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## Road Rehabilitation on Maher Avenue from Runnymede Road to Gilmore Street

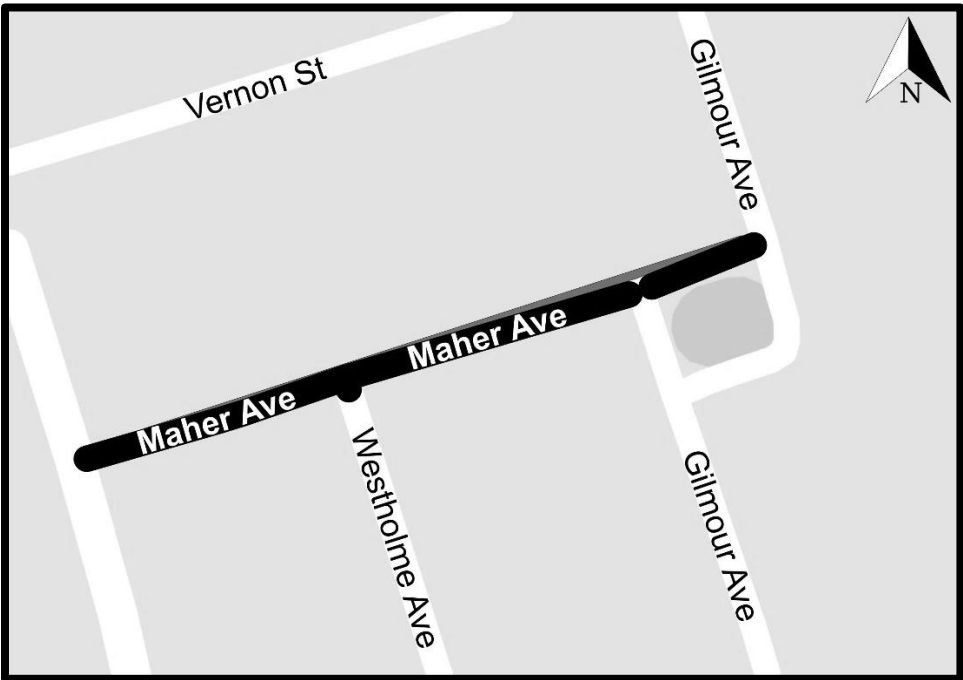
**Contract: 23ECS-RD-03LR**  
**Start Date: January 2025 End Date: August 2025**  
*\*Timeline is subject to change.*

The City of Toronto is planning to rehabilitate the road on Maher Avenue from Runnymede Road to Gilmore Street. This project will include the construction of new sewers to improve system performance and all necessary upgrades to maintenance holes, catch basins or the City-owned portion of connections to properties. Our inspection of the road shows that rehabilitation is needed for sections of damaged curb and sidewalk to bring them to a state of good repair.

Low amounts of asbestos have been detected in the asphalt roadway which will be removed and disposed by the contractor as per City protocols. See asbestos information in table below. Residents should expect minimal delays when travelling through the area. We appreciate your patience with the dust, noise, fencing and other inconveniences.



This project is part of the Council-approved 2024 Capital Works Program to renew aging City roads and sidewalk for current and future needs.









### MAP OF WORK AREA






### WHAT TO EXPECT DURING CONSTRUCTION

- Work crews will mark sidewalks and curbs requiring replacement and the locations of underground utilities, such as gas, water and cable so that the construction work does not interfere with these utilities.
- The City will not be responsible for damage to any privately owned items on City property.

	<b>Work Hours:</b> Work will take place from 7 a.m.to 7 p.m., Monday to Friday, with work after hours and on weekends as required.
	<b>Pre-Construction Inspection:</b> WHS Inc. is under contract to the City of Toronto, will survey all properties within 30 metres of the construction area before construction starts. The inspection will look at the interior and exterior of all properties to verify existing conditions. Although participation is voluntary, the City encourages all homeowners to participate. Without the survey, it will be difficult to confirm any claims of damage caused by construction.

	Affected properties will receive a separate notice to set up an appointment. All inspection staff will wear photo I.D. and carry photo equipment for this work.
	<p><b>On-Site Communication:</b> There are times when contractors need to communicate with homeowners about what is happening on-site. This could be about driveway access, water shut offs, pre-construction inspections, and site restoration work (landscaping, installing pavers etc.). Contractor's staff will be identifiable by their high-visibility company branded clothing.</p> <p>If you need to speak with staff about the construction site, please contact the Project Manager listed below or ask for the Site Inspector.</p>
	<p><b>Important information for owners of sprinkler systems / heated driveways and private landscaping features.</b> 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 <b>Project Manager</b> listed below.</p>
	<p><b>Telephone and Internet Services:</b> This work may affect phone and internet cables for individual properties that aren't buried deep below the sidewalk. Residents who find their service has been disrupted should contact the <b>Field Ambassador</b> <u>and</u> notify their phone or internet service provider.</p>
	<p><b>Water Service Disruptions:</b> From time-to-time, the water supply to your property will be shut-off to complete construction; the contractor will provide notice at least 24-hours in advance. Throughout the work, it is recommended that you temporarily disconnect any water treatment systems (i.e. softeners or filters), water-cooled air conditioners or similar plumbing fixtures. Automatic lawn sprinkler systems may also be affected, therefore, you may need to water manually. In the event you did not receive advance notice, the City may have needed to use an <b>emergency water shut off</b> to complete work.</p>
	<p><b>Road and Sidewalk Access:</b> In order to complete the work in a safe manner, there will be road and sidewalk restrictions within the work zone. Access for emergency vehicles will be maintained at all times.</p> <p><b>Driveway Access:</b> 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><b>Traffic Management:</b> 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.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>One lane of traffic will be maintained during construction within the work zone</li> </ul>
	<p><b>Parking:</b> 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> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Residents are advised to park on adjacent side streets during construction.</li> </ul>
	<p><b>Asbestos in Asphalt:</b> As part of the work, the City tested asphalt samples from Maher Avenue. The test results indicated asbestos exceed in a small section of the roadway. The result of other samples collected and tested in the vicinity of the exceed samples indicated that the exceeded area is very localized to the location of exceeded sample taken.</p> <p>Asbestos was used in asphalt mixes throughout the 1970s and early 1980s to improve the performance of the asphalt. Air quality monitoring conducted by the City of Toronto at other sites has not detected asbestos fibers in the air as a</p>

	<p>result of resurfacing asphalt. The risk of exposure to asbestos for workers and bystanders is low.</p> <p><b>As a precaution, the City requires the contractor to follow these steps:</b> Wet the pavement during asphalt cutting, grinding or removal, Attach dust collecting devices with HEPA filters to equipment, where possible, to prevent dust from becoming airborne, Provide personal protective equipment (disposable coveralls and respirators) to on-site workers, and Transport and dispose of asphalt containing asbestos to provincially approved disposal sites.</p>
	<p><b>Parking Violation Notices: <u>Please ensure you park in a legal parking spot at all times.</u></b> 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 in order to avoid additional fines or records being kept of non-payment:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Pay the parking violation (follow instructions on the back of the notice) <b>or</b></li><li>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.</li></ol> <p>If you do not have a copy of the Construction Notice, please contact 311 to request a copy.</p> <p><b>Please note:</b> 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><b>Garbage and Recycling:</b> Please follow your normal routine. If required, the contractor will move bins to an appropriate location and return them. <b><i>Please ensure that you label your bins with your address.</i></b></p>
	<p><b>Restoration:</b> The construction work area will be restored with sod, 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. Lawn seeding and/or laying of sod will be done as needed during ideal growing seasons only - in the spring (April to June) and fall (September to October).</p>

NEED MORE INFORMATION?

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

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TTY Hearing Impaired Service	416-338-0889 (Daily 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., closed holidays)
General inquiries	311
Website	<a href="http://toronto.ca/ward4">toronto.ca/ward4</a> – <b>Parkdale-High Park</b>

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