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Road Rehabilitation, Watermain Replacement, and Cycling Upgrades on Wellesley Street East

Contract: 25ECS-RD-13SP
Start Date: 19 May, 2026 End Date: December, 2026
**Timeline is subject to change.*

The City is starting construction on sections of Wellesley Street East. The City will reconstruct the road, replace the watermain and the City-owned portion of substandard water services on Wellesley Street East between Jarvis Street and Sherbourne Street. The City will also resurface the road, replace the watermain and the City-owned portion of substandard water services on Wellesley Street East between Ontario Street to Parliament Street.

During construction, traffic on Wellesley Street East will be reduced to one, shared westbound lane within the construction zones. The road and cycle track will be fully closed to eastbound travel.

The project includes a number of cycling, pedestrian and accessibility improvements. These improvements include upgraded bike lanes with poured-in-place curbs between the cycle track and motor vehicle lanes, updated pavement markings, new bicycle signal heads and raised bike/bus platforms at TTC bus stops. These improvements will enhance safety, improve road conditions and extend the lifespan of the underground infrastructure.

This project is part of the Council-approved 2026 Capital Works Program to renew our aging infrastructure, improve water distribution and reduce the risk of watermain breaks.

MAP OF WORK AREA



WORK DETAILS






The construction will be carried out in phases. The first phase will include watermain replacement.



Dates and Location	Work Taking Place	Pedestrian, Cyclist and Vehicle Restrictions
<p>Watermain replacement on Wellesley Street East between Jarvis Street and Sherbourne Street – Mid-May to Mid-July</p> <p>Watermain replacement on Wellesley Street East between Ontario Street and Parliament Street – Mid-May to Mid-July</p>	<p>Crews will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> excavate the road and dig a trench to access and install the new watermain replace any City-owned water service pipes that do not meet City standards from the watermain to the private property line 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Vehicle travel will be reduced to one westbound lane The cycle track will be closed during construction. Cyclists may dismount and walk on the sidewalk; westbound cyclists may share the travel lane with vehicles.

<p>Road reconstruction on Wellesley Street East between Jarvis Street and Sherbourne Street - Mid-July to December</p>	<p>Crews will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • install a new concrete road base and base asphalt • pave the road surface • removal and replacement of sections of sidewalks • build concrete curbs between the cycle track and motor vehicle lanes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vehicle travel will be reduced to one westbound lane • The cycle track will be closed during construction. Cyclists may dismount and walk on the sidewalk; people cycling westbound may share the travel lane with vehicles. • Sections of the sidewalks may be closed at times. Signage and pedestrian detours will be provided.
<p>Road resurfacing on Wellesley Street East between Ontario Street and Parliament Street - Mid-July to December</p>	<p>Crews will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • remove and replacement of sections of sidewalks • build concrete curbs between the cycle track and motor vehicle lanes • pave the road surface 	

WHAT TO EXPECT DURING CONSTRUCTION

- You may experience dust, noise and other inconveniences. The City will make efforts to reduce the impacts. We appreciate your patience.
- The City will not be responsible for damage to any privately owned items on City property.

	<p>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.</p>
	<p>Pre-Construction Inspection: GPM Environmental, 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.</p> <p>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>
	<p>Site Safety: Workers on site are responsible for the work assigned to them. If you have construction questions or an issue on site – ask to be directed to the Site Inspector. If the Site Inspector is unavailable, contact the person listed at the end of this notice.</p>
	<p>Water Service Disruptions: 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 emergency water shut off to complete work.</p>
	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>

	<p>Traffic Management: Road users should expect delays and increased traffic on nearby streets. Motorists are reminded that bicycles and cars will be sharing the lane. When driving, please be mindful of vulnerable road users. Traffic on Wellesley Street East will be reduced to one westbound lane.</p>
	<p>TTC Service: This project may affect travel times on the 94 Wellesley bus route. Visit ttc.ca for accurate schedule information.</p>
	<p>Cyclists: The Wellesley cycle track will be closed through the work areas. People cycling have the option of sharing the single westbound lane 'single file' with people driving. Signs will be installed on the approach to where travel lanes merge into a single lane. The road and cycle track will be fully closed to eastbound travel.</p>
	<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 staff person listed below.</p>
	<p>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.</p>
	<p>Water Flushing: You will see water flushing or running in several areas along this project due to cleaning the new watermain. Before substandard water services are replaced and the new watermain is put into service, the new pipe must meet Toronto Water's servicing and quality standards. Please DO NOT DRINK OR USE THE FLUSHING WATER, it is not potable.</p>
	<p>Restoration: 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 - April to June and September to October.</p>

NEED MORE INFORMATION?

If you have questions about this construction project, please contact staff listed below, if you need to speak with staff on the construction site – please ask for the site inspector.

<p>Public Consultation Unit</p>	<p>Steven Ziegler, 416-392-2896, wellesleycon@toronto.ca</p>
<p>Deaf, Hard of hearing and Hearing impaired service</p>	<p>Telecommunications Relay Service (TRS) Dial 711 (24/7)</p>
<p>General inquiries</p>	<p>311</p>
<p>Website</p>	<p>toronto.ca/WellesleyConstruction</p>

Kung kailangan ninyo ng tulong sa Tagalog, mangyaring tumawag sa 311.

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