

October 8, 2026

Watermain Replacement and Road Resurfacing on University Avenue from College Street to Armoury Street – Phase 1

Contract: 24ECS-LU-06SU

Start Date: September 21, 2026 | End Date: Spring 2027

**Timeline is subject to change.*

This notice provides an update on the City of Toronto's 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.

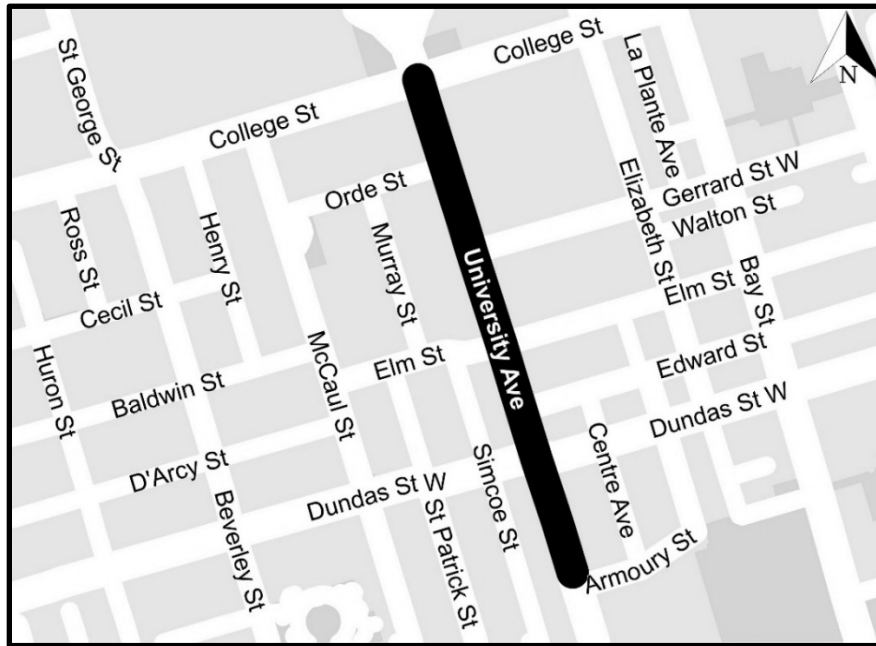
From **Wednesday, October 14 to Friday, October 16, 2026**, the City's contractor will be undertaking investigative work in the intersection of University Avenue and Gerrard Street in advance of future watermain installation. During the work, **Westbound traffic on Gerrard Street will not be permitted to proceed through the University Avenue intersection.** Following the completion of this work, the contractor will remove these traffic restrictions and move into the Elm Street intersection.

From **Friday, October 16 to Monday, October 26, 2026**, the City's contractor will excavate and install a new 600 mm watermain at the intersection of University Avenue and Elm Street. **Eastbound and westbound traffic on Elm Street will not be permitted to proceed through the University Avenue intersection.**

These traffic restrictions will remain in place continuously for the duration of the work including overnight and weekends. Traffic delays are expected, and motorists, cyclists and pedestrians are advised to use alternate routes where possible. Work schedules may change due to weather or unforeseen underground conditions.

Traffic impacts associated with the future installation of the 300 mm watermain will be provided later. 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.

MAP OF WORK AREA



WORK DETAILS

The City's contractor will:

- Excavate the road and dig a trench to install the watermain.
- Temporarily restore the road.

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.

	Work Hours: Work will take place between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m., Monday to Saturday. The contractor on this project may use extended work hours to minimize traffic disruption and to shorten the project duration.
	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. Southbound traffic will have all lanes open. <u>University Avenue & Gerrard Stet Construction - October 14 to 16</u> Southbound traffic on University Avenue will not be permitted to turn left onto Gerrard Street. Westbound traffic on Gerrard Street will not be permitted to turn left onto University Avenue or proceed straight through the intersection. Traffic must turn right. <u>University Avenue & Elm Stet Construction - October 16 to 26</u> Northbound and southbound traffic on University Avenue will not be permitted to turn left onto Elm Street. Eastbound and westbound traffic on Elm Street will not be permitted to turn left onto University Avenue or proceed straight through the intersection. Traffic must turn right.
	Pedestrians: The work may require temporary sidewalk restrictions, however any necessary sidewalk closures will alternate in each direction to ensure pedestrian access is maintained during construction. At each intersection, at least one crosswalk will remain open for east-west pedestrian travel and at least one crosswalk will remain open for north-south pedestrian travel.
	Cyclists: To accommodate northbound cyclists, the existing southbound cycle track on the west side will be modified to allow bi-directional travel <u>from Armoury Street to College Street</u>. This is tentatively scheduled to be active on October 20, 2026. In the meantime, cyclists can merge single file with vehicular traffic in the northbound curb lane or <u>can also use alternate</u> northbound cycling routes via Beverley Street and Bay Street.
	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.

NEED MORE INFORMATION?

If you have questions about this construction project, please contact staff listed below.

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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.