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Watermain Replacement and Road Resurfacing on University Avenue from College Street to Armoury Street

Contract: 24ECS-LU-06SU
Start Date: August 4, 2026 | End Date: Spring 2027
**Timeline is subject to change.*

The City of Toronto plans to replace the watermain and the City-owned portion of substandard water services on the east side of University Avenue from College Street to Armoury Street. Additionally, roadway resurfacing with pavement marking upgrades will be completed. The watermain and restoration work between Queen Street West and Armoury Street is excluded from this contract and will be completed by Metrolinx.

The pavement marking upgrades include changing the existing parking lane into a vehicle travel lane. Once constructed, parking will be permitted during non-peak hours, except where posted.

In alignment with the Council-approved Vision Zero Road Safety Plan, the following safety improvements will be implemented:

- Adjustments to the existing lane widths, including vehicle travel lanes and parking lanes to meet City standards from College Street to Dundas Street West.
- Curb radii reductions throughout the project area, where feasible, to tighten up intersection corners and slow down turning motorists and improve pedestrian and cycling crossing safety.
- Installation of other pedestrian features meeting Ontario's accessibility standards, such as curb ramps and tactile warning strips.

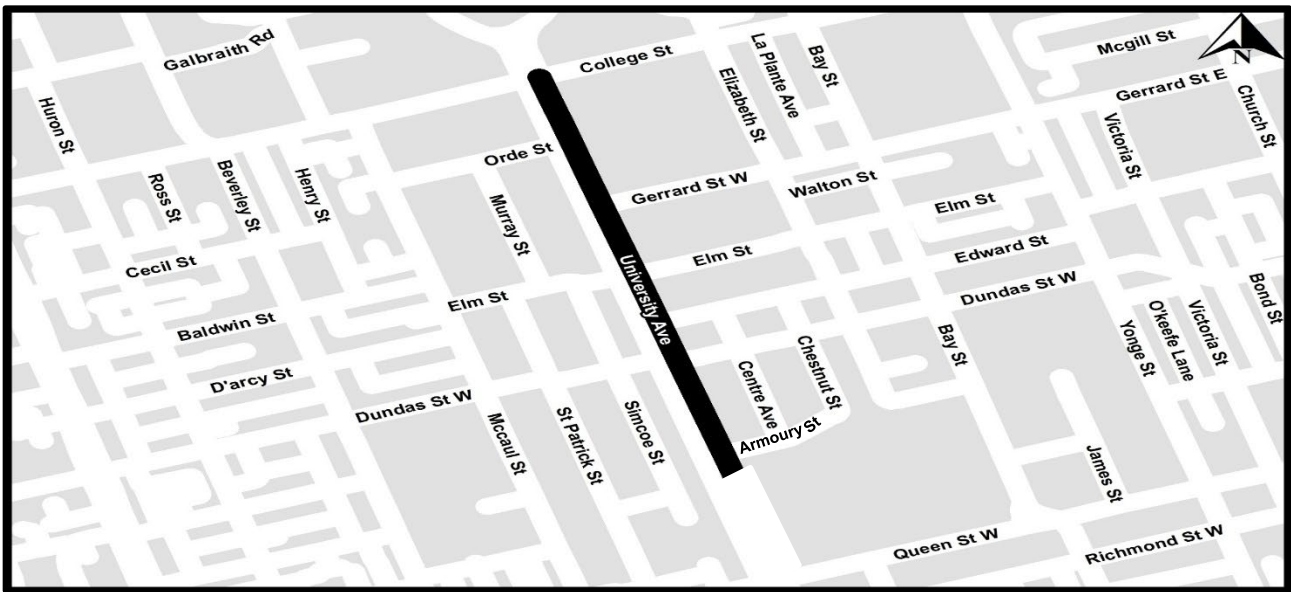
The water service is the underground pipe that brings water to your water meter and is owned by you and by the City. The part you own is from your building to the end of your property, the part the City owns is from the end of your property to the watermain.

This project is part of the Council-approved 2024 Capital Works Program to renew our aging infrastructure, improve water distribution and reduce the risk of watermain breaks.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT LEAD WATER SERVICES

Buildings built before the mid-1950s may have a water service made of lead. Please read the attached fact sheet with important information about the risks of lead in drinking water, especially if someone is pregnant, there are children under six years old, or there is an infant drinking formula made using tap water.

MAP OF WORK AREA



A map of downtown Toronto showing a red route for a walking tour. The route starts at the top left, goes east on College St, then south on Bay St, then west on Queen St W, then north on Peter St, then east on Richmond St, then north on Adelaide St W, then east on King St W, then north on York St, then east on Adelaide St W, then north on Bay St, then east on Queen St W, then north on Spadina Ave, then east on Huron St, then north on College St, and finally east on College St to the top right. A north arrow is in the top right corner.

- Excavate the road and dig a trench to access and install the two new watermains.
- Replace any City-owned water service pipes that do not meet City standards from the watermain to the private property line.
- Resurface the road and watermain trench.

- 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.

	Work Hours: Work on this project will occur 24 hours a day, Monday through Saturday. Wherever possible, the Contractor shall endeavour to minimize noise and disruptions to the immediate area. These efforts shall include scheduling operations with significant noise, such as sawcutting or concrete breaking, exclusively during daytime hours (7:00 AM to 7:00 PM).
	Pre-Construction Inspection: OZA Inspections Ltd., 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 property owners 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.
	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.

	Important information for owners of sprinkler systems / heated driveways and private landscaping features. Property owners should remove items located within City property limits (boulevard) to avoid damage. 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 Field Ambassador listed below.
	Telephone and Internet Services: This work may affect phone and internet cables for individual properties that aren't buried deep below the sidewalk. The contractor will coordinate with utility companies to minimize disruption. Residents who find their service has been disrupted should contact the Field Ambassador <u>and</u> notify their phone or internet service provider.
	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.
	Substandard Water Service Replacement: Please take the time to read the attached fact sheet carefully as it contains important information on lead in drinking water and how to prepare for replacement. If you want to replace the private portion-of the water service pipe, the City of Toronto recommends that you obtain several quotes before selecting a contractor. PLEASE NOTE: The City is not able to get involved in any contract to have work done on private property. Property owners are responsible for ensuring contractors do not interfere with the work being done on City property. Learn more at www.toronto.ca/leadpipes.
	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 streets. When driving, please be mindful of vulnerable road users such as pedestrians and cyclists. Motorists are reminded to share the lane with cyclists, who have the right to utilize the full lane when riding with mixed traffic. When passing a cyclist, the Highway Traffic Act requires motorists maintain a minimum distance of one metre between their vehicle and the cyclist. Northbound traffic on University Avenue will be reduced to one lane and detoured to the west side of the median. The northbound traffic will occupy an existing southbound traffic lane, which results in the southbound traffic also being reduced to one lane. To accommodate northbound cyclists, the existing southbound cycle track on the west side will be modified to allow bi-directional travel. Cyclists are encouraged to use the alternate northbound cycling routes via Beverly Street and Bay Street. Please refer to cycle detour map on page 2.
	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 Field Ambassador listed below.

	Tree Removal: The City makes an effort to minimize the number of trees that are impacted by construction. Tree removals related to construction are reviewed by Urban Forestry and require approval. Trees within the construction zone that will not be removed are protected. To carry out this project, one tree will need to be removed from the City's boulevard. If this affects a tree near your property, you will receive a separate notice. After construction is completed, new trees will be planted on streets where there is sufficient space in the boulevard, in parks and ravine areas. The City plants three trees for every one tree that is removed due to construction.
	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.
	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.

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.

Contract	24ECS-LU-06SU
Field Ambassador	Maegan Segne, 905-302-4923, or Field.Ambassador2@ghd.com
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General inquiries	311
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Thank you for your patience. Building a great city takes time. Better infrastructure for all of us is worth the wait.