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CONSTRUCTION NOTICE #2: Queens Quay West Optimizations

Background

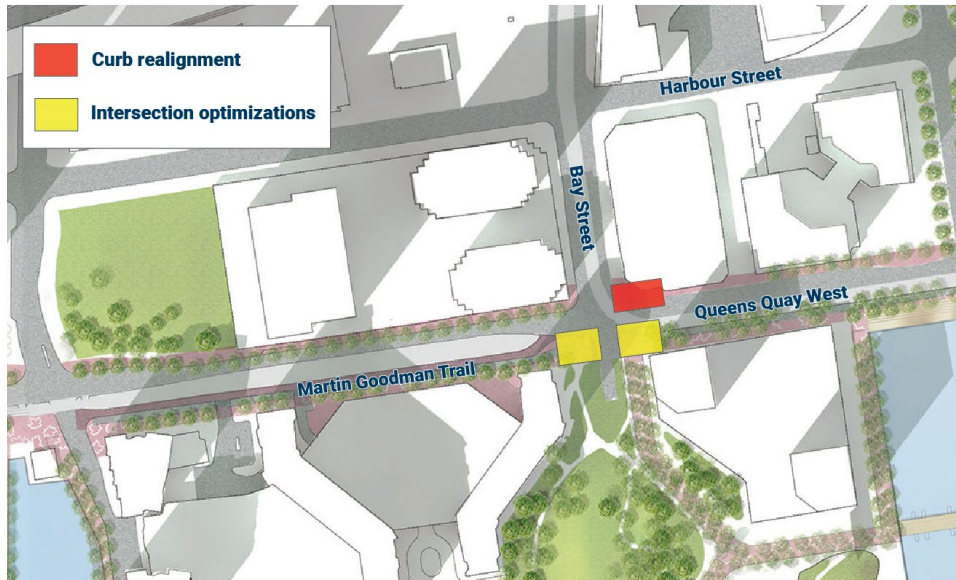
In June 2015, Waterfront Toronto reopened the revitalized Queens Quay West. Since then, we have continued to observe pedestrians, cyclists and vehicle traffic on the street and have also received feedback from members of the public. Through this feedback certain improvements to the public realm and optimizations of Queens Quay West have been identified. Waterfront Toronto will be undertaking this work beginning in March 2022.

- Intersection Optimizations: Two intersections along Queens Quay West – Queens Quay and Bay Street, and Queens Quay and Lower Simcoe Street – will undergo improvements to more clearly delineate areas for cyclists and pedestrians. Improvements include extending asphalt sections of the Martin Goodman Trail through the intersections, extending pedestrian crosswalk markings to the south edge of the Martin Goodman Trail and relocating pedestrian crossing signal buttons south of the Martin Goodman Trail.
- Planting Pilot: Between Lower Simcoe Street and York Street, vegetation will be planted around TTC streetcar platforms to create a protective buffer zone between the streetcar right-of-way and pedestrian traffic.
- Sidewalk Maintenance (Granite Pavers): Geotechnical investigations will be undertaken to review and resolve paver settlement along the north side of the public promenade between York Street and Lower Simcoe Street.
- Bay Street Curb Realignment: the northeast corner curb, at Queens Quay West and Bay Street, will be realigned to increase the turning radius. This will prevent buses and large trucks from mounting the curb when turning north onto Bay Street.

Work began in March 2022 and is expected to be completed by the end of June 2022. Construction crews will return to complete an outstanding piece of work once backordered supplies are available.

Updates

- On May 24, construction manager, UCC Group began construction on the northeast corner curb realignment at Queens Quay West and Bay Street. This portion of the construction is expected to take ten days to complete.



Construction areas for the curb realignment and intersection optimizations, at Queens Quay West and Bay Street.

What to expect

While the curb realignment on the northeast corner of Queens Quay West and Bay Street is being completed, the westbound right-turning lane – to turn right (north) from Queens Quay West onto Bay Street – will be closed. Vehicle traffic will be merged into the center lane. Right turns onto Bay Street will be allowed from the center lane. Road users should expect reduced speeds on Queens Quay West while traveling westbound towards Bay Street.

Pedestrians travelling through the area should follow sidewalk closure and detour signs posted on site. The pedestrian crossing between the northeast and southeast corners of Queens Quay West and Bay Street will be closed. All pedestrians should cross on the west side of the intersection.

Moderate noise from construction equipment can be expected as well as a moderate increase in construction vehicle traffic.

Project Partners

Project delivery: Waterfront Toronto

Construction manager: UCC Group

QUESTIONS

Please send your questions to info@waterfronttoronto.ca.

For more information about this work, please refer to this [blog post](#).