Avenue road closure (and partial closures from Harvard Avenue to Dundas Street West. Safe pedestrian access will be maintained with physical barriers and signage• Pedestrians cannot travel east - west through the work area. Harvard Avenue or at Queen Street West should be used instead
	<p>Cyclists</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Where the road is closed, people cycling should dismount and use available sidewalks on along Roncesvalles Avenue.
	<p>Deliveries</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• In order to facilitate deliveries, the following loading zones will be in place.<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ South side of Harvard Avenue, east of Roncesvalles Avenue➤ South side of Queen Street West, east of King Street West

Expected Impacts to Businesses

	<p>Driveway access</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Contractor will notify you of any temporary restrictions to driveway access.
	<p>Work hours and excavation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 24 hours per day, 7 days per week• Excavation and heavy breaking will occur at various times throughout the day. Concrete milling and breaking activity will occur mainly between 7:00 a.m. and 11:00 p.m.
	<p>Vibration and dust</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• On-site vibration monitoring will be in place• Contractor will take necessary steps to reduce dust caused by construction, i.e. concrete wetting
	<p>Restoration</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Work area will be restored with concrete and/or asphalt where required. Interlocking bricks, flagstone on a granular base, or other similar features that are removed from public and private property during construction will be replaced.
	<p>Support for businesses</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Support Local Businesses' signage will be installed along construction fencing

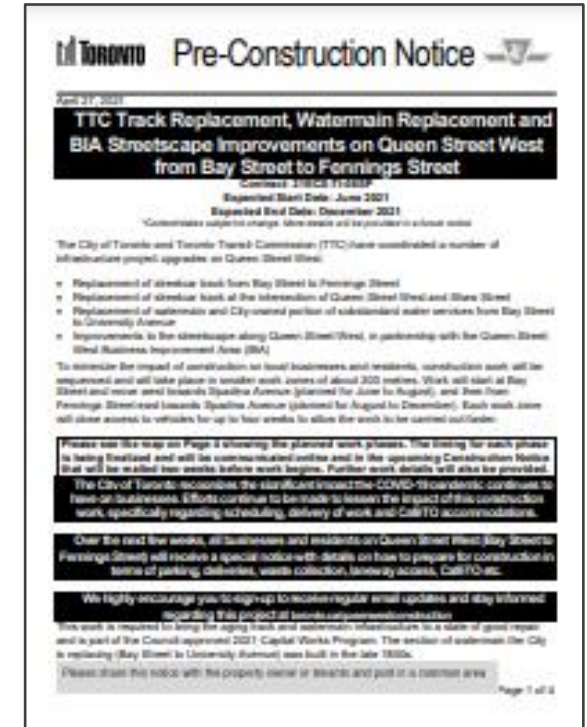
Risks to the Construction Schedule

- There is a for further delays to the project completion, particularly due supply chain issues caused by the pandemic. There is currently a shortage of cement and cement related products in the construction industry.
- Another risk may be the early onset of cold wintry weather, which can easily hamper work progress. This is due to the fact that the pouring of cement requires temperatures to be several degrees about zero.

Keeping You Informed

Before and during construction, we will:

- Continue meeting regularly with the KQQR Construction Liaison Committee (CLC)
- Continue hosting weekly *virtual* trailer meetings where anyone can “drop-in” to speak with City staff about any construction related issues
- Send bi-weekly email updates on the project’s progress
- Issue Construction Updates for any major changes
- Maintain regularly updated project webpage: toronto.ca/KQQR
- Provide alerts/updates via social media where appropriate



Questions?



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