

Date: Monday, June 27, 2022

Meeting Type: WeBex

Start time: 6:30 pm **End Time:** 8:00 pm

Project Overview:

The City of Toronto and Toronto Transit Commission (TTC) have coordinated the following infrastructure upgrades on College Street, starting September 2022:

- Replacement of streetcar tracks: Bathurst Street to Bay Street (will not include intersections at Bathurst Street, Spadina Avenue, McCaul Street and Bay Street)
- Upgrade of existing bike lanes to separated cycle tracks: Elevated cycle tracks from Manning Avenue to Spadina Avenue and at grade from Spadina Avenue to Bay Street
- Installation of integrated cycle and TTC streetcar platforms: Manning Avenue to Spadina Avenue
- Pedestrian safety improvements at various locations: Manning Avenue to Spadina Avenue

Meeting Objectives:

Share information on how planned construction will be take place, such as timing, phasing and how it will impact residents and businesses. Mitigation plans were also discussed and there was an opportunity for residents / businesses to ask questions.

Meeting Overview:

The meeting was facilitated by Michael Vieira, Senior Public Consultation Coordinator. A presentation was provided by Eugene Chen, ECS Roadways, regarding the 2022 College Street Upgrades project followed by the opportunity for participants to ask questions and hear responses from City staff.

Questions & Comments

The following questions and answers were provided during the meeting. All questions have been categorized by topic.

Topic	Questions, Comments and Project Team Response
	Q - Will the City install painted bike lanes through the intersection of Spadina Avenue and College Street? If so, when? If not, why not?

Painted cycle tracks at the Spadina Avenue and Bathurst Street intersections	A – The contractor will pain pavement markings where required. The City will install zebra crossings at this intersection (west side). We will confirm re: painted bike lanes through intersection.
Removal of one travel lane in each direction (Manning to Spadina) and likelihood of congestion	Q – Why are the bike lanes being installed west of Spadina? The situation on College Street is different from Roncesvalles Avenue for example because the streetcar runs in the centre lane. <u>What will the new configuration be: travel lane, parked cars and bike lane?</u>
	A – The purpose of this evening's event not to discuss the new design, but rather how construction is going to be carried out in this fall. In terms of new configuration, it's going to be: sidewalk, cycle track, parking and roadway (west of Spadina Avenue).
	Q – College Street currently has one lane that cars share with transit and another lane where cars share with the bike lane. Are you making two travel lanes? A – During peak times there will be two travel lanes. Outside these times, one travel lane and parking. East of Spadina Avenue there will be two travel lanes in each direction at all times. C – Very concerned that there will only be one travel lane outside rush hour (Manning to Spadina).
Traffic flow during construction	Q – Will any of the side streets be made 2-way to facilitate traffic flow?
	A – This will be done case-by-case – some local roads are not wide enough for bi-directional traffic. The City's Work Zone coordinators will further advise closer to construction start date.
Bike travel during construction	Q – During construction, the bike lane will be open in some stretched, but in one direction. Correct?
	Correct. Single file. Signage will be in place to warn people driving and cycling.
Northeast corner of College Street and Markham Street	Q – Slide 19 shows a green corner on the northeast corner of Markham Street that wasn't shown in earlier presentations. Is that an approved new improvement?
	A – Not an error. It is fact an improvement for that corner.
Access to senior / medical building during and after construction	Q – I was wondering about the seniors that have appointments at the clinic at 340 College Street or 474 College Street, how can they be dropped off? How can they be dropped off when the raised bike lanes are in place?
	A – The project team will meet with these locations to better understand pick-up drop-off patterns. We may need to use intersecting streets. In terms of pick-up drop-off once the elevated bike lanes are in place, we will have to run it by Transportation Services staff.

Repaving bike lanes east of Spadina Avenue	Q – Will the asphalt be replaced on the bike lanes (Spadina to Bay)? There are many potholes.
	A – This will likely not happen, but we can confirm after discussing with Transportation Services staff.
Compensation	Q – Will retail stores be compensated during construction? The summer is one of the few months that we have good sales and good traffic flow. We are a bit frustrated and annoyed about this construction.
	A – There is no compensation for construction, as it has to happen. The TTC tracks along College Street are aging and they need to be replaced. The City has tried to condense this construction in the least amount of time possible - instead of starting this in July we're starting it in September.
Construction Notice catchment	Q – Who receives the Construction Notices?
	A – The notices are delivered as far north as Harbord Street or it might be even further north, I can confirm with you. The southern limit is Dundas Street West, the eastern limit would be Sherbourne Street, and the western limit is Grace Street.
Tree removals	Q – Are there any trees being removed during the construction process?
	A – I don't think so. If anything we are going to be improving conditions for existing trees to make them better equipped to grow and so forth. We will be enlarging the tree pits all along College Street, which is part of our scope. We will also be installing bio-retention planters at various locations I believe there are four of them.
Deliveries during construction	Q – Wondering about all-day deliveries to the food bank at College Street and Borden Avenue. How will this be possible during construction of both College Street and Borden Street at the same time?
	A – We will have that discussion with you separately.
Social media updates	Q – What social media can we follow to find updates on this?
	A – With regards to social media, we do not have one person in charge of pushing out news (for this project). The best way to stay updated is receiving email updates. You can also reach out via email for assistance.
Cycle track barriers	Q – Are the curbs going to be poured concrete or are they going to be barriers that are installed? Barriers frequently get knocked loose and end up obstructing bike lanes.

	A – West of Spadina Avenue, for the elevated bike lanes – those are poured concrete. East of Spadina Avenue they are cast-in-place concrete, like Richmond Street and Adelaide Street.
Access to PowerPoint presentation	Q – Will this PowerPoint presentation be available after the meeting?
	A – Yes. the presentation will be available on the project webpage, check back by early next week at: toronto.ca/CollegeUpgrades

The following questions and comments were submitted during the meeting and are recorded for follow-up by the project team. Questions and comments have been themed.

- Confirm pavement markings details for Spadina Avenue / College Street and Bathurst Street / College Street intersections.
 - Post meeting note: **The crosswalks on both Spadina Ave/College St and Bathurst St/College St are slated to be refreshed as per our pavement marking designs. This also includes cycling pavement markings at the intersections.**
- Meet with 340 and 474 College Street and College/Borden Food Bank location to discuss access pick-up drop-off and delivery needs.
- Check and see if non-raised cycle tracks – east of Spadina Avenue will be repaved, given that there are quite a few pot holes.
 - Post meeting note: **The non-raised cycle tracks will not be repaved as part of this project. We have forwarded this concern to Transportation.**

Total Participants: 44

Project Team and Panelists

- Michael Vieira, Public Consultation Unit
- Eugene Chen, ECS
- Paul Tran, TTC
- Councillor Mike Layton
- Emily Wong (Councillor Layton's office)