

August 31, 2026

Watermain Replacement and Streetcar Track Renewal on King Street West from Dufferin Street to Close Avenue

Contract: 26ECS-RD-08SW

Start Date: November 2026 End Date: August 2027

**Timeline is subject to change.*

The City of Toronto and Toronto Transit Commission plan to renew aging streetcar tracks along King Street West from Dufferin Street to Close Avenue. The City will also replace the 139-year-old twin watermains that run on both the north and south side of King Street West from Dufferin Street to Close Avenue.

As part of this work, the City will replace the City-owned portion of substandard water services on this section of King Street. 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 house to the end of your property. The part the City owns is from the end of your property to the watermain.

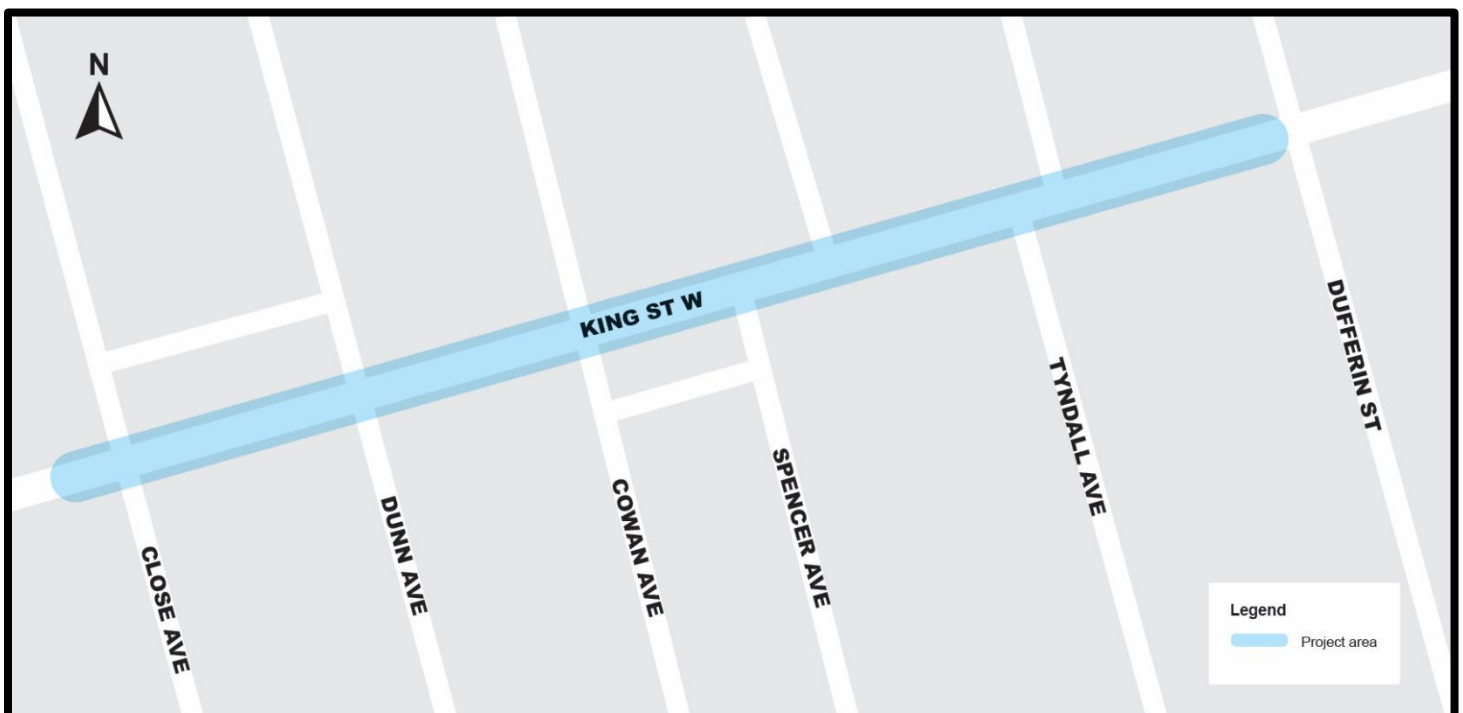
This work is required to bring the track infrastructure to a state of good repair, improve water distribution and reduce the risk of watermain breaks. This project is part of the Council-approved 2026 Capital Works Program.

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT LEAD WATER SERVICES

If you live on King Street in a house that was built before the mid-1950s, your water service may be made of lead. Please read the fact sheet with important information about the risks of lead in drinking water, especially if someone in your house is pregnant, there are children under six years old, or there is an infant drinking formula made using tap water. Learn more at toronto.ca/leadpipes

MAP OF WORK AREA



WHAT TO EXPECT BEFORE CONSTRUCTION

- Work crews will mark the locations of underground utilities, such as gas, water and cable so that the construction work does not interfere with these utilities.
- 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: Watermain work will take place between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m., Monday to Friday, with late work or weekend work when needed. Track replacement work will take place 24hrs a day, 7 days per week. Excavation and heavy breaking will occur at various times throughout the day. Concrete milling and breaking activity will occur mainly 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.
	Access to Your Property: The City-hired contractor may need access to the interior and exterior of your home to complete a pre-construction condition survey. Affected properties will receive a request to schedule a time to complete the pre-construction condition survey. Although participation is voluntary, the pre-construction survey results may be useful to confirm claims for potential damage caused by City construction.
	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 City of Toronto contact listed below.
	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
	Traffic Management: Motorists are reminded to abide by traffic/construction signs posted in local areas to ensure the safe travel of all local road users, pedestrians and cyclists. Efforts will be made to manage traffic and closures in the area for the safety of workers, road users and residents. Road users should expect delays and increased traffic on nearby main and side streets during this work.
	During construction, 504 King streetcars will operate as a single branch between Dundas West Station and Broadview Station. 304/504 King streetcars will divert via Queen Street West between Roncesvalles Avenue and Spadina Avenue. To maintain service on King Street West, 504C/304C King replacement buses will operate between the Distillery District and Roncesvalles Avenue. 503 Kingston Rd buses will be extended west to Dufferin Gate Loop via King Street West. 508 Lake Shore streetcars will be suspended during this period. Wheel-Trans service will continue to operate normally and will not be affected by the construction. Additional service details will be shared in a future TTC Transit Notice and at ttc.ca/KingStreetTrackRenewal
	Road and Sidewalk Access: In order to complete the work in a safe manner, there will be road and sidewalk restrictions within the construction work area. 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. Access for emergency vehicles will be maintained at all times.

	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, please contact us at the information listed below.
	Deliveries: Businesses may want to consider adjusting delivery times as a result of the lane restrictions during this project.

MORE INFORMATION:

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

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Deaf, Hard of hearing and Hearing impaired service	Telecommunications Relay Service (TRS) Dial 711 (24/7)
General inquiries	311
Websites	toronto.ca/KingClose ttc.ca/KingStreetTrackRenewal

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