

April 15, 2024

Road Rehabilitation and Bike Lane Updates on Huntingwood Drive from Pharmacy Avenue to Kennedy Road

Contract: 23ECS-RD-08MR

Start Date: May 2024 Expected End Date: October 2024

**Timeline is subject to change.*

This notice is to provide an update on the road rehabilitation and bike lane improvements on Huntingwood Drive from Pharmacy Avenue to Kennedy Road.

Due to delays with conflicting infrastructure work within the Huntingwood Drive project limits, the contract delivery phases have been updated. This adjustment is necessary to avoid disruptions and ensure efficient progress. Below are the revised project limits for the project:

- Phase 1: Completed from Pharmacy Avenue to west of Warden Avenue.
- Phase 2: May to July 2024, now scheduled from east of Warden Avenue to west of Birchmount Road.
- Phase 3: August to October 2024, now scheduled from west of Kennedy Road to east of Birchmount Road.

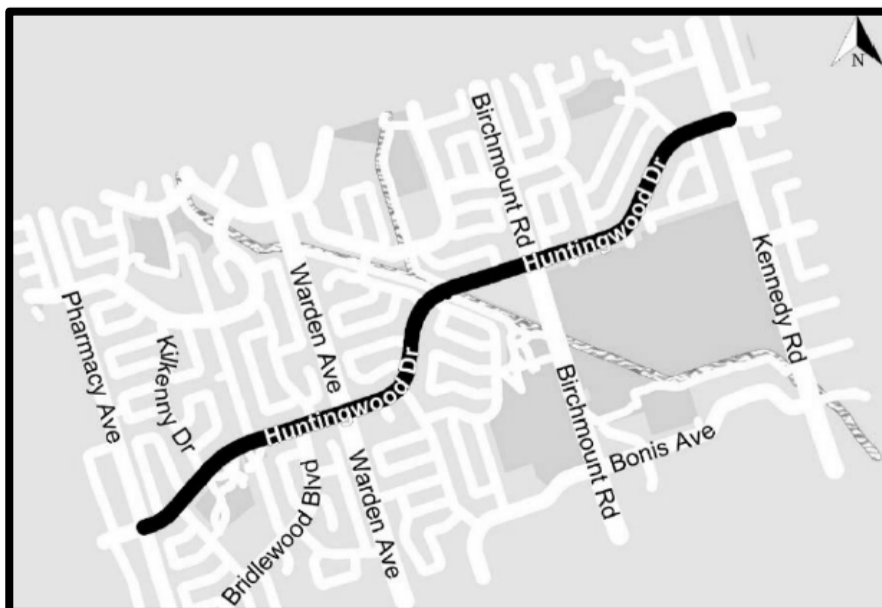
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In Toronto, road rehabilitation occurs only once every 25-100 years. The current roadwork on Huntingwood Drive presents a rare, once in a generation chance to implement changes that enhance operations and safety for all road users. The decision to implement these improvements was guided by considerations of public input, City policy, guidelines, and technical requirements.

On Huntingwood Drive, permanent concrete and planted medians are being installed to separate people cycling and people driving which improves safety. The size and distance between the concrete medians and driveways has been carefully planned, considering multiple factors such as vehicle turning movements, driveway width, existing lane configuration and on-street parking.

For additional project details and decision background information, please see the Project Details attachment. Future updates regarding key dates and completed work will be provided as construction progresses.

MAP OF WORK AREA



WORK STATUS TO DATE








The City's contractor has completed Phase 1 work which includes sidewalk replacement, curb and gutter construction, green gutter, raised TTC platforms, and new pavement. Landscaping works for the green gutters, planters and minor deficiency repair works are to take place this spring.



REMAINING WORK: PHASE 2

- Remove and replace the existing asphalt of the roadway
- Construct raised median islands and planters to improve the existing bike lanes
- Construct raised TTC bus platforms
- Repair curbs, gutters and sidewalks

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.

	<p>Work Hours: Work will take place from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., Monday to Friday, with work after hours and on weekends as required.</p>
	<p>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.</p> <p>Traffic on Huntingwood Drive will be reduced to one lane in each direction. During certain stages of the project, there will be times when traffic will be restricted to one direction only, and/or the road will be fully closed with access limited to local traffic. More information to be provided closer to those stages.</p>
	<p>TTC Service Impacts</p> <p>TTC services will experience significant disruptions, which may lead to potential detours. More information to be provided in advance of service disruptions.</p>
	<p>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.</p> <p>Driveway Access: The contractor will notify you of any temporary restrictions to your driveway access. If your property has two entrances, one entrance will be kept open at all times.</p>
	<p>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.</p>
	<p>Cyclists: If travelling on Huntingwood Drive, please share the traffic lane in the active work zones</p>
	<p>Parking: This project will affect on-street parking. Parking in the active work zone is not permitted as space is needed for construction equipment and materials. If your parked vehicle affects construction work, it will be relocated with no charge to the owner. Please call 416-808-2222 for its location.</p>

	<p>Parking Violation Notice: <u>Please ensure you park in a legal parking spot at all times.</u> If parking enforcement is called to a street, officers must issue a yellow parking violation notice (ticket) to vehicles in violation of parking by-laws. If you receive a yellow notice during this construction work, please do one of the following within 15 days of the notice date to avoid additional fines or records being kept of non-payment:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Pay the parking violation (follow instructions on the back of the notice) or 2. File a Parking Violation Dispute with the City online, by mail, or in person (follow instructions on the back of the notice). As part of the dispute process, you may include the construction notice and/or other documentation related to parking impacts resulting from construction. <p>If you do not have a copy of the Construction Notice, please contact 311 to request a copy.</p> <p>Please note: Violation notices cannot be cancelled if vehicles are parked in illegal parking spots (i.e. in front of a fire hydrant or in No Parking zones).</p> <p>In an effort to reduce ticketing due to construction, please exercise patience with neighbours who are experiencing construction impacts and may need to temporarily park on your street.</p>
	<p>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.</p>

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	23ECS-RD-08MR
Project Contact	Major_Roads_Enquiries@toronto.ca
TTY Hearing Impaired Service	416-338-0889 (Daily 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., closed holidays)
General inquiries	311
Website	Toronto.ca/scarborough-agincourt Toronto.ca/huntingwood

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Huntingwood Drive Road Rehabilitation and Bike Lane Improvements





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Project Details

The City of Toronto has begun the rehabilitation of Huntingwood Drive from Pharmacy Avenue to Kennedy Road. As part of the rehabilitation, the existing cycle tracks will be improved with new concrete medians and planters, where feasible.

This project is part of the Council-approved 2023-2024 Capital Works Program to review aging City roads, bikeways and sidewalks for current and future needs.

	<p>Decision Background</p> <p>In 2020, bicycle lanes were installed on Huntingwood Drive as one of the seven ActiveTO temporary bikeways implemented under the City's COVID response program. This initiative aimed to create secure and pleasant cycling connections to trails and greenspaces, promoting mental and physical well-being. In 2021, Council made the decision to make the Huntingwood Drive cycle tracks permanent.</p> <p>In Toronto, road rehabilitation occurs only once every 25-100 years. The current roadwork on Huntingwood Drive presents a rare, once-in-a-generation chance to implement changes that enhance operations and safety for all road users. The public meeting held in May 2022 and associated surveys were not intended as a voting process, but rather to present and gather feedback on three proposed options to upgrade the bike lanes. The decision to implement these improvements was guided by considerations of public input, City policy guidelines, and technical requirements.</p>
	<p>Design & Material Choice</p> <p>The choice of materials for cycle track separation is typically influenced by the nature of the roadway work and the opportunity to provide more permanent medians. The goal is to establish a clear separation between motor vehicle lanes and cycle tracks to enhance safety. The various separation methods all share the common goal of preventing motor vehicles from entering the cycle track when prohibited, to ensure the safety of people cycling, whether due to passing turning vehicles or other reasons. Striking a balance between traffic flow and the safety of people cycling is crucial, and the chosen design aims to address both concerns.</p> <p>On Huntingwood Drive, permanent concrete and planted medians are being installed. The size and distance between the concrete medians and driveways has been carefully planned, considering multiple factors such as vehicle turning movements, driveway width, existing lane configuration, and on-street parking.</p> <p>Planted medians between the motor vehicle lane and cycle track will also absorb stormwater, reducing reliance on the City's stormwater underground system.</p>
	<p>Need for Increased Cycling Lanes</p> <p>Toronto builds bikeways to improve road safety for all users, including those who do not cycle. New bikeways help to reduce speeding and provide a buffer between pedestrians and motor vehicle traffic.</p> <p>Expanding the cycling network also aligns with other city policy objectives, such as TransformTO, which aims for 75% of all school and work trips under 5 km by walking, cycling and transit by 2030, and the Vision Zero Road Safety Plan, which strives to reduce traffic-related deaths and injuries to zero by prioritizing the safety of our most vulnerable road users.</p> <p>Cycling on sidewalks is prohibited in Toronto for individuals aged 14 and older, as sidewalks are designated for pedestrians and those using mobility aids. The implementation of on-street cycle tracks is aimed at establishing safe cycling spaces while keeping sidewalks unobstructed for pedestrians.</p>

	<p>On-street Parking</p> <p>The new design on Huntingwood Drive maintains almost all existing on-street parking. Only four parking spaces were reduced along Bridlewood Park to accommodate park access for maintenance vehicles and for the relocation of the TTC stop near Killkenny Drive to comply with new No Stopping standards at PXOs. Initially, along Bridlewood Park there were 17 parking spaces, but this has been reduced to 13.</p>
	<p>TTC Bus Stops</p> <p>TTC conducted a comprehensive review of Huntingwood Drive between Pharmacy Avenue and Kennedy Road, aiming to enhance pedestrian safety by placing bus stops as close as possible to traffic signals and pedestrian crossover crossings, and away from challenging curvatures. The TTC bus stop adjustments will bring stops closer to community landmarks, aligning with technical guidelines to minimize conflicts among pedestrians, people cycling, and motorists.</p> <p>Notable changes include the relocation of stops at Batterswood Drive, Bridlewood Boulevard, Fluellen Drive, and the south side between Harfleur Road and Colinayre Crescent.</p> <p>These adjustments optimize sightlines between motorists and pedestrians accessing bus stops. For instance, stops at Davisbrook Boulevard and Harfleur Road will be moved to new locations, and a new bus stop will be introduced at the southwest corner of Colinayre Crescent, featuring a small accessible landing designed to preserve a mature tree. These changes reflect TTC's commitment to enhancing safety, efficiency, and accessibility in transit services for the community.</p>
	<p>City Services Impacts</p> <p>During the project's design phase, consultations were conducted with the City of Toronto's Operations and Maintenance, Solid Waste, and emergency services teams. Advice from these units favored the use of concrete medians over narrow separation, a design choice that permits adjustable width to accommodate all servicing requirements, including garbage collection.</p> <p>The City will be using smaller plow equipment for snow removal within the cycle tracks. Residents are advised to place garbage bins in the boulevard for manual pick up, as was done previous. This information was addressed during the public consultation session and is detailed on Page 2 of the Huntingwood Drive Road Updates report.</p>
	<p>Safety Considerations</p> <p>Cycle tracks have been implemented in various locations across the city and have shown to improve safety for all road users. Certain features of the Huntingwood Drive design have been successfully implemented in other areas, and is expected to yield similar safety benefits.</p>

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