



December 14, 2012

CONSTRUCTION NOTICE #29: Queens Quay Revitalization

Stage One: Week of December 17 to December 21, 2012

UPCOMING TRAFFIC CHANGES

With the demolition and repaving complete in many areas, westbound traffic will be directed mid-week to the north, centre or south travel lanes depending on the construction activity required along the corridor. Here is what to expect:

- **Bay St. to 55 Harbour Square** – traffic will remain on the south side of the street to accommodate Toronto Hydro who continues to work in the north lanes.
- **55 Harbour Square to just east of Lower Simcoe Street** – traffic will shift to the centre of Queens Quay (the former TTC corridor). Please note – during this time, the TTC stop at York Street will be located just west of York Street on the northside of the centre travel lane. A special “island” loading/unloading zone will be created using concrete barriers. A designated walkway to the signalized intersection will also be put in place to give passengers a safe way to access the bus stop.
- **Lower Simcoe Street to Robertson Crescent** – traffic will run along the north side of Queens Quay until just past the Lower Simcoe TTC stop (which will remain at the northside sidewalk). At that point, traffic will travel along the centre lanes until just past Robertson Crescent when traffic moves back to the northside of the street. The TTC stop just past Rees St. will remain on the northside sidewalk.

TTC Stop Change!

The westbound TTC stop at York Street will be moved to the centre lane (on the former TTC corridor).

Concrete jersey barriers will be installed to demarcate the travel zone. Traffic signage will help vehicles navigate this stretch of Queens Quay. Access will be maintained to all driveways and to north-south streets.

Special Note for Tour Buses Operators! Coaches may continue to operate short-term drop-off and pick-up from the curb just east of Lower Simcoe Street. Coaches may also use the southbound lanes of north-south streets for short-term drop-off and pick-up.

WATERFRONT TORONTO/EASTERN CONSTRUCTION

New Lighting Installed

Crews have installed lights for the TTC stop at Lower Simcoe St. and Lake Shore Blvd. to provide additional lighting for passengers waiting for eastbound bus service.

TTC Corridor Demolition

Crews completed the demolition, backfilling and repaving of many intersections along the former TTC corridor last week. Crews will continue with the demolition of the final intersection at Lower Simcoe Street this week. In addition, crews are expected to finish final activities including small stretches of repaving and other clean-up and finishing work.

What to Expect

At the Lower Simcoe intersection, crews will break-up concrete with a hoe-ram and remove old TTC rails. The debris will be removed by dump trucks and sent for recycling. Construction noise and vibration should be expected with this work (within the City’s Construction Noise Bylaw). Crews will mobilize each day beginning at 7am, but noisy concrete removal, as agreed with local stakeholders, will not begin until 8am.

Intersection work will be undertaken one half at a time to maintain access. Two westbound travel lanes will be maintained although some localized closures may be required. Some pedestrian crosswalks may be reduced.

Queens Quay Terminal Taxi Stand

The taxi stand in front of Queen’s Quay Terminal is being rebuilt along the northwest side of the building. Crews mobilized to site and began work on December 11. All major work for the new 5-vehicle taxi stand is expected to be completed by Friday, December 21. When complete, the existing taxi stand will be decommissioned. Landscaping will occur in the spring.

What to Expect

A construction zone along the northeast corner of the laneway next to Queen’s Quay Terminal has been secured with temporary fencing. Crews have begun demolition and will continue with the installation of a new concrete curb and new asphalt and the reconstruction of the existing pedestrian walkway.

No excessive noise or vibration is expected for the remainder of this construction work. Pedestrian and vehicular access will be maintained at all times. Construction will occupy half of the Queen’s Quay Terminal driveway which will require vehicles entering/exiting the property to divert slightly west.

Storm and Sanitary Infrastructure

Crews (Varcon Construction) have started their preparations for site services work – the construction of new storm and sanitary infrastructure – planned for Queens Quay. The first test pits were dug on the southside of Queens Quay between Rees Street and the Beer Store. Crews will continue working east to Bay Street.

What to Expect

A single Varcon hydro-vac truck and crew will park adjacent to each test pit along Queens Quay for a short period of time. Some construction noise can be expected with this truck. Orange cones and signs will mark their localized work area. There will be little impact to traffic, and pedestrian access will be maintained at all times.

Electrical Work

Crews from Stacey Electric complete final activities related to the installation of overhead electrical wires. These new traffic lights will be operational mid-week to accommodate for the new traffic flows along Queens Quay.

ENBRIDGE

The new gas line for the Queens Quay Revitalization project is now complete. The new line was energized on Thursday, December 6 for all buildings along Queens Quay. Link-Line and Enbridge crews have now de-mobilized from the area.

TORONTO HYDRO

Toronto Hydro crews will continue working in a number of locations along the QQ corridor.

Westin Hotel: Crews will continue with the construction of a new cable chamber at the west side of the Westin. Work will also begin on one of two chambers on the east side of the hotel. Half of the laneway, which services the Westin and the Ferry Docks, will remain open during this construction activity.

Between Bay St. and York St.: Construction will continue on the two chambers in the north travel lanes of Queens Quay between Bay St. and the driveway at 55/65 Harbour Square.

Between York St. and Peter Slip Bridge: The installation of dewatering wells has begun in the southbound lanes of Queens Quay which are currently within the construction zone. This work will commence in the west and move east along Queens Quay.

East of Yonge Slip: The installation of dewatering wells will begin early in the week on the south side walk area. A rebuild of a secondary cable chamber in the parking lot area west of Yonge will also begin.

Possible Saturday Work

Hydro crews may work outside the Westin Hotel on Saturday, December 15, weather permitting. Work would occur between 9am and 4pm with intermittent noise disruptions. For questions, please contact Hydro’s Customer Operations Representative, Maggie Mu at mmu@torontohydro.com or 416.542.3181.

What to Expect

Westin Hotel Area - Fast fence has been erected along the length of sidewalk adjacent to the hotel.

De-watering pumps and settling tanks are located at the south side curb lane (which is closed to traffic in this area). Some noise can be expected during dewatering and excavation for new chambers.

Between Bay and York Street - Pedestrian access will be maintained at all times. Vehicular and cyclist traffic will be rerouted daily to the southside travel lanes for a short stretch between Bay St. and the driveway at 55/65 Harbour Square. Local traffic to 10/20 Bay St. and the Ellis Don construction site (85 Harbour) will be permitted as directed by paid duty police officers. The work in the northside travel lanes is expected to be completed by the end of this year.

Between York St. and Peter Slip Bridge: The installation of dewatering wells will start east of the Peter Street Slip heading east along Queens Quay. Pedestrian and vehicular traffic will not be impacted by this work as it is located within the southside traffic lanes which are currently within the construction zone.

BELL

Bell Canada will continue with splicing activities along Queens Quay with expanded crews and resources.

Splicing: Expertech will continue splicing - or connecting - newly installed copper and fibre cables in two manholes located in the intersection of York Street and Queens Quay. A single Expertech van and crew will park near each of these manhole locations with traffic barrels and signs marking their work area.

An additional crew will continue splicing activities at 260 Queens Quay (near Rabba Foods). A single Expertech van and crew will park on the north sidewalk area adjacent to the curb lane. Orange cones and signs will mark their work area. There will be no impact to westbound traffic, and pedestrian access will be maintained.

TTC

TTC track crews continue with work efforts on the installation of new rails, overhead wiring, and water leak remediation within the tunnel. It is anticipated that both will be completed by the end of this year. The supply of new rail for this work is already staged and ready in the tunnel. Old rail will be removed and transported out via the portal in the next two to three weeks.

What to Expect

Little or no disruption to vehicular access along Queens Quay is expected. Some noise should be expected from the "back-up" truck alarms as these vehicles are positioned at the top of the portal ramp, prepared to remove the old track from site.

Reminder! The TTC operates on a three-shift crew rotation and are City noise by-law exempt.

LOOK AHEAD: UPCOMING WORK

- Eastern/Waterfront Toronto: Small sections of the TTC corridor will be completed. Traffic will be diverted to the centre lanes (former TTC corridor) once all intersection and paving work has completed.
- Road Work (Eastern) Construction of the York Street layby is expected to begin once City permits are received. The construction of the Queens Quay Terminal taxi stand will continue on the west laneway of this property.
- Hydro: Chamber construction will continue in front of the Westin hotel, west of Bay Street, and east to Yonge St. Installation of dewatering wells will continue from the east side of the Westin to east of Yonge St. Dewatering installations between York St. and Rees St. will continue.
- Bell: Splicing activities will continue at the current locations.
- TTC: Construction and remediation work within the Bay Street tunnel.

Questions:

For more information about this work, please email info@waterfrontoronto.ca or for urgent construction issues, contact Robert Pasut, Eastern Construction - (416) 505-3073.