Rail Welding Timeline: August 29 to September 3, 2022

What we are doing and why

Rail welding is preliminary work that is required in anticipation of the College Street Streetcar Track Renewal project on College Street between Bathurst Street and Bay Street. The Track Renewal project will ensure reliable service on the 506 Carlton streetcar route as part of the wider coordinated TTC and City of Toronto plan for College Street infrastructure improvements.

The Track Renewal project is scheduled for September through to December - specific construction details will be available in future notices or on the City of Toronto’s webpage: https://www.toronto.ca/community-people/get-involved/public-consultations/infrastructure-projects/college-street-upgrades/.

Preliminary work - Rail welding/storage location

Starting on Monday, August 29 through to Saturday, September 3, rail welding crews will work on College Street between Bay and Yonge streets. The work zone will be confined to the two centre streetcar/traffic lanes. Crews will weld together standard lengths of rail into longer strings to facilitate faster track installation, thereby reducing the construction disruption to local communities. The long strings of rails will then be moved to a storage area where the rail pile will become depleted as track work and new rail installation progresses over the course of the project.

The storage area will be on the north curb of College Street just east of Bay Street.

Work hours - some night activity

Rail welding operations will be conducted between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. Some after hours and night deliveries of rail may be required to support the daytime welding operation.

In order to safely and efficiently move the long strings of rails, a night crew will pull the rails overnight with a Toronto police escort. Some noise can be expected during this activity.

Parking and traffic restrictions

Rail welding work zone

- One lane of traffic will be maintained in each direction through the work zone.
- Street parking will be maintained during rail welding activities.

Rail storage area

- Street parking will be restricted within the rail storage area.

Pedestrian and cyclist impacts

No expected impacts to pedestrians or cyclists.

TTC service

During the rail welding work, 506 Carlton streetcars will continue to divert due to the Church/Carlton intersection closure via Parliament Street, Dundas Street East and West, and Bay Street.

Thank you for your patience as the TTC undertakes this preliminary rail welding work.

For further TTC information

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