



# Scarlett Road Bridge & Road Improvements

Public Meeting – March 4, 2026

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# Councillor Remarks



Councillor Frances Nunziata  
Ward 5, York South-Weston





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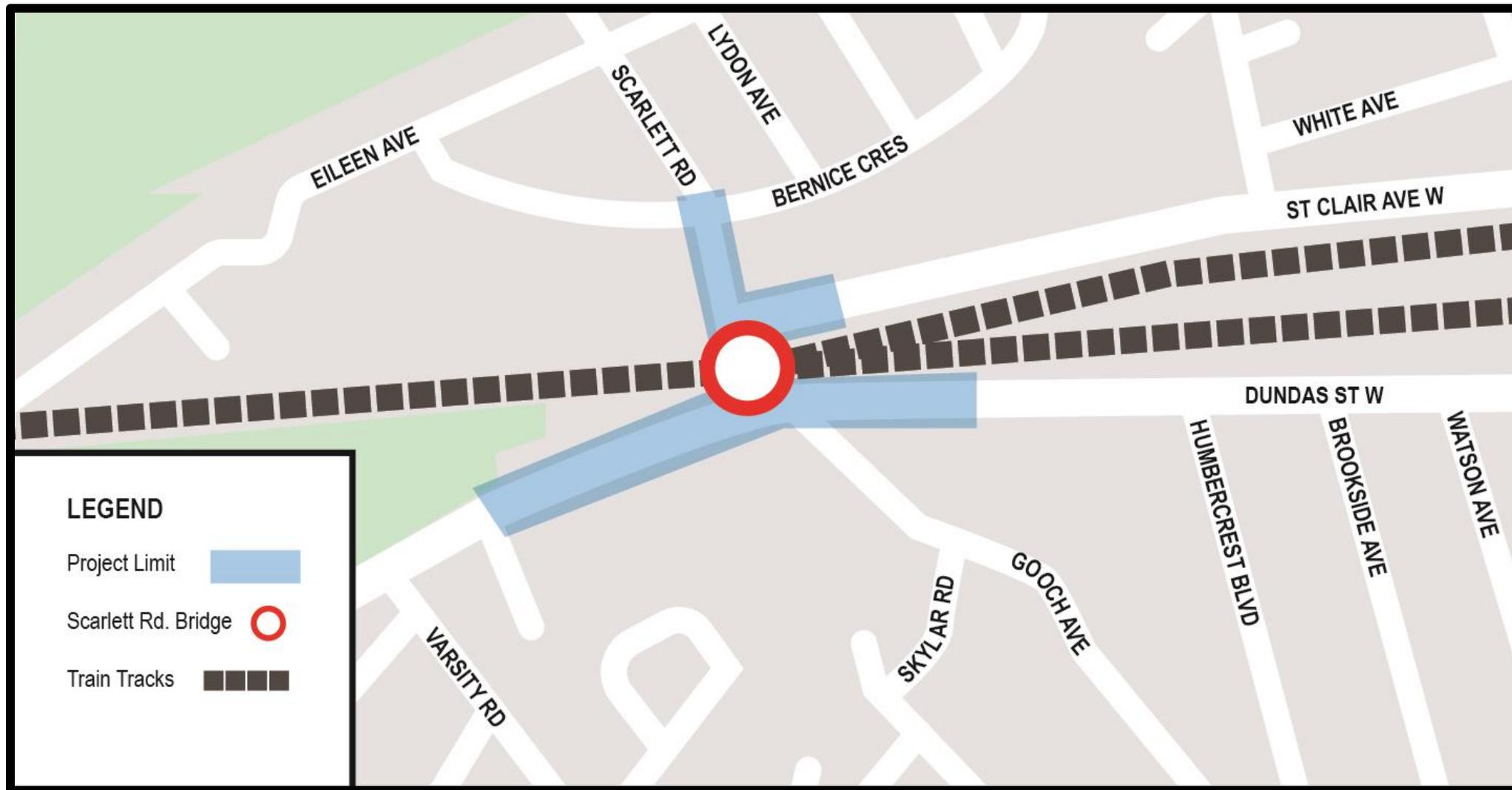


# About Tonight's Event

The purpose of tonight's meeting is to:

- Provide an overview of project
- Explain where we are in the process
- Share an update on work completed to date
- Review next steps

# Project Area



# Project Overview

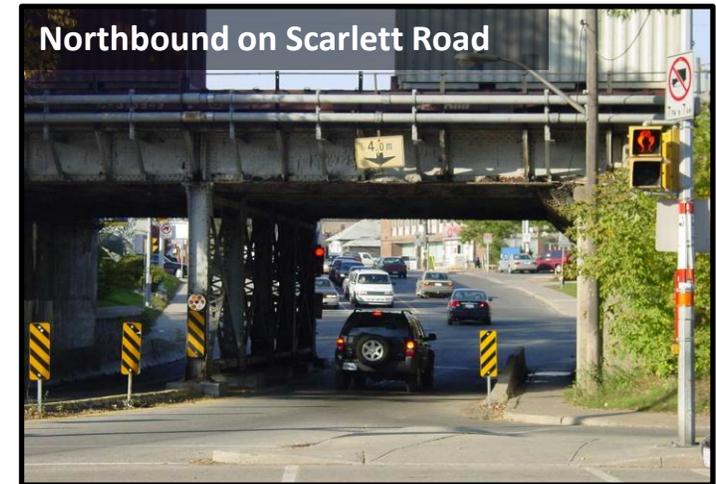
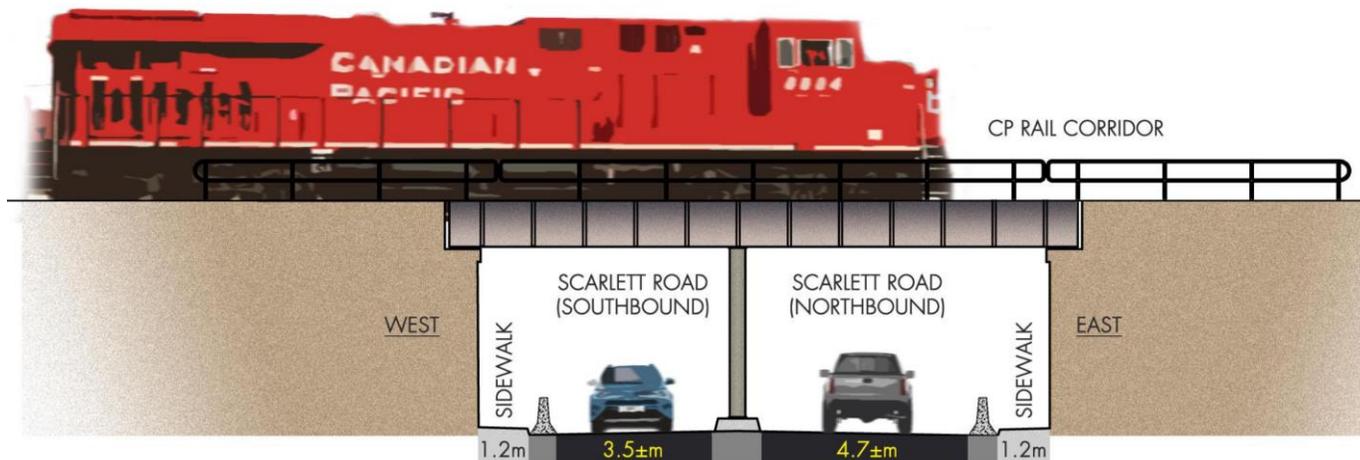


- The Scarlett Road Bridge, built in 1912 and owned by the CP Rail, is being fully replaced to address traffic bottlenecks, safety issues, and low bridge clearance.
- Since the Environmental Assessment was completed, the design has evolved to meet current City standards and guidelines for the road.
- A new 32-metre, two-span bridge will replace the existing structure, with Scarlett Road and Dundas Street lowered up to 1.8 metres to allow large trucks and improve clearance.
- The design includes two traffic lanes in each direction, improving flow through the busy Scarlett Road / Dundas Street West / St. Clair Avenue corridor.
- Pedestrian and cycling upgrades include wider sidewalks, raised cycle tracks and improved connections to nearby multi-use trails.
- Utility relocations are underway, with full bridge and road construction to begin once design work and rail agreements are finalized.

# Existing Traffic & Operational Concerns

The planned bridge replacement and road design changes will address several current challenges with traffic operations:

- Only one travel lane in each direction under the bridge
- The clearance (height) from the road to the bottom of the bridge is 4 meters. Large vehicles such as trucks can get stuck or strike the bridge.
- Only southbound right turns to Dundas Street West can be accommodated with the current configuration. Vehicles cannot go left onto Dundas Street West.



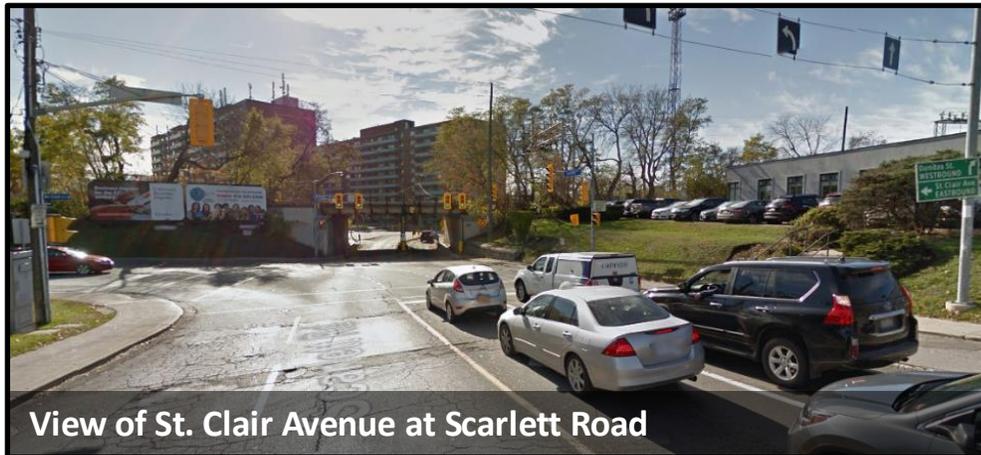


# Existing Safety Concerns

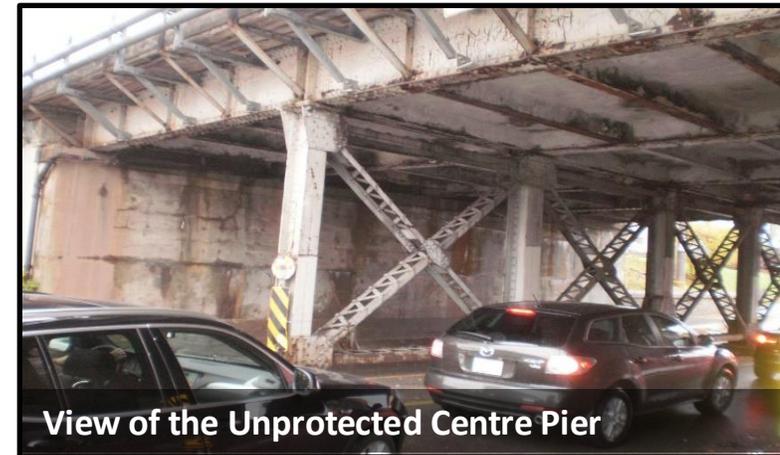
- Narrow sidewalks that do not meet the City's current standard width of 2.1 metres
- Poor sightlines between different road users
- Unprotected centre pier could worsen damage to bridge in the event of a collision
- Unprotected two-stage pedestrian crossing on the north side of Dundas Street West, with the bus shelter located on a traffic island
- Lack of cycling infrastructure



View of narrow sidewalk



View of St. Clair Avenue at Scarlett Road



View of the Unprotected Centre Pier

# Public Feedback



## What we heard at past public meetings in 2017 and 2022:

- **Safety & Traffic Management:** Strong concerns about pedestrian safety, speeding, cut-through traffic (especially Gooch Avenue), and intersection operations. Requests included new signals, turn restrictions, traffic calming, and safer crossings.
- **Construction Impacts & Coordination:** Worries about congestion, truck traffic, and access challenges during construction. Calls for better coordination with nearby developments, protection of structures and adjusted signal timing.
- **Pedestrian & Cycling Improvements:** Desire to see wider sidewalks, protected bike lanes, protected intersection, and safer intersection designs that will improve access and safety.
- **Traffic & Transit Operations:** Desire to see better bus service and new traffic signals.
- **Design & Environmental Concerns:** Requests for better drainage, greenery, lighting, and public art. Concerns about tree loss/retention, stormwater impacts, road noise and potential need for sound barriers.

# What improvements are planned?



## Vehicle travel

- Added travel lane in each direction (north/southbound) under the bridge that will allow for a dedicated left-turn lane from Scarlett Road to Dundas Street West for eastbound travel
- Lane widths reduced to reflect current City standards



## Pedestrian improvements

- Wider sidewalks with tactile pavers on Scarlett Road for accessibility
- Removal of right-turn channels and relocation of TTC bus shelter for easier access
- New lighting under the bridge
- New benches and landscaping upgrades in the parkette at St. Clair Avenue West
- New accessible ramp on south side of Dundas Street West to TCH buildings



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## Cycling improvements

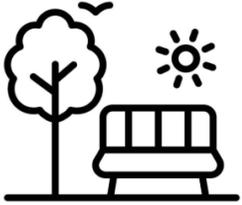
- New raised cycle track on each side of Scarlett Road
- New raised bi-directional (two-way) cycle track on the north side of Dundas Street West, west of Scarlett Road with multi-use trail at pinch points
- New multi-use trail on the north side of Dundas Street West east of Scarlett Road
- New bike share location on Gooch Avenue south of Dundas Street West.



## Bridge improvements

- Lowered road profile to provide better clearance for large vehicles
- New two-span steel deck on steel girder bridge.
- Added barrier wall around centre bridge pier to protect bridge structure
- Wider deck to accommodate a fifth rail track for potential future Metrolinx expansion

# What improvements are planned?



## Parkette

- A rebuilt parkette at the northeast corner of Scarlett Road and St. Clair Avenue West is included in the project, with upgrades such as new landscaping and public realm improvements linked to the bridge and intersection redesign.



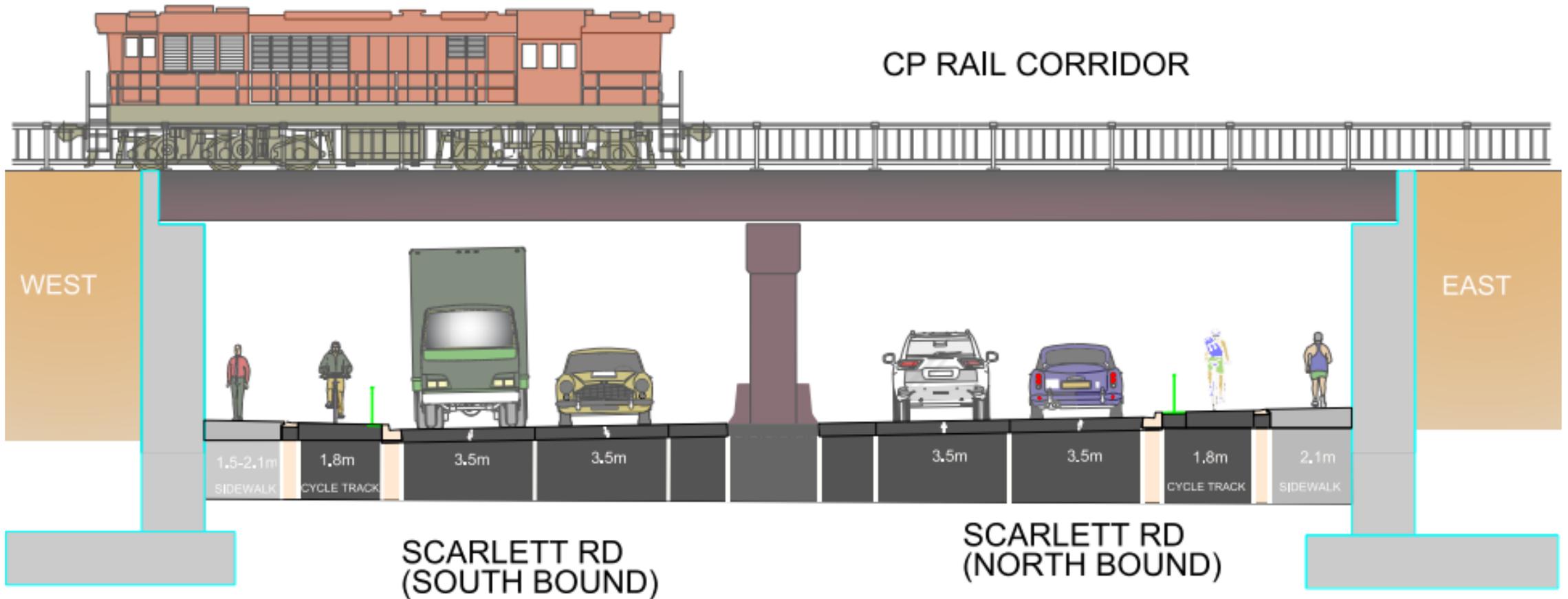
## Public Art

- Public art titled “Here Yard” by Georgia Dickie will be installed on the retaining walls along the bridge’s sidewalk, inspired by historic railway machinery.





# Scarlett Road Bridge Improvements





# Aerial View of the Improvements



Artistic rendering showing the planned improvements looking north above Dundas Street West\*

*Note: Design details for pedestrian crossing treatments at intersections will be different than shown*



# Scarlett Road Bridge Improvements



Artistic rendering showing the planned improvements at St. Clair Avenue West looking south\*



# Scarlett Road Bridge Improvements



Artistic rendering showing the planned improvements looking north from Dundas Street West\*

# Project Status – Utility Relocations



To reduce the risk of delays during construction, utility relocation is being completed before starting bridge construction.

This work is highly technical and complex, requiring each utility relocation to be sequenced individually through the entire project area to complete work safely. Trenching up to 5m deep, while working around other live utilities and maintaining traffic flow, was needed at each phase of relocation.

Five underground utilities have been relocated:

- **Enbridge** gas main relocation work started in **March 2023** and was completed in **May 2023**. The work included relocating a total of 770m of gas mains within the project area, along with service connections to adjacent properties.
- **Bell** relocation work started in **June 2023** and was completed in **July 2024**. Work included rebuilding maintenance holes and installing 490m long buried duct structure, along with 325m long concrete encased structure underneath the roadway.
- **Bell** cabling and splicing work to switch over to new infrastructure anticipated to be complete in **April 2026**



# Project Status - Utility Relocations



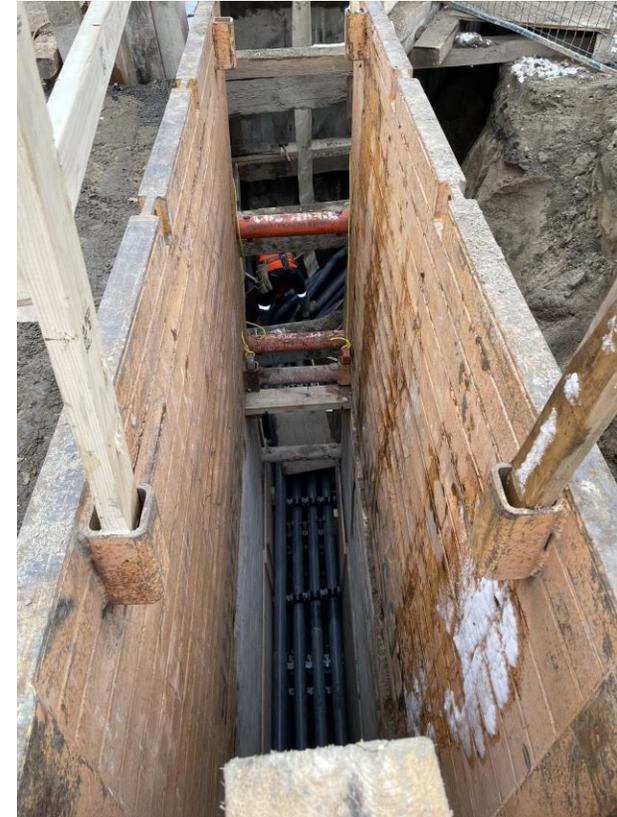
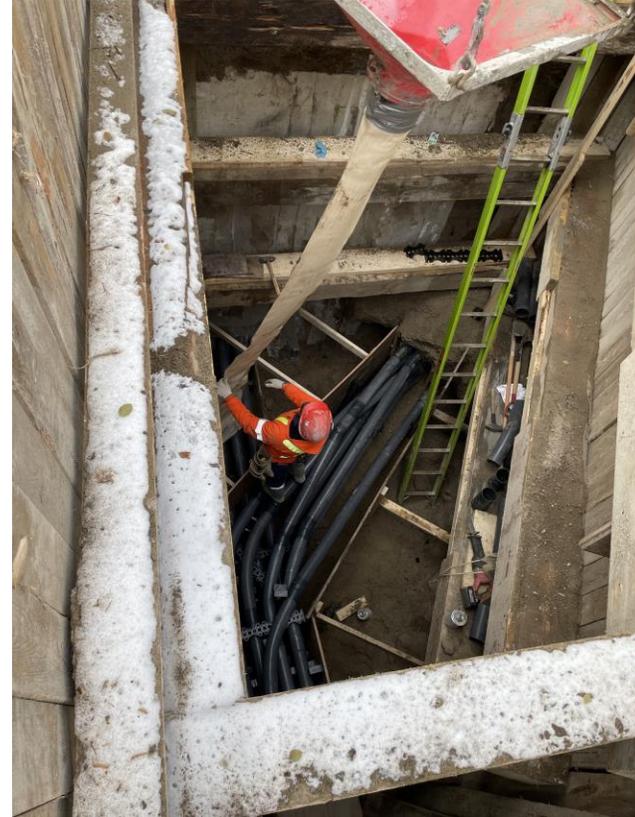
- **Rogers** commenced civil work in **July 2023** and completed work in **September 2024**. Civil work consisted of 1200m of directional bore and open trench, along with installation of 2500m of new conduits. The cabling and splicing work was completed in **June 2025**
- **Lumen** commenced civil work in **August 2023** and completed in **September 2024**. Scope of work included temporary re-routing of fibre optic cables within the rail corridor to St Clair and Scarlett Rd. Cable relocation work completed in **March 2025**.



# Project Status - Utility Relocations



- Toronto Hydro work commenced in **July 2025**, and the Relocation Scope is expected to be completed by **September 2026**.
- Civil work is approximately 95% complete and includes the construction of six new underground cable chambers in the roadway, some at a depth of almost six metres to accommodate the future lowering of the road. In total, up to 21 concrete encased duct structures totalling 700 metres in length.
- The electrical phase involves the installation of approximately 7400 metres of both underground and overhead cable, along with 25 poles along St. Clair Avenue.



# Project Status – Design Work



The design team is almost finished with the design work, more than 95% complete. The only things left are addressing a few final comments from key stakeholders. Once those are resolved, the design will be fully complete and the project can move forward into construction. Remaining work includes:

- **Update Design to reflect new utility locations:** Make final adjustments to sidewalks, retaining walls, bike lanes, and traffic lanes so everything fits properly after construction changes.
- **Secure final approval from CP Rail:** Update the bridge design to address comments from the railway company (Canadian Pacific Kansas City) that owns the rail corridor and existing bridge, and obtain their final approval before construction can begin.
- **Confirm TTC bus routing:** Coordinate with the TTC to finalize future bus routes, stop locations, and access needs, shaping the final road design.
- **Finalize intersection design:** Review and refine designs to address resident concerns about access, safety, equity and traffic impacts at Gooch Avenue and Humber Hill Avenue intersections with Dundas Street West.
- **Finalize design at 3525 & 3735 Dundas Street West:** The City is working with TCHC to refine the design around these buildings



# Construction Overview

- Construction will take place in stages to complete each element of work.
- All work must be completed while maintaining active train service on the rail corridor, requiring staged construction and specialized rail protection measures.
- Key elements of construction will include:
  - **Removal of the existing bridge structure** and construction of a new, wider bridge that meets modern rail and safety standards.
  - **Lowering and regrading Dundas Street West, Scarlett Road and St. Clair Ave West** to improve vertical clearance, roadway safety, and drainage performance
  - **Construction of new retaining walls and embankments** to support the lowered roadway and ensure safe transitions to adjacent properties
  - **Upgrades to sidewalks, cycling facilities, and lighting** under and approaching the bridge to enhance safety and accessibility for all users
- Detailed information about all construction stages will be shared in advance of construction at a future public information event.

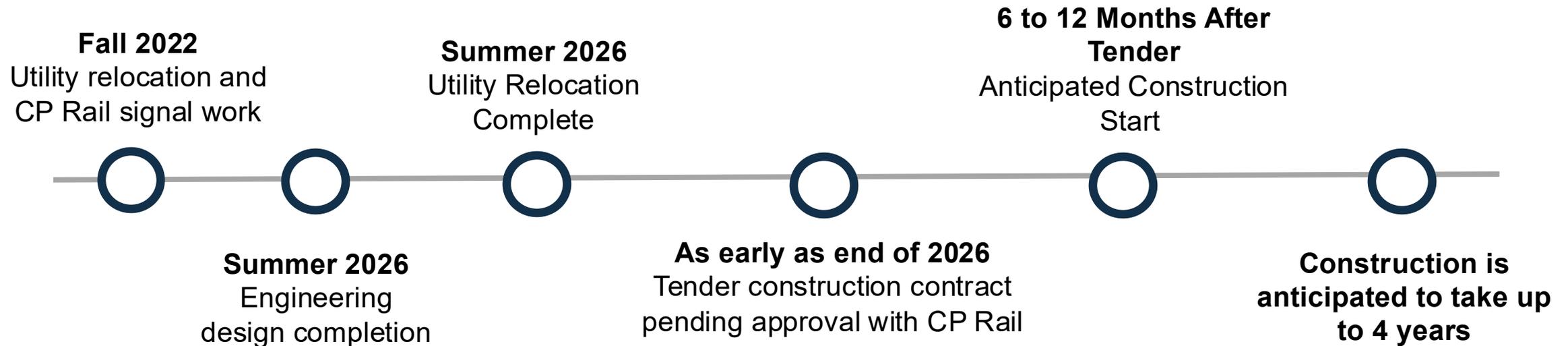
# Project Status – Canadian Pacific Kansas City

- **Advance infrastructure work was completed to avoid conflicts during construction:** The project team relocated and adjusted necessary infrastructure within the rail corridor and roadway to prevent conflicts with the new bridge and road layout. Completing this work will reduce potential delays, improve safety and ensure that full construction may proceed smoothly
- **Address design review comments from the CP Rail:** The City has been working closely with CP Rail, Canadian Pacific Kansas City (CPKC), to review and refine the bridge and road design. As the owner of the bridge, CPKC must confirm the final design meets their safety and operational requirements. Several rounds of meetings have been held, and additional sessions are underway to address and resolve technical comments.



# Where are we in the process?

- The projected construction schedule is based on the anticipated completion of all design work and formal approvals.
- The City is actively working with CP Rail to obtain required approvals to meet the timelines outlined below. The timeline may change as these negotiations continue.
- Once agreements with CP Rail are finalized, the City will provide an updated detailed construction schedule on the project webpage and through the project email subscriber list.
- Ahead of construction, the City will host a Public Information Event to provide an update on construction-related details.



\*The projected dates shown above are subject to change.

# Tools to Manage Traffic During Construction

Residents have raised questions and concerns about traffic impacts on the community during utility relocation. To help manage these concerns, the City will undertake the following measures:

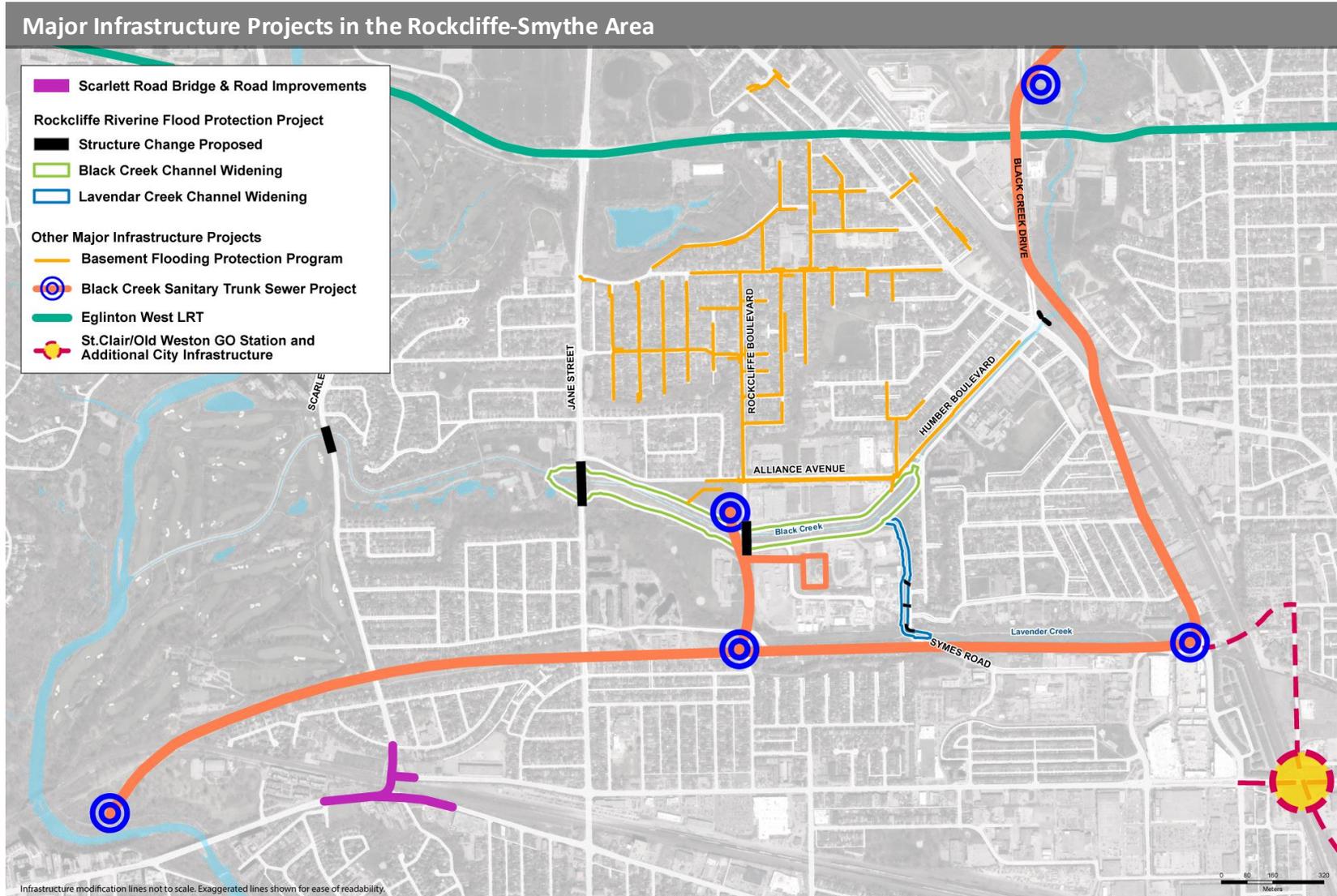
- Traffic signal timing adjustments and temporary traffic signals at key locations
- Traffic cameras and on-site monitoring
- Portable variable messaging and advisory signs
- Road Closed “Local Traffic Only” signage beyond hard closures
- Paid Duty Officers and/or Traffic Agents to direct traffic at key locations
- TTC bus diversions for the 79B and 189 buses
- Continuous monitoring and review of these tools to help ease congestion
- Regular public communication regarding any closures or lane restrictions





# Project Coordination

- There are a number of other major infrastructure projects proposed in the area
- The City's Strategic Capital Coordination Office (SCCO) is working with all the delivery partners to ensure coordinated infrastructure delivery with the aim to reduce disruption to the extent possible and with improved communication with the community
- The City is currently reviewing the timing of some of the projects to try and reduce overall construction disruption





# Keeping You Informed

Ahead of construction, the City will host a Public Information Event to provide an update on construction-related details:

- What to expect during construction
- How to get around during construction
- Anticipated impacts and mitigation efforts

Residents and businesses will receive Pre-Construction and Construction Notices ahead of construction and Construction Update Notices throughout the delivery of the work.

Stay up to date by subscribing to our project email list at [toronto.ca/Scarlett](https://toronto.ca/Scarlett).

July 7, 2025

## TTC Streetcar Track Renewal at King Street & Dufferin Street Intersection

Contract: 25ECS-RD-02SW  
Start Date: End of September 2025 End Date: November 2025  
*\*Dates subject to change. More details will be provided in a future notice.*

The City of Toronto and the Toronto Transit Commission (TTC) plan to renew aging streetcar tracks at King Street and Dufferin Street intersection in 2025.

This work is required to bring City infrastructure to a state of good repair and is part of the Council-approved 2024 Capital Works Program.

### MAP OF PROJECT AREA



### CONSTRUCTION PHASES

Phase / Timing / Location <i>* subject to change</i>	Travel Impacts <i>* subject to change</i>
September 2025 to October 2025. Crews will install new streetcar track at the intersection of King Street and Dufferin Street. TTC crews will test the newly constructed tracks. Crews will also complete sidewalk replacement and tactile plate installation.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The intersection will be fully closed to vehicles and cyclists.</li> <li>• TTC bus and streetcar service will detour around the intersection. See page 2.</li> <li>• Temporary sidewalk closures may be required. Pedestrian detours and signage will be in place.</li> <li>• Access to businesses and properties will be maintained.</li> </ul>

### WHAT TO EXPECT BEFORE CONSTRUCTION

- Before construction begins, work crews will use spray paint to mark the locations of underground utilities, such as gas, water, and cable, so that the construction work does not interfere with these utilities.
- Any 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.

**Work Hours:** Work will take place 24 hours, 7 days a week. Excavation activities and heavy breaking will be carried out at various times throughout the day. All concrete breaking activities will occur between 7 a.m. and 11 p.m. Concrete breaking work is the most disruptive and will typically last the first 1-2 days for each phase of construction. Around-the-clock work during rail installation by TTC is required to preserve the integrity and quality of new rail and concrete. Overnight rail work by TTC may consist of moving new rail into position, rail installation and rail welding/grinding.

Please share this notice with the property owner or tenants and post in a common area

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# Stay In Touch



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