

October 9, 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 plans to replace the 139-year-old twin watermains that run on both the north and south sides of King Street West from Dufferin Street to Close Avenue. The City of Toronto and Toronto Transit Commission (TTC) will also renew aging streetcar tracks along 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.

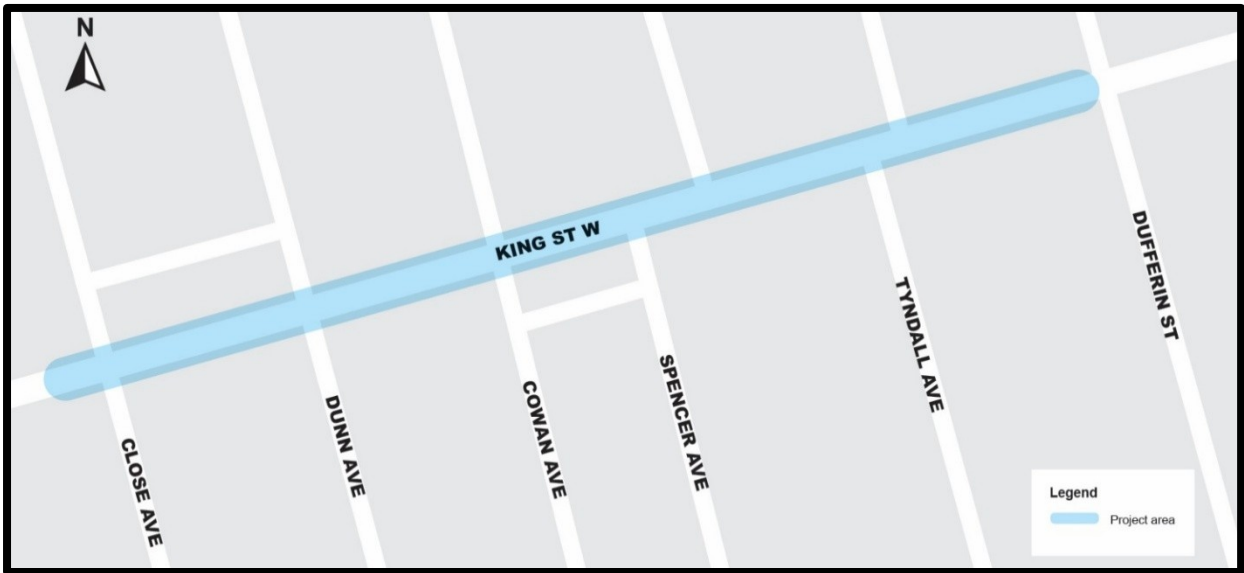
There will be road restrictions as part of this project. During the first two phases of work, one vehicle lane will be maintained in each direction through the work zone. See page 2 for details.

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. **Subscribe to receive construction updates by email at toronto.ca/KingClose.**

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



LEARN MORE

The City invites you to attend a virtual Public Information Meeting to learn about the upcoming construction. There will be a presentation followed by an opportunity to ask questions.

 Wednesday, November 4, 2026 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Register at toronto.ca/KingClose	 Join online or by phone Dial: 416-915-6530 Meeting number: 2345 538 2620 Meeting password: 5464
If you require disability-related accommodation to participate, please contact us one week before the meeting.	

CONSTRUCTION PHASES

Phase / Timing / Location * <i>subject to change</i>	Travel Impacts * <i>subject to change</i>
Phase 1 – November 2026 to February 2027 Crews will replace the watermain that runs on one side of King Street West between Dufferin Street and Close Avenue.	- At a minimum, one travel lane will be maintained in each direction on King Street between Dufferin Street and Close Avenue. - No parking or stopping on King Street through the work zone - TTC streetcar service on King Street will be replaced by buses. - Temporary closures of sidewalks may be required. Pedestrian detours and signage will be in place. - Access to businesses and properties will be maintained.
Phase 2 – February 2027 to May 2027 Crews will replace the watermain that runs along on the other side of King Street West between Dufferin Street and Close Avenue.	
Phase 3 – May 2027 to June 2027 Crews will replace the watermain on King Street West crossing the intersections at Dunn Avenue, Spencer Avenue & Tyndall Avenue.	
Phase 4 – June 2027 to end of June 2027 Crews will replace the streetcar track on King Street West between Dufferin Street and Close Avenue.	- At a minimum, one lane in one direction will be maintained on King Street between Dufferin Street and Close Avenue. - TTC bus and streetcar service will detour around the work area See page 3. - Temporary sidewalk closures may be required. Pedestrian detours and signage will be in place. - Access to businesses and properties will be maintained.
Phase 5 – July 2027 to August 2027 Crews will complete road resurfacing, sidewalk repairs and restoration in the work area.	- At a minimum, one travel lane will be maintained in each direction on King Street between Dufferin Street and Close Avenue. - TTC streetcar service on King Street will be replaced by buses. - Temporary closures of sidewalks may be required. Pedestrian detours and signage will be in place. - Access to businesses and properties will be maintained.

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.

	Work Hours: Watermain work (Phase 1, 2, & 3) 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 (Phase 4) 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.
	Pre-Construction Inspection: A third-party inspection company under contract to the City’s contractor, 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.
	On-Site Communication: There are times when contractors need to communicate with businesses or property owners about what is happening on-site. This could be about driveway access, water shut offs, pre-construction inspections, and site restoration work (landscaping, installing pavers etc.). Contractor's staff will be identifiable by their high-visibility company branded clothing. If you need to speak with staff on the construction site, please ask for the Site Inspector.
	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
	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. In the event you did not receive advance notice, the City may have needed to use an emergency water shut off to complete work.
	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.
	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: 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.
	Parking: This project will affect on-street parking. Parking in the active work zone is not permitted as space is needed for construction equipment and materials. If your parked vehicle affects construction work, it will be relocated with no charge to the owner. Please call 416-808-2222 for its location.
	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 City of Toronto contact listed below.

	TTC Service Changes: To accommodate the phased start of watermain replacement work, TTC will introduce service changes in two stages: Starting November 1, 2026: 504/304 King streetcars will operate as one branch between Broadview Station and Dundas West Station, diverting via Queen Street West between Shaw Street and Roncesvalles Avenue. 504C/304C King replacement buses will operate on King Street between the Distillery District (Front Street East and Cherry Street) and Roncesvalles Avenue. 503 Kingston Rd buses will extend west to Dufferin Gate Loop. 508 Lake Shore streetcars will be suspended. Starting as early as mid-November 2026: 504/304 King streetcars will continue operating as one branch between Broadview Station and Dundas West Station, with the diversion extended via Queen Street West between Spadina Avenue and Roncesvalles Avenue. All other service changes listed above will remain in effect. More information: ttc.ca/KingStreetTrackRenewal
	Parking Violation Notices: <u>Please ensure you park in a legal parking spot at all times.</u> If parking enforcement is called to a street, officers must issue a yellow parking violation notice (ticket) to vehicles in violation of parking by-laws. If you receive a yellow notice during this construction work, please do one of the following within 15 days of the notice date in order to avoid additional fines or records being kept of non-payment: - Pay the parking violation (follow instructions on the back of the notice) or - File a Parking Violation Dispute with the City online, by mail, or in person (follow instructions on the back of the notice). As part of the dispute process, you may include the construction notice and/or other documentation related to parking impacts resulting from construction. If you do not have a copy of the Construction Notice, contact 311 to request a copy. Please note: Violation notices cannot be cancelled if vehicles are parked in illegal parking spots (i.e. in front of a fire hydrant or in No Parking zones).
	Garbage and Recycling: Please follow your normal routine. If required, the contractor will move bins to an appropriate location and return them. <i>Please ensure that you label your bins with your address.</i>
	King Street businesses will be open throughout construction. All are welcome to dine and shop.

MORE INFORMATION:

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

City of Toronto	416-338-3693, KingClose@toronto.ca
TTC Community Liaison	Michael Vieira, 437-551-4609, KingStreetTrackRenewal@ttc.ca
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

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

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