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Watermain Replacement, Road Resurfacing and Bikeway Construction on University Avenue from College Street to 120 metres north of Queen Street West

Contract: 24ECS-LU-06SU

Start Date: October 2024 | End Date: June 2025

**Timeline is subject to change.*

The City of Toronto plans to replace the watermain and the City-owned portion of substandard water services on the east side of University Avenue from College Street to 120 metres north of Queen Street West. Additionally, roadway resurfacing, and bikeway construction will also be completed from College Street to Dundas Street West.

As part of the cycle track upgrades from College Street to Dundas Street West, permanent concrete curbs will be added between the cycle track and motor vehicle lanes for enhanced separation. To prevent buses from having to enter the cycling facility, the cycle track will be raised to sidewalk level at transit stops with a platform built for pedestrians to cross the cycling facility.

In addition, green infrastructure in the form of a landscaped median will be implemented in select segments between the cycle track and motor vehicle lanes. In the section from Dundas Street West to the southern limit 120 metres north of Queen Street West, minor modifications to the cycle track are planned, utilizing quick-build materials like the existing conditions.

The following safety improvements have been identified in support of the Council-approved Vision Zero Road Safety Plan:

- Adjustments to the existing lane widths, including cycling lanes, vehicular travel lanes and parking lanes to meet City standards from College Street to Dundas Street West.
- Curb radii reductions throughout the project area, where feasible, to tighten up intersection corners and slow down turning motorists and improve pedestrian and cycling crossing safety.
- Installation of other pedestrian accessibility features, such as AODA-compliant curb ramps and tactile warning strips.
- Upgrades to existing pavement markings.
- Work crews will mark the locations of underground utilities, such as gas, water, and cable so that the construction work does not interfere with these utilities.
- Affected properties will receive a Construction Notice approximately two weeks before work begins with more information about the work.
- The City will not be responsible for damage to any privately owned items on City property.

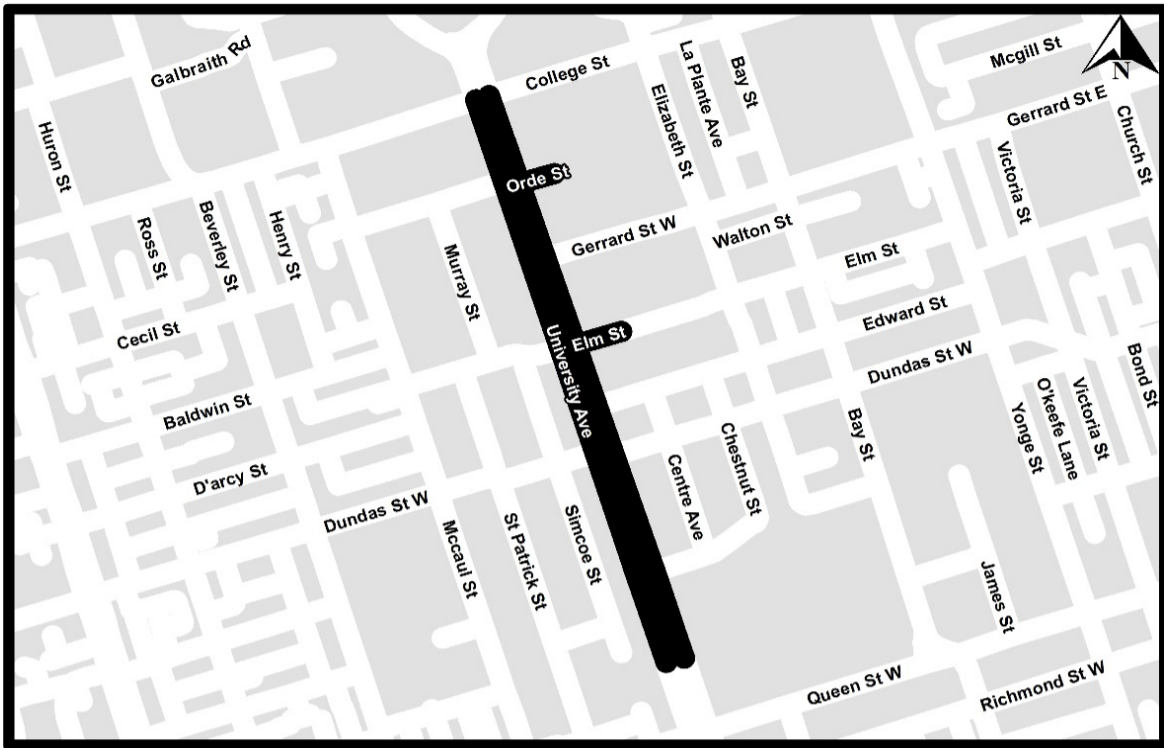
The water service is the underground pipe that brings water to your water meter and is owned by you and by the City. The part you own is from your house to the end of your property, the part the City owns is from the end of your property to the watermain.

This project is part of the Council-approved 2024 Capital Works Program to renew our aging infrastructure, improve water distribution and reduce the risk of watermain breaks.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT LEAD WATER SERVICES

If you live on University Avenue in a dwelling that was built before the mid-1950s, your water service may be made of lead. Please read the attached fact sheet with important information about the risks of lead in drinking water, especially if someone in your house is pregnant, there are children under six years old, or there is an infant drinking formula made using tap water.

MAP OF WORK AREA



WHAT TO EXPECT BEFORE CONSTRUCTION

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	<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, contact the Field Ambassador listed below.</p>
	<p>Access to Your Home: The City-hired contractor may need access to the interior and exterior of your home to complete a pre-construction condition survey (inspection). Affected properties will receive a request to schedule a time to complete the pre-construction condition survey. Although participation is voluntary, the pre-construction survey results may be useful to confirm claims for potential damage caused by City construction.</p>
	<p>Important information for owners of sprinkler systems / heated driveways and private landscaping features. Property owners should remove items located within City property limits (boulevard) to avoid damage.</p> <p>This includes items such as landscaping (plants and pavers), decorative objects, sprinkler systems or heated driveways. If you have a sprinkler system or heated driveway, please contact the Field Ambassador listed below.</p>
	<p>Standard Water Service Replacement: Please take the time to read the attached fact sheet carefully as it contains important information on lead in drinking water and how to prepare for replacement. If you want to replace the private portion of the water service pipe, the City of Toronto recommends that you obtain several quotes before selecting a contractor. Please note: The City is not able to get involved in any contract to have work done on private property. Property owners are responsible for ensuring contractors do not interfere with the work being done on City property. Learn more at www.toronto.ca/leadpipes</p>

NEED MORE INFORMATION?

If you have questions about the upcoming work, please contact us.

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