

Infrastructure Improvements in 2017 **Update** The Queensway – streetcar track

Work description and purpose

As part of this year's infrastructure improvement projects scheduled along the west end of the 501/301 Queen streetcar route, TTC is beginning track reconstruction on The Queensway from Claude Avenue (west of Roncesvalles Avenue) to the Humber Bridge, where the City of Toronto is presently working.

TTC service changes

Earlier this year, buses replaced Queen streetcars west of Roncesvalles Avenue on The Queensway and on Lake Shore Boulevard to the Long Branch Loop, bypassing Humber Loop. These service changes will continue throughout 2017 to accommodate the various projects, (ttc.ca).

Preliminary work

TTC crews have removed the streetcar overhead contact wires and overhead poles (two still to be removed) within the streetcar right-of-way (r-o-w). Old rail has also been removed within the r-o-w between Ellis Avenue and Windermere Avenue to accommodate the process of welding new rail into longer strings for installation at a later date in the project.

Track reconstruction

Construction is starting at the east end of the project limits (Claude Avenue) inside the r-o-w and through intersections progressing west to Humber Bridge. The work will include; the complete removal the old track system and track bed, underground utilities work, installation of new track system, new overhead wire infrastructure and poles, and reconstructing streetcar platforms for TTC's new low floor streetcars and meet Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA) guidelines. The new overhead poles will be installed along the south boulevard of the streetcar r-o-w.

Tree line along streetcar r-o-w

269 deciduous trees on the narrow turf boulevard along the north and south side of the streetcar r-o-w will be removed. While the majority of the trees are in good condition, they are in the path of construction and will be affected by construction work/activities. All 269 trees will be replaced in the same general areas where they were removed with similar trees -- a variety of native species having a tolerance to road conditions. Another 28 existing trees will be protected during construction.

Traffic restrictions

The Queensway: One westbound and two eastbound traffic lanes will be maintained through the work zone for the duration of the project -- (the westbound traffic lane adjacent to the streetcar r-o-w is required for construction staging purposes). **Intersections:** North/south traffic lanes will be closed on scheduled weekends for track construction. (Colborne Lodge Drive, Ellis Avenue and Windermere Avenue)

Work hours

Work on this project will use extended hours to ensure the project is completed on schedule. The work hours are typically 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. with work on weekends when required. The track installation phase of this project will involve periods of late evening and overnight work. The overnight rail work by TTC may consist of moving rail into position, rail installation and rail welding / grinding. After-hours work by TTC is required to support the daytime construction and complete the project on schedule.

Thank you for your patience as we work to improve transit infrastructure in Toronto.

TTC contacts

- Customer Service, 416-393-3030 (daily 7 a.m. to 10 p.m., closed holidays) or @TTChelps.
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