

April 11, 2025

Installation of safety improvements, street direction changes and cycling connections on Silverthorn Avenue from Rockwell Avenue to Rogers Road and Blackthorn Avenue from Rockwell Avenue to Rogers Road

Contract: 24ECS-RD-02LR
 Start Date: April 24, 2025 | End Date: May 8, 2025*
**Timeline is subject to change*



The City of Toronto is preparing to install safety improvements, contra-flow bike lanes, and street direction changes on Silverthorn Avenue from Rockwell Avenue to Rogers Road and Blackthorn Avenue from Rockwell Avenue to Rogers Road, and a cycling and walking only block on Rockwell Avenue between the two segments of Silverthorn Avenue.

The changes are being implemented to reduce non-local traffic infiltration and create a safer neighbourhood street for all road users. The project was approved by Toronto City Council in April 2024 after consultation with the community between December 2023 and February 2024. This project is part of the City’s Vision Zero Road Safety Plan and Cycling Network Plan.

Once installation is finished, the project is not yet complete. It takes time for people to adjust to change. Within the first year following installation, the City will continue to monitor the project area, collect data, receive and analyze feedback on the project, and make adjustments as necessary.

To learn more about the design visit [Toronto.ca/Silverthorn](https://toronto.ca/Silverthorn).

INSTALLATION OVERVIEW

Installation of this project is taking place over multiple phases at different locations.

- On **March 24**, construction work started on Silverthorn Avenue from Rockwell Avenue to St. Clair Avenue West. This construction work will continue until **August 2025**, including construction at the intersection Silverthorn Avenue and Rockwell Avenue.
- From April 24 to May 8**, safety improvements, contra-flow bike lanes, street direction changes will be installed on Silverthorn Avenue from Rockwell Avenue to Rogers Road and Blackthorn Avenue from Rockwell Avenue to Rogers Road. This will include the permanent prohibition of motor vehicle movements at Rockwell Avenue at Silverthorn Avenue.
- Residents can expect new pavement markings, changes to parking signage, new traffic direction and prohibition signage, and new traffic signal operation.
- One or two days prior to installation, signs will be posted in areas where there may be temporary impacts to on-street permit parking.

- The changes to permit parking and street directions are planned to occur during the day. **Please follow all signs for on-street permit parking. All signs will be updated to the permanent parking changes.**
- City services such as Fire, Paramedics and garbage pick-up will continue as usual

KEY CHANGES

Silverthorn Avenue: Rogers Road to Rowntree Avenue

- Change to one-way northbound lane for vehicles
- Southbound contra-flow bike lane added to west side of street
- On-street permit parking moved to the east side of the street

Silverthorn Avenue: Rowntree Avenue to Turnberry Avenue

- Change to one-way northbound lane for vehicles
- Southbound contra-flow bike lane added to west side of street
- Curb extension added on Turnberry Avenue
- Parking will stay on the west side of the street

Silverthorn Avenue: Turnberry Avenue to Rockwell Avenue

- Change to one-way northbound lane for vehicles
- Southbound contra-flow bike lane added on the west side of street
- Parking will move to the east side of the street

Blackthorn Avenue: Rogers Road to Rowntree Avenue

- One-way southbound lane for motor vehicles
- Northbound contra-flow bike lane added on the east side of street
- Curb extension added on Blackthorn Avenue at Rogers Road
- Parking made permanent on the west side of street

Blackthorn Avenue: Rowntree Avenue to Rockwell Avenue

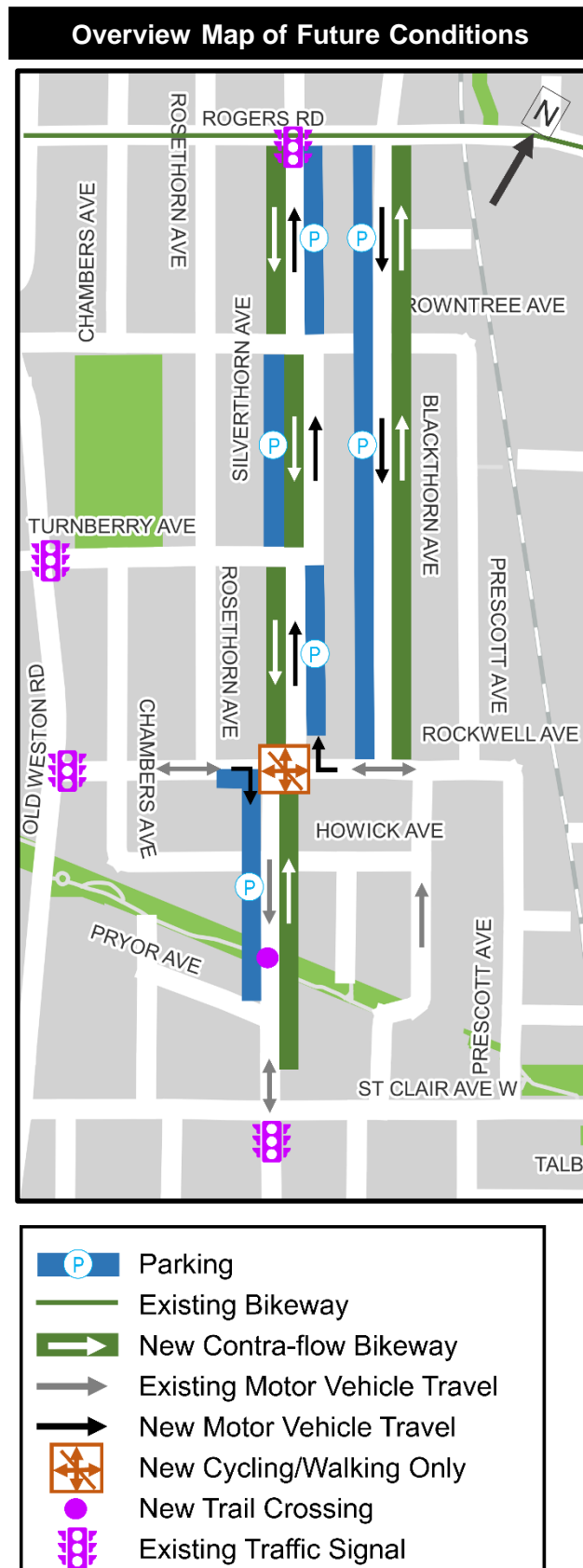
- One-way southbound lane for vehicles
- Northbound contra-flow bike lane added on east side of street
- Curb extension added on Blackthorn Avenue at Rockwell Avenue
- Parking will remain on the west side of the street

Silverthorn Avenue and Rockwell Avenue Intersection (construction will continue until August 2025):

- New cycling and walking only block
- New crossings for pedestrians at all corners and in the center
- A bikeway to allow people on bikes to ride through
- New trees and bioretention planters
- Parking on Rockwell Avenue between Rosethorn Avenue and Silverthorn Avenue moved to the south side of the street

Silverthorn Avenue: Rockwell Avenue to St. Clair Avenue West (construction will continue until August 2025):

- Reducing intersection corner radii and build curb extensions at Pryor Avenue and Howick Avenue with landscaping
- Northbound contra-flow bike lane added on east side of street
- Adding curb cuts to the crossing at S.A.D.R.A. park trail
- Parking will remain on the west side











WHAT TO EXPECT DURING CONSTRUCTION

During installation, the City’s contractors will complete the following work:

- Temporarily remove on-street parking on a limited number of street segments, where necessary
- Remove existing pavement markings and install new markings
- Install new signage
- Place temporary barrels and signage to direct new vehicle travel directions

The City will make efforts to reduce the impacts of noise and other inconveniences. We appreciate your patience. **The City will not be responsible for damage to any privately owned items on City property.**

	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.
	On-Site Communication: 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. If you need to speak with staff about the construction site, please contact the Local Roads Enquiries contact listed below or ask for the Site Inspector.
	Road and Sidewalk Access: 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. 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.
	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. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Street signage will be installed to direct the public during traffic changes
	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.
	Parking Violation Notices: Please ensure you park in a legal parking spot at all times. 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: 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. If you do not have a copy of the Construction Notice, please contact 311 to request a copy. 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). 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.
	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 Local Roads Enquiries email listed below.
	Garbage and Recycling: Please follow your normal routine. If required, the contractor will move bins to an appropriate location and return them. Please ensure that you label your bins with your address.

NEED MORE INFORMATION?

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

Local Roads Enquiries	Local_Roads_Enquiries@toronto.ca 416-392-3074
TTY Hearing Impaired Service	416-338-0889 (Daily 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., closed holidays)
General inquiries	311
Project Webpage	toronto.ca/Davenport toronto.ca/Silverthorn

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