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Installation of RapidTO Priority Bus Lanes from Dufferin Station to King Street West

Anticipated Start Date: October 2025 | Anticipated End Date: End of May 2026 *Timeline is subject to change.



Rendering of red priority bus lanes installed on Dufferin Street, looking north from the intersection at Queen Street West.

The City of Toronto and Toronto Transit Commission (TTC) are preparing to install priority bus lanes along a 2.5 km stretch of Dufferin Street, from Dufferin Station to King Street West. This project was approved by City Council in July 2025 and will improve the speed and reliability of transit service to help meet the City's evolving transportation needs.

Work will be completed in two phases, starting in October 2025:

- **Phase 1:** Installation will begin at Springhurst Avenue and continue to Dundas Street West. This phase is expected to be finished by December 31, 2025.
- Phase 2: Installation will then continue from Dundas Street West to Bloor Street West. Work will pause during the winter and resume in spring, with completion expected by May 29, 2026, ahead of the FIFA World Cup 26™.

The City and TTC will make efforts to minimize noise and other disruptions during installation. City services, including Fire, Paramedics, waste collection, TTC and Wheel-Trans, will continue as usual. Residents and businesses can expect new pavement markings and changes to parking and turn restriction signage.

Key changes include:

- One priority bus lane and one vehicle lane in each direction
- Removal of all on-street parking including one-hour, unsigned, Green P and permit parking
- Adjustments to traffic signal timing and added/extended turn restrictions at key intersections

View maps and learn more about what is being installed and how it will impact you on pages 2-3.

As part of the implementation of priority bus lanes on Dufferin Street, the City of Toronto will be collecting and monitoring traffic and transit data to address any impacts on local road safety, traffic infiltration, and travel times. Adjacent streets will be monitored before and after installation to understand changes to transportation patterns.

In addition, City Council has directed that a street furniture audit be conducted, that the surrounding area is prioritized for an area-level parking supply study, and that public realm beautification opportunities be identified.

To learn more about how to use priority bus lanes, view detailed roll plans and subscribe to the project mailing list for future updates, visit <u>toronto.ca/RapidTODufferin</u>.



Key Changes

Dufferin Station (Bloor Street West) to King Street West

- Convert curbside lanes to priority bus lanes by adding new signage, red paint and pavement markings
- Remove all one-hour, unsigned, Green P and permit parking spaces
- New time-of-day loading zones added for passenger pick-up, drop-off and goods delivery, shown on map
 - \circ Weekends: 7 a.m. 12 p.m. and 7 p.m. 7 a.m.
 - Weekdays: 10 a.m. 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. 7 a.m.
- · Adjustments to traffic signal timing
- Added/extended turn restrictions at key intersections, shown on map
- College Street West:
 - o Northbound: No left-turns at all times
 - o Southbound: New advanced left-turn signal
- Dundas Street West:
 - Southbound: No left-turns from 7 a.m. − 7 p.m., except on Sundays
- Queen Street West:
 - o Northbound: No left turns at all times
 - o Southbound: No left-turns at all times

King Street West to Springhurst Avenue

- Convert portion of centre lane between Thornburn Avenue and Springhurst Avenue
 to a reserved transit lane by adding new signage, red paint and pavement markings
- Adjustments to traffic signal timing and added/extended turn restrictions at key intersections





- Priority bus lanes can be used by TTC vehicles, Wheel-Trans, people cycling, school buses and emergency vehicles
- Vehicles can enter dashed red lanes to access driveways, side streets and intersections where turning is permitted
- No parking is permitted in the curb lanes (one-hour, permit, unsigned or Green P). For loading or parking, use nearby designated loading zones, side streets, laneways or parking lots
- Ontario Line construction vehicles would be permitted to use the lanes between Dundas Street West and Lake Shore Boulevard West until May 31, 2031



What to Expect During Installation

During installation, the City and TTC's contractors will complete the following work:

- · Remove existing pavement markings, apply red paint and install new pavement markings
- Remove existing and install new signage or signals as required
- Regulatory signs may go up before pavement markings are done. These signs will stay covered until the markings are in place. Once a section is complete, the signs will be uncovered and take effect



Work Hours: Pavement marking changes will take place overnight from 10 p.m. to 5 a.m. with efforts made to complete the noisiest work before 11 p.m. Due to favourable weather, some pavement marking installation may occur during daytime hours. This work will take place during off-peak times from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. to reduce traffic disruptions.



Traffic Management: Efforts have been made to manage traffic in the area for the safety of workers, road users and residents. No significant delays are expected during installation.



- Road & Sidewalk Access: To complete the work in a safe manner, there will be partial
 road closures within the work zone. One lane of traffic will be maintained at all times to
 accommodate transit and traffic operations. Sidewalks will remain open.
- **Driveway Access**: There may be temporary restrictions to driveway access during installation. While efforts will be made to minimize disruption, driveways may not be accessible for up to one hour immediately following pavement marking to allow for proper drying. If your property has two entrances, at least one will remain open at all times.
- **Emergency Services**: Access for emergency vehicles will be maintained at all times.
- **Transit**: TTC vehicles will continue to operate and access to Dufferin Station will be maintained.



Parking & Loading: Parking will not be permitted in the active work zone due to space requirements for construction equipment and materials. "Emergency: No Parking" signs will indicate where parking is prohibited during installation. Approved changes to the parking bylaws will be signed.

The contractor will be providing at least 48 hours' notice of when the closure of the curbside lane will be occurring.

Friendly Tow: If your parked vehicle affects installation, it will be relocated with no cost to the owner. Follow these steps to find out if you're vehicle has been relocated by a tow operator:

- If your vehicle is moved, please contact parking control at 416-808-2222
- Please have the correct vehicle licence plate number and your vehicle's last known location available
- The dispatcher will then advise you of the vehicle's current location



Parking Violation Notices: <u>Please ensure you park in a legal parking spot at all times.</u> If parking enforcement is called to a street, officers will 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:

- a) Pay the parking violation (follow instructions on the back of the yellow parking violation notice) <u>or</u>
- b) File a Parking Violation Dispute with the City online, by mail or in person (follow instructions on the back of the yellow parking violation notice). As part of the dispute process, you may submit a copy of this notice.

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/Stopping zones).



Garbage & 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.**



Accessible Accommodation: The City's contractor must ensure safe and accessible walkways and entryways are maintained for everyone during installation. 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, please inform the contact listed on page 4.



Instalação do RapidTO: Dufferin Street, da Dufferin Station até à King Street West

O município de Toronto e a Comissão de Trânsito de Toronto (*Toronto Transit Commission*, TTC) estão a preparar a instalação de faixas prioritárias para autocarros, ao longo de um trecho de 2,5 km na Dufferin Street, da Dufferin Station até à King Street West. Este projeto, que foi aprovado pelo Conselho Municipal em julho de 2025, irá contribuir para a melhoria da rapidez e da fiabilidade do serviço de transporte público, para ajudar a satisfazer as crescentes necessidades de transporte da cidade.

Os trabalhos serão efetuados em duas fases, com início em outubro de 2025:

- Fase 1: A instalação começará na Springhurst Avenue e continuará até à Dundas Street West. Prevêse que esta fase esteja concluída até 31 de dezembro de 2025.
- Fase 2: A instalação continuará, depois, da Dundas Street West até à Bloor Street West. Os trabalhos serão interrompidos durante o inverno e retomados na primavera, tendo conclusão prevista até 29 de maio de 2026, antes do Campeonato do Mundo de Futebol FIFA 26™.

A cidade e a TTC farão os possíveis para minimizar o ruído e outros transtornos, durante a instalação. Os serviços municipais, incluindo bombeiros, paramédicos, recolha de lixo, TTC e Wheel-Trans, continuarão a funcionar normalmente. Os moradores e as empresas podem esperar novas marcações no pavimento, alterações ao estacionamento e sinalização de restrição de viragem.

As principais alterações incluem:

- Uma faixa prioritária para os autocarros e uma faixa para veículos em cada direção.
- Remoção de todos os lugares de estacionamento de rua, incluindo estacionamento de uma hora, sem sinalização, Green P e lugares reservados para titulares de licença de estacionamento.
- Ajustes à temporização dos semáforos e adição/extensão de restrições de viragem em cruzamentos principais.

Para saber mais sobre como usar as faixas prioritárias para autocarros, ver os planos detalhados de circulação e subscrever a lista de correio do projeto, visite <u>toronto.ca/RapidTODufferin</u>.

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

Contact	RapidTO: Dufferin Street Project Team 416-338-7797 RapidTODufferin@toronto.ca
Deaf, Hard of Hearing & Hearing-Impaired Service	Telecommunications Relay Service (TRS) Dial 711 (24/7)
General Inquiries	311
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Para obter mais informações ou assistência em português, por favor ligue para o 311.

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